



# Kitsap County Online Voters' Guide Primary – August 18, 2009

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# City of Bainbridge Island Council District 3 South Ward – 4 Year Term Nonpartisan Office



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### What background and experience do you bring to this office?

My 26-year island residency, my active involvement in local transportation issues such as Halls Hill Road, Eagle Harbor liveboards and Blakely Harbor, all coupled with a lifetime of legislative and government service, will enable me to be an effective councilman. During my career, I have managed a 58 million dollar budget and forged successful partnerships with governors, mayors, cabinet officers and legislators at all levels. My forty years of successful state and federal experience will facilitate finding the middle ground to get Bainbridge back on track to fiscal stability.

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

The city is stuck in a morass of process that is never-ending. We are at the brink of insolvency. In the recent past, twenty two advisory committees, together with their paid consultants, have brought proposals for such items as five story condo buildings, an underground parking garage, and a visionary streetscape for Winslow Way. This must stop or we will be taxed out of our homes. The council holds the purse strings. I would stop funding for all these grand plans and return to basics. Fix the roads. Install adequate storm drainage. Provide adequate water and sewer service. The new council must set affordable, measurable goals for the new city manager and hold him or her fully accountable for their achievement. And above all, we need to keep our nice small town and rural areas the way they are. In short, no more “Bellevue on Bainbridge” via effective spending controls by your new city council.



## Tim Jacobsen

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### What background and experience do you bring to this office?

During my 35 years of experience as a CPA I have developed a strong financial knowledge and the ability to understand complex issues which will assist the City in addressing its challenges. Serving as President of the Bainbridge Island Boys and Girls Club has given me an appreciation for the needs in our Community and the City’s role in meeting those needs. I have successfully addressed potentially contentious issues on a variety of non-profit boards and commissions, including as chair of the City’s Salary Commission.

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

In order for the City to meet its challenges, it must have an effective Council that can gather public opinion in an efficient and broad based manner, obtain all the necessary background information, enthusiastically debate the issue, and then respect the outcome of the vote. I will work cooperatively with all members of the Council and the City Manager to develop a strong Council.

The City must return to financial stability. The City’s financial reporting must be clear and understandable to enable action by the Council. Through public discussion the City must determine the priority of services it will provide to its citizens since it cannot be all things to all people. The review of the City’s departmental and utility operations must continue to ensure the City has the correct staffing at the right place to provide the necessary services in a timely, cost effective manner. I will use my strong financial background to work with the Council and Administration to strengthen the City’s financial position.

As a City we need to be able to address sensitive issues without polarizing our community. I will encourage open, meaningful public engagement, ensure the problems and solutions are identified using unbiased evidence and best available science, and respect the rights of all parties affected by the issue.

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## City of Bainbridge Island – continued Council District 3 South Ward – 4 Year Term Nonpartisan Office



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#### **What background and experience do you bring to this office?**

As an advocate for Island issues – organizing groups of citizens, speaking in the community, working with Councilpersons – I’ve drawn upon skills acquired from my legal education and work as a prosecuting attorney.

As a parent of young children, I bring a voice not often heard at City Hall. To give voice to families and individuals concerned about Island issues like growth, water and the environment, I founded Green Voices for Bainbridge Island.

I have advocated for a fiscally responsible city government that reflects community values, co-sponsoring one petition against 55-foot buildings on Winslow Way and another asking our city to cease spending millions on downtown redevelopment and start budgeting wisely for community priorities.

Most recently, I served as a spokesperson for the Council-Manager campaign, securing the first step in making our city government work for us all. I look forward to continuing that work on the City Council.

#### **If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you accomplish them?**

City spending and planning should reflect community priorities. I’ll work to budget wisely for projects our community wants and needs, weighing the impact of every decision on our Island’s character and way of life.

Just as families must live within their means, so should our city government. I’ll work to rebuild strong cash reserves, develop sustainable sources of revenue, harness the community’s talent and ensure viability of local businesses.

We must also respect the limitations of our natural resources, in particular groundwater. I’ll work to plan for reasonable population increases but not to promote unsustainable growth.

Our new form of government is a step toward reforming a divisive and inefficient decision-making process, but there’s more work to be done. I’ll work for a culture of public service at every level of city government and to create an open and collaborative process resulting in an informed, decisive and timely resolution of issues.

# City of Bainbridge Island Council District 5 Central Ward – 4 Year Term Nonpartisan Office



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### What background and experience do you bring to this office?

I am a semi-retired reading specialist, principal and administrator (Bethel, Federal Way, Clover Park). I continue to substitute in the Bainbridge Island School District at all grade levels. I led several state and national organizations, have served on national task forces, and was a contributor to Title IX guidelines. As a former school principal, I have experience in developing consensus with diverse stakeholders and prioritizing initiatives in an environment of competing interests and limited resources. I have managed budgets, hired and evaluated staff, and worked in situations that require the ability to listen well and make informed decisions.

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

- 1) First and foremost is the need to have our new city council re-engage with citizens and begin operating again for the public's benefit and trust. Concurrently, council must begin to use consensus-building techniques and develop thoughtful policies for the City Manager to administer. The new roles for all participants will require a commitment to seek new options in trimming inefficiencies in City Hall and affordably improve our environmental and cultural responsibilities.
- 2) Winslow Tomorrow and island infrastructures are ongoing challenges. Basic infrastructure - both in Winslow and out Island - needs major attention. Council's goal will be to approve legal and affordable means of funding these improvements *before* contracts are issued and money is spent.
- 3) With our unique economic times and limited tax basis, we need to explore rational, sustainable ways to bring our budget into a positive cash flow position. We must develop accurate and transparent accounting records, put the brakes on spending when necessary, and fulfill the City's responsibilities with the resources available.



## Debbi Lester

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### What background and experience do you bring to this office?

Debbi Lester, has worked for years as a Bainbridge Island community and business leader and now seeks to put that experience to work for you as a City Council member.

Debbi's community experience includes: coordinating lobbying efforts in Olympia for Puget Sound ferry-served communities to keep ferry fares fair and service dependable, publishing arts/business information, promoting renewable energy and conservation, encouraging public art, and creating community gardens.

Debbi's business experience comes from nearly 18 years of publishing Art Access magazine, one of the leading arts publications in the Northwest. She also used her publishing knowledge to benefit Bainbridge businesses by creating the Bainbridge Island Guide.

Her service has included co-founding Ferry Community Partnership, being a board member of Community Energy Solutions, and 9 years on the Bainbridge Island Public Art Committee.

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

1. Renew City Hall as an engaging center for civic participation by: re-establishing council ward meetings; improving the website to be a user-friendly-useful-source for information; and ensuring the ease of access to all city records, materials, and resources. Together, let's get great things done!
2. Diversify the City's economic base. Our City is highly dependent on real-estate and development revenues. This limits the City's ability to operate necessary services when these sectors are weakened by the economy. Diversity is the basis of sound investment. By diversifying our economic base, we create new opportunities to support ourselves and local businesses. To this end, we must take action such as: ensure the availability of reliable business infrastructure; look for opportunities to diversify our Eagle Harbor's working waterfront; increase opportunities for processing local food; and highlight local arts, artists, and businesses.
3. Ensure consistency between our Comprehensive Plan and the ordinances that implement it.

Thank you for voting Debbi Lester for Council.

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## City of Bainbridge Island – continued Council District 5 Central Ward – 4 Year Term Nonpartisan Office



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#### **What background and experience do you bring to this office?**

Having spent much of my life as an independent business person, and part of that time as parent, careful financial management has been the foundation of my success. My business experiences in serving the public have given me the chance to interact with a broad range of people and to learn much by listening to their concerns. As a community college instructor, a technical writer and a contributing writer for a national magazine, I have kept my intellectual skills sharp, and developed patterns of clear communication that will serve me well on the council.

#### **If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you accomplish them?**

My three top priorities as a city councilperson are 1) to re-introduce financial restraint to the processes at City Hall; 2) to bring a voice for common sense and fairness to the table; and 3) to do my best to represent all of the individuals on our Island, particularly those who do not believe that they are being heard. As a working woman, my presence on the council will provide a voice for other working people in our community who are busy juggling family, home and career.

With the change in our form of government, the council and the community must responsibly redefine the appropriate role of a local government, especially during these financially challenging times. A full audit and regular financial updates would provide the new council with the accurate information to make sound financial decisions. I am particularly in favor of allowing the public to vote on significant expenditures, and am opposed to the approval of 'councilmatic' bonds.

To encourage broad citizen participation in our local government, I would like to enlist a cadre of IT-savvy volunteers to develop and implement an interactive web site that will allow busy citizens to give 'real time' feedback on important issues facing the council.

# City of Bainbridge Island Council District 7 North Ward – 4 Year Term Nonpartisan Office



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### What background and experience do you bring to this office?

In my role as a City Council member, Planning Commissioner, and community volunteer I have consistently proven my strong commitment to community participation and neighborhood advocacy, and demonstrated real consideration of diverse viewpoints. My working style emphasizes cooperation and collaboration chairing/serving the City Council and each of its standing committees.

A former island teacher, business owner, environmental activist, and civic leader, I have 25 years of broad community service ranging from Community Forestry Commission, founder; Friends of Island Shoreline Habitat, founder; Bainbridge Performing Arts, trustee; Chamber of Commerce, board.

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

• Together we achieved real change in our City form of government: I will now work to build that new government by thinking creatively and acting collaboratively to set new standards for a City that we can all afford, and we are proud to call home. I will bring my positive energy to develop new ideas from various interests to *diversify* the City's revenue base, so we are not primarily dependent on a single source, and *prioritize* delivery of basic services for health and safety by improving maintenance of utilities, roads, and walkways.

• To protect and sustain the sense of this place we all treasure, we must recognize our resources are finite; economic, environmental, and cultural: We must stop waste of time and money by *reducing* the size of our City organization to reflect the community's ability to support it. Our economic and land use decisions must be built from fundamental baselines of information, using regular financial audits and water resource monitoring, to assure sustainability.

• Make *public trust* and confidence intrinsic to every issue at City Hall: I will rely on our community surveys for direction, and continue cleaning up City codes for consistency and fairness.

It's time to work together and build a new government for *all* of Bainbridge Island.



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### What background and experience do you bring to this office?

I have 15 years of experience working in both city and county government including six years as a deputy prosecuting attorney for King County, nine years as a senior policy analyst for the city of Seattle and four years as a city councilmember for Bainbridge Island (2004-2007). I like to tackle new problems and get things done. Having witnessed the recent political and financial turmoil at city hall, I want to return to the city council and help the city get back on track.

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

The most important task will be to improve the city council's decision making process. Under our new council-manager form of government, it is essential that the city council make well informed decisions in a timely manner. The community cannot afford to have a council that is deeply divided and indecisive. I will help the council streamline its business process and create an efficient and effective method for receiving community input that will help move the city forward.

Once the city council gets its own house in order, the next step will be to conduct a thorough assessment of the city's revenues and expenditures. The city must stop its practice of issuing long term debt and borrowing from the utility funds in order to pay for basic operating expenses. A comprehensive performance measurement system should be implemented for the city manager and all department directors and they must be held accountable for their job performance.

After the city's financial situation has been stabilized, the city must establish appropriate levels of service that can be provided within existing revenues. The council should prioritize capital improvement projects based upon a set of criteria that takes into account the health and safety of the community as well as the needs and desires of our residents and businesses.

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## City of Bainbridge Island – continued Council District 7 North Ward – 4 Year Term Nonpartisan Office



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#### **What background and experience do you bring to this office?**

I am a Registered Geologist and Hydrogeologist who brings a practical scientific background and a common sense approach to the council. As an environmental consultant, I have managed varied business interests during the planning and implementation of projects that require budget-tracking and compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws. I balance my professional activities with an appreciation for the arts, and pursued an education in printmaking and ceramics.

Our family has called Bainbridge home for the last seven years, having lived in Western Washington since 1990. We developed a small acreage farm in Rolling Bay while raising two children through all levels of school on the Island. I am a charter member of the newly-formed Water Resources Committee and participate

in the current code change efforts and other community volunteer work.

The majority vote demonstrates the need to redirect our city with our new form of government. I represent change, and a new and different voice with my diverse background.

#### **If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you accomplish them?**

**Fiscal Responsibility.** Develop budgets consistent with citizen-identified priorities. We must right-size our government, while at the same time insuring that basic city services are handled.

**Water Resources.** My experience will help us manage our water quality and supply for Bainbridge. This vital Island resource was identified as a top priority in the 2008 citizen survey. Besides financial considerations, water will be a key factor in determining the city's future sustainable growth and management.

**Community Building.** Fundamentally, we need to maintain quality of life and citizen satisfaction with city services. Mindful of budgetary constraints, I support collaborative efforts towards city goals, such as non-motorized transportation, open space, and cultural and community facilities. As a parent, scientist, and one who has a passion for arts and agriculture, I will foster a positive path forward while preserving the character of our Island.

# City of Bremerton

## Mayor – Short and 4 Year Term Nonpartisan Office



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#### What background and experience do you bring to this office?

I was raised in a working class family. My grandfather was a fisherman and my father worked in a sawmill. I was the first in my family to attend college. I earned my Bachelor's degree from the University of Washington in Mechanical Engineering and went to work for Boeing. During the 1970 recession, I was laid off. Fortunately, I was hired by Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, where I worked for 31 years. My wife and I have lived in Bremerton for 39 years and raised our family here.

For the three decades I worked at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, I brought people together to solve problems and make improvements. I have served three terms on the Bremerton City Council and forged relationships to break down barriers and

focus on the issues. I take great pride in this city and the changes we have made. Bremerton is on its way, but we need to continue the momentum. That's why I'm running for Mayor.

Background and Experience: Manager for redevelopment projects for Dept. of Navy - Served on City Council since 2001 - City Council President, 2007 & 2008 - Chair, Finance Committee, 2004, 2005 & 2006 - Executive Committee Member & Board Member, Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council - Board Member, Kitsap Transit, 2001 to present - Recipient of "Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Medal" from President Clinton.

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

I'm focused on bringing people together to grow and continue revitalization of Bremerton. My three top priorities are to 1) create partnerships to build a vibrant downtown center, 2) collaborate with residents to develop plans for city neighborhoods, and 3) work with local leaders and residents to support new businesses and generate jobs.

Let's continue to move Bremerton forward and maintain the momentum.



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#### What background and experience do you bring to this office?

I have over 12 years of City of Bremerton experience and I have the training and knowledge of city operations and finance to effectively lead our city as your Mayor. I've been elected to Council President and Mayor ProTem. I've led the work to fix the wastewater plant; improve Evergreen and Blueberry Parks and helped with Lions and Kiwanis Parks. I've organized block and neighborhood groups. I spearheaded the One Church One Family effort to reduce homelessness, the Murals of Bremerton group, and Kitsap Trees environmental restoration volunteers. I've been involved in community efforts supporting schools, sports, seniors, and the farmers market. Serving on the City Council has been all about continuing that commitment to our community.

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

We would all like to see a more successful Bremerton community, wouldn't we? I've talked to thousands of neighbors in Bremerton and almost everyone believes that Bremerton can become a better place to live and work and raise our families.

I believe we can help our children achieve better success. We can continue development on the waterfront, Charleston and other parts of town. We can improve neighborhoods and parks and reduce crime. These are the priorities that citizens of Bremerton have identified. We can and will achieve these outcomes if we work together. That is why I am running for Mayor.

My approach in life, in my career and as an athlete has been to face challenges with an open mind and develop solutions based on facts and practical, simple hard work." My career achievements show that I deliver actual results, not just "studies," and "plans." This is the kind of creative leadership Bremerton needs –where we develop and deliver solutions that fit our community's needs and desires.

Please vote for me to be your Mayor.

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## City of Bremerton – continued Mayor – Short and 4 Year Term Nonpartisan Office



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#### What background and experience do you bring to this office?

I have a broad business background including; working as a mortgage banker, public relations spokesperson for a major airline, sales director and small business owner. I have volunteered time to local civic organizations including; Kiwanis Club, U.S. Navy League/Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council, Olympic College President's Advisory Committee, Boy and Girls Club, Law Enforcement Officers & Firefighters Disability Board and Adviser for a High School Business Education National Program.

I am president of Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research/Zumwalt Guild, West Sound American Red Cross Advisory Council and Vice President of Bremerton Central Lions Club and Kitsap Community Foundation.

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

1) Continue to move our City forward. We have a great beginning and yet a long way to go! We need to continue our waterfront development to attract more tourists, business and residents. Concurrently we need to pay attention to our neighborhoods and businesses outside of the downtown corridor.

2) While a Kitsap County Commissioner, I worked with many neighborhoods, businesses, labor leaders and tribal councils to invite a voice in the decision making process. As Mayor, I pledge to work with all groups for a united strategy that will move our city forward.

3) Bremerton's next Mayor faces a tough job in managing the city in a difficult economy. I believe in fiscal responsibility and managing our city's finances efficiently, while still caring about health care, the environment and economic growth. These issues can only be achieved with federal and state government funds. My experience as a County Commissioner, former Western Region president of Washington Association of Counties and chair of Puget Sound Regional Council GMA Policy Board makes me uniquely qualified to lobby for these funds.

I've lived here 21 years and am committed to making Bremerton the most livable community in Washington.

Thank you for your support.



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#### What background and experience do you bring to this office?

Greetings Bremertonians!

My name is Carlos Jara and I would like your vote for Mayor of Bremerton. As a small business owner and an involved member of the community, I believe I am the best candidate for the position of Mayor. I am also a strong Independent who believes in reaching out to all sides to accomplish our goals of building a better Bremerton.

I grew up in a small business environment. I put myself through school, earning a Bachelor's in Business Administration from St. Edward's University. I spent 13 years in Sales and Management positions with Verizon, where I gained valuable training and experience in hiring, training, and developing teams. At one point, I managed 5 supervisors and 80 sales professionals.

In 2004, I opened Puget Sound Box and Shipping on the ferry terminal. Now I operate Harborside Market on the terminal, while my wife Christina owns and operates Isella Day Spa in downtown Bremerton. I am also active with Sustainable Bremerton.

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

– Entice local business development in Bremerton. An example of this is to create a Microbrewery District in Downtown Bremerton that would provide for at least 4 Microbreweries that would hire up to 40 full and part time folks, while adding to our sales tax revenues.

– Explore Wind Power Energy as a means of powering city buildings, street lamps, and traffic signals. We would then use the money saved (approx. \$140k/month) to pay for our streets and sidewalk repairs for all of Bremerton.

– Begin work on developing the Wheaton corridor, continue the development of West Park, enhance and promote the Charleston and Manette Business Districts, and promote home ownership throughout Bremerton.

I ask for your vote to place me as Bremerton's next mayor.

Thank you, Carlos

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## City of Bremerton – continued Mayor – Short and 4 Year Term Nonpartisan Office



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#### **What background and experience do you bring to this office?**

I was raised in Kitsap County and I hold a business degree with a focus on organizational management. In addition to my experience as an executive in the business community, I have owned two businesses in Kitsap County. My wife Leslie and I raised our own 3 children in Bremerton, and served proudly as foster parents to more than 54 teens in our community.

I am currently the Executive Director of Community for Youth, a dropout and violence prevention program that brings business, military and labor professionals to volunteer as mentors with at risk teens in public schools.

#### **If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you accomplish them?**

With my executive and legislative experience and my strong values, I will fight for the issues important to our city:

*Economic Viability* by supporting our local businesses and bringing living wage and Green jobs home to Bremerton. Revitalizing our economy *absolutely* needs to be our primary focus. Economic progress needs more than political rhetoric. As Mayor, I will lead Bremerton with the following plan: • Support Bremerton’s small business owners to be successful and encourage entrepreneurship • Invest in the education of our community • Streamline government and improve accountability • Support our cornerstone industries and strengthen our infrastructure • Help emerging technology industries thrive

*Build a Solid Foundation* with affordable housing, revitalization of the downtown area, and a commitment to our neighborhoods. I want to build a community that our families can afford to live in.

*Responsive City Government* with a city government that represents the people. My executive style is collaborative, not solitary. Important decisions cannot be made without consideration and input from the community.

We need a Mayor who knows that small business and family neighborhoods are the foundation of our community. My campaign is endorsed by many community leaders and the Kitsap County Democrats. Please see [www.DarylDaugs.com](http://www.DarylDaugs.com).

# City of Poulsbo Council Position 7 – 4 Year Term Nonpartisan Office



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### What background and experience do you bring to this office?

Having served as your Council member for the past four years I have advocated for the average citizen and small business owner.

I have served on the Public Safety and Legal Committee since 2006. My voting record validates my strong commitment to public safety. This should be a priority reflected in our city budget.

I pushed for the creation of our newly formed Economic Development Committee. Through proper zoning, tax incentives, partnerships, and effective planning, we must encourage and foster the type of businesses that enhance and promote the health and welfare of our citizens. I have also served on the Community Services Committee since 2007. Forming partnerships and working towards common goals just makes sense.

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

A top priority is ensuring that the people of Poulsbo have a voice at the council table. That's why I fought to give the people an advisory vote as to where we should build city hall.

I believe mentoring our youth is a worthwhile investment in our future. I am creating a Junior Council program to help encourage our youth to participate and become more familiar with their city government. An active and informed citizenry makes for a healthy democracy and will help keep Poulsbo the beautiful place we all enjoy.

Finding an answer to the downtown parking situation is a priority to me. I will continue to work towards finding a solution. I have championed the idea of a simple loop transit for the city of Poulsbo. We need transportation choices that make sense for our community.

I believe the future of Poulsbo lies in proper planning and environmental stewardship as well as empowering our youth with our knowledge and support.

Please let me continue to be your voice at the council table.



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### What background and experience do you bring to this office?

I am a retired naval officer. I have also been a supervisor and a manager in the civilian community and in federal civil service.

I am a team player with a commonsense and decisive demeanor who will work well with the other council members. I have never had a personal agenda. I bring to this office experienced leadership and management skills with a desire to give back what I can to this community that so graciously welcomed me and my family 17 years ago.

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

Fiscal conservatism: Our tax revenue is dropping at a harsh rate, city operational costs are mounting and the cost of a much needed, but oversized city hall is stressing our basic core services. I will monitor closely the construction of the city hall ensuring that it comes in as budgeted. I will meet any cost increases by exploring alternative savings including reducing optional items, if need be. I will oppose any motion to spend money on any project that does not support core services, local businesses, or city attractions until this economic depression has improved.

Utilizing our resources to their fullest: I will work tirelessly to identify city efficiencies and inefficiencies. I recommend a strategic approach to improving government efficiency while reducing costs. I will firmly insist that the city develops a plan to utilize all of the new city hall office space, most cost efficiently. I will work diligently to assist all city businesses towards improving their revenue. I will take a leadership position here to provide results rather than just talk.

Improving our city's infrastructures: Our infrastructures are old, reaching their capacity and reliability. I will push to expedite their repairs and replacement schedules.

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## City of Poulsbo – continued Council Position 7 – 4 Year Term Nonpartisan Office



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#### **What background and experience do you bring to this office?**

Born in Chicago, Illinois on September 9, 1937 and graduated from High School in June of 1955, enlisting in the United States Navy in November of the same year. Served in the Submarine Force as a Quartermaster (QM) attaining the rank of Chief Petty Officer in April 1966 and subsequently retired as a Chief Warrant Officer (CWO4) in April 1986. Graduated with a ABA from Olympic College in June 1988.

Final Navy Duty Station was the Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Keyport, Washington. The family moved to Poulsbo on May 30, 1982. After retiring from Active Service, joined the Civil Service and served as a Weapons Test Director and Civilian Range Officer until retirement on September 30, 1999.

The Henrys have been married for forty-five years with three children, Donna, Shona and Iain. All three graduated from North Kitsap High School.

My entry into civilian public service began in 1991 when I was appointed to Poulsbo's Planning Commission. I was appointed to the City Council (Position 3) nine years later and subsequently elected twice. During my time as a councilmember, I served on every Council Committee at least once and chaired each committee. I was twice elected to the Board of Directors of our state organization, the Association of Washington Cities. I was heavily involved in the Community College, Ohalva, and Wal-Mart projects as well as the SR305 project.

#### **If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you accomplish them?**

(1) To work with City Staff and get involved with the Viking Avenue re-construction projects. (2) To work with the Port Commission in the re-development of the Port and Shoreline. (3) To re-establish Liaisons with the local and regional transportation committees by attending their meetings and getting involved with their planning as it applies to Poulsbo and North Kitsap.

# Bremerton School District No. 100-C

## Director Position 1 – 2 Year Unexpired Term Nonpartisan Office



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#### What background and experience do you bring to this office?

I have been attending board meetings on a regular basis over 16 months. I have served on several citizens committees over that time. As a STOMP trained advocate, I have a lot of experience assisting parents with special needs children. I have served 2 yrs as an ombudsman through Naval Station Bremerton supporting families in many ways. I am currently serving on the Department of Early Learning Parent Advisory Board. I have also served on a head start/ECEAP parent advisory board for 2 years and on both state and region boards where I worked with other members on budget, policy, and strategic planning.

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

My top three priorities as I see them are working with the existing board members, parents and the community on partial solutions to the current budget funding shortfalls. 2) Looking at how we as a district can keep all of our positive programs from preschool to High school going in the best and most efficient manner possible. 3) I will work to improve both transparency and communication between the School Board and the community.

I am from Kitsap County with the exception of a few years I have lived here all my life. I have been married for 20 years and have four children enrolled in the Bremerton School District. One each in High School, Middle school and Elementary School. I also have a toddler who attends a daycare that works in partnership with BSD. My work brings me in contact with families and children in our community on a regular basis. I strongly believe that the Bremerton School District is one of the best and I look forward to serving my community as a board member if elected.



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#### What background and experience do you bring to this office?

My training includes several Washington schools, including WSU, Big Bend and Clover Park Community Colleges and Washington State PTA training. I have been self-employed as a property manager in the Puget Sound area for the past 20 years.

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

1) All areas of the budget need to be looked at when it comes to cuts. 2) Economize from the top down. 3) Encourage the use all District assets to the fullest.

I have been involved with the Bremerton Schools for 3 years, since my son entered first grade at Crownhill Elementary. I have volunteered for classroom, fieldtrip and school activities

all three years. This past year, my involvement grew to that of PTA President at Crownhill. We managed to exceed our budget goals and are planning the construction of Phase II of our K-2 playground this summer.

My interests involve my family and so in addition to scholastic responsibilities we enjoy organized seasonal sports.

The position on the Board is a unique opportunity for me to take advantage of my volunteer school experience, PTA experience, contribute to the community and stay involved with education. With the area's current financial situation, fiscal responsibility is paramount.

Public education is a cornerstone of our future. There are sure to be many changes and challenges ahead. Our goals should be to assess the needs of the community, with considerable input, and adapt to the changes on the front of the curve, not play catch up with our children's futures. This may include taking a more traditional approach, or searching out new answers to nagging dilemmas. I am not easily discouraged, nor easily swayed. I look forward to help guide the Bremerton Schools into the future as an example of educational excellence.

I would appreciate your vote.

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## Bremerton School District No. 100-C – continued

### Director Position 1 – 2 Year Unexpired Term Nonpartisan Office



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#### **What background and experience do you bring to this office?**

I have over 29 years of federal service and as a manager I regularly use my experience assessing and correcting a variety of problems and situations. Over the years I have developed the trust and respect of my peers and I am often called upon to work with and motivate others in an environment where collaborative decision making on complex and detailed issues is essential. I serve as a board member and Treasurer for a non-profit organization and I have previously volunteered in community youth sports programs.

#### **If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you accomplish them?**

The Bremerton School District continues to follow in on-time graduation and drop-out rates compared to other area school

districts. I will work unremittingly with teachers, administrators, and the community to target at-risk children and provide assistance to assure their success.

The Bremerton School District has continued to improve in meeting both state and federal educational goals and standards. But these alone will not guarantee the success of our children as the number of jobs continues to shift from “Blue Collar” industrial trades to “White Collar” service based professions requiring post secondary education. We must raise our educational expectations for our children and provide them with the skills and opportunity to continue on to post secondary education if they choose.

The City of Bremerton and the Bremerton School District have both received state and national recognition for their changes and innovation. Yet, school enrollment continues to drop yearly. To reverse this trend and bring the City of Bremerton to the next phase of renewal requires a close partnership between the community and its schools. I will work to develop an open, trusting, and honest relationship between our teachers, administrators, school board, and city & civic leaders as our success is inter-dependent.



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#### **What background and experience do you bring to this office?**

Currently, I work as the Administrator at Uptown Auto Body Rebuild, which mirrors many of the responsibilities that I would fulfill as Director. In both these positions, analysis of fiscal standing, securing economic continuity and compliance with government regulations are an integral aspect. Additionally, during my tenure as Chairperson of Holy Trinity Parish’s Finance Board my communication skills became more refined. Recently, sudden economic reversals have impacted our business. I swiftly responded with clear guidelines and maintained stability—any successful director must have both vision and flexibility.

Although a business person, a member of corporate board, a former Olympic College staff instructor, and a former volunteer at Bremerton Middle and Olympic Elementary Schools, my

most valuable experience has been as a parent. All our children benefited from their education in Bremerton School District; some were home schooled for awhile; and, a couple attended parochial school. They have also had the opportunity to attend in the South Kitsap and Central Kitsap School Districts. As an involved parent, this gave me an unusual perspective, since I have seen our district from many different angles.

#### **If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you accomplish them?**

Bremerton School District has both strong community and civic involvement. One of my goals would be to increase these enthusiastic resources. Secondly, our teachers should be acknowledged more for innovative and practical methods of educating our youth; and, students for their efforts to integrate this knowledge within our community. My third priority is to keep our system as unencumbered as possible while remaining compliant with the codes.

Parents should be able to have confidence in the school district to educate your child and keep your child safe.

# Bremerton School District No. 100-C

## Director Position 4 – 4 Year Term Nonpartisan Office



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#### What background and experience do you bring to this office?

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Mississippi State University and Minor in Social work; Master of Arts in Mental Health counseling from City University. Presently pursuing a PhD degree in Educational Psychology. My professional experience includes working in the mental health field for over 20 years, working in the developmentally disabled field for nine years and in the social service field for three years with special education students within the foster care system. Currently employed as a guidance counselor with at-risk youth. My people skills include being a good listener, motivator and researcher. I am also passionate about meeting the needs of every child and educating the whole child.

Six years ago, I was elected to the Bremerton School District board. Since being on the school board, I have served as the President of the Bremerton School Board for the past two years, a member of the Washington State School Directors for the past five years, and a member of the National School Board Association. I have also served as a judge on the Washington School Board of Directors' Diversity Committee for the past five years. I am the Bremerton School Board representative for the Washington Interscholastic Association for the Bremerton schools' athletic department. Recently appointed to Kitsap Mental Health Board of Directors.

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

My Three Priorities are: Embracing students' success at all levels and finding resources based upon students' needs; culturally infused curriculum and creating a supportive and safe environment for students to thrive in. I plan to achieve my goals by being an effective team player, voting for policies that enhance students' learning, analyzing school improvement plans, and making recommendations to help improve students' learning.



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#### What background and experience do you bring to this office?

I am a retired Navy Captain, with a strong background in financial management, training and organizational leadership. I taught for six years at Bremerton High School, continue to serve as a volunteer on the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee, have two high school age children and am a small business owner in Bremerton. Throughout my military career my family has been served by some excellent school districts. Bremerton schools have great potential, but for this district to excel to the point where we can meet state standards in all areas, our school board needs some independent critical thinkers who will listen to the people who elected them.

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

My first priority is to increase student achievement in this district so that our students are meeting state standards in all subjects. I will support policies that empower our teachers with regard to developing a challenging curriculum, assigning homework with a specific purpose in mind and targeting remediation to bring borderline students up to speed.

My second priority is give our students a reason to come to school that may or may not be based on academics. This can be done by encouraging participation in advanced placement classes, electives such as band, choir, NJROTC or on any of the many sports teams Bremerton offers. Statistics indicate that students participating in these types of activities have higher grade point averages and are more likely to graduate on time.

My third priority is to improve the communication link between the board, the administrative team and parents. I will support policies that ensure all citizens have input regarding board decisions and ensure that major decisions such as the hiring of a new superintendent or changes to school start times are not unnecessarily drawn out.

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## Bremerton School District No. 100-C – continued Director Position 4 – 4 Year Term Nonpartisan Office



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#### **What background and experience do you bring to this office?**

Since coming to Bremerton in 1978 I have worked hard to help and encourage the youth of this community. While working as a police officer I was a volunteer basketball coach with the Bremerton Parks Department. At Kitsap Community Resources I was part of a team of supervisors that created the first AmeriCorps tutoring and mentoring program in the Bremerton School District, which later lead to the Washington Reading Corps. I have served on the Kitsap Child Protective Services advisory board. I'm a proud parent of two children who attended schools in the Bremerton School District; both graduated from Bremerton High School and went on to attend college: my daughter at the University of Washington and my son at Central Washington University.

I have volunteered in leadership roles as President of the Bremerton Main Street Association, Chairman of the Bremerton Central Kitsap Relay for Life, Chairman of the Kitsap Ride and Rally for a Cure, and as a Park Commissioner for the City of Bremerton.

#### **If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you accomplish them?**

Leaders need to set the example and be accountable for their actions. My priorities if elected are to not only hold ourselves accountable, but hold administrators, staff, teachers, coaches, parents and students accountable. We need to show them due process, as the governing body. We need to have open debate over issues, and we need to raise the bar so that our children can learn to compete in the global economy.

My parents instilled in me a strong sense of community service, and the value of education. This is my way to continue to give back to the community that has been giving me the opportunity to provide my children with a home and a proper education for their future.

# Bremerton School District No. 100-C

## Director Position 5 – 4 Year Term Nonpartisan Office



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#### What background and experience do you bring to this office?

Dear People of Bremerton: I will bring to this candidacy over 19 years of Quality Assurance experience in working with processes, procedures and policies. I feel my training and background with the Seven Hats of Critical Thinking, experience as a Command Career Counselor, experience in development and implementation of curriculum for civilian and military personnel, active involvement in community and youth development as well as involvement in the public schools, make me an excellent candidate for this position.

I have lived in Bremerton 15 years with my wife Julia and our 6 children. I have had four children graduate from Bremerton High

School and have a sophomore and senior returning next year. My children have been very successful through the Bremerton School District and I would like to see that success for every child.

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

My goals are to see that every child is given the opportunity and tools needed to be successful. I believe that we need to continue our support for better curriculum; through research and funding. I also believe that we need to aid our teachers, by supplying them with the tools necessary to ensure that the children's quality of education and life continues to excel in our schools. I believe that every child deserves a whole education that includes the music and arts.

Ensuring that these goals are met will take a conscious effort, team work and diligence on my part, with the new school board. I will use all available resources, perform research and look for the right answers to help make this happen.

Safety, Respect and Responsibility, the Knight way. Safety and well being for all, Respect for each other and self, Responsibility to the people of Bremerton Schools.

Thank you for your support.



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#### What background and experience do you bring to this office?

I have over thirty years in the educational field and a passion to assist in the growth of children, academically, physically and socially. I have the leadership qualities needed to serve on the Bremerton School Board. This includes years with the Tacoma Public Schools first as a substitute in Special Needs classes and then in the office of Research and Evaluation. I have been Principal and Director of several private schools in Southern California. I have been a Bremerton elementary substitute teacher and, currently, I am directing the development of a private preschool. This school and I have partnered with the Bremerton School District to help our children prepare for school experiences.

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

1. I strongly believe in equipping young children to be successful in school. Bremerton is a lighthouse for our state in the field of early childhood and that beacon must continue to shine and become brighter. The ripple effect will be felt throughout the grades, if we provide innovative technology with the best teaching practices. Another component to the success in the early and middle school years, especially in math and reading, is the inclusion of an Arts Program.

2. I intend to be sensitive and listen to our teachers' needs and concerns as they are providing direction, inspiration and imparting the knowledge needed for our future citizens.

3. Fiscal responsibility with current budget shortfalls is a challenging necessity. With a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and experience of creating and meeting budgets, I understand the difficult operational decisions that need to be made, while balancing the needs of our children to achieve academic excellence in a safe, healthy environment.

I promise to work for excellence in education at all levels, which will improve the quality of our entire community.

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## Bremerton School District No. 100-C – continued Director Position 5 – 4 Year Term Nonpartisan Office



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#### **What background and experience do you bring to this office?**

I was employed by the Central Kitsap School District as a security officer for 2 years. While there, I coached JV football and wrestling, and also help start a student peer mediation program. I have served as a volunteer in the Kitsap County Juvenile Diversion program. I participated as a member on the community panels, where the goal was to influence first-time juvenile offenders to make better choices before they enter into the juvenile court system. I also conducted lectures and escorted children and their parents on tours of the juvenile and adult corrections facilities. Recently, I have volunteered as an assistant coach for Warren Avenue Pee Wee football.

#### **If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you accomplish them?**

First, I will ensure that our students have a safe and secure environment that is conducive to a positive learning. Second, understanding that the district has some financial challenges, ensure that this does not affect the quality of every student's education. Finally, ensure that our children are graduating with the tools needed to prepare them to enter into institutions of higher learning, which will eventually make them more competitive in the workforce.

These goals will be accomplished by employing the critical thinking and problem solving skills necessary to ensure that our children are getting the best education in the best learning environment. I will be committed to promoting policies that emphasize standards of academic excellence and reduce dropout rates. I will work to ensure that resources are available to students that prepare them to enter college and succeed. Lastly, work with my fellow board members to maintain an open line of communication with parents, staff, and the community.

# Central Kitsap School District No. 401

## Director District 5 – 4 Year Term Nonpartisan Office



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**What background and experience do you bring to this office?**

I was selected last June to serve out the term of Lee Ann Powers and was elected by the Board to be its Legislative Representative. Prior to serving on the board I spent one year as a member of the CKSD Facilities Infrastructure Review Committee and regularly attended board meetings. I am a former teacher and have extensive leadership and training experience after 27 years of military service. I have two children in the district with another child scheduled to enroll in two years.

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

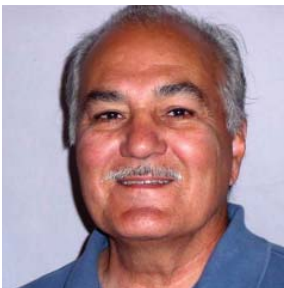
As significant reductions in the state budget result in large budget deficits at the district level, it is important to remain focused on

the academic success and progress of our students. People, in the form of both students and staff, are our most important asset. We must provide both with the resources needed to ensure a rigorous curriculum that challenges our students and promotes success.

Secondly, I believe robust and wide-ranging co-curricular programs are a key component of a well rounded school district. Programs promoting the arts, athletics and academic pursuits motivate students to succeed in and out of the classroom. Every effort must be made to preserve these opportunities for students to participate.

My third priority is to update the CKSD Strategic Plan. Clearly articulating the community's vision of the district's mission, goals and objectives will guide the Board as it makes important decisions in the future. I look forward to working with stakeholders throughout the community including, district employees, parents, students, and community members to complete this important task.

As a new board member, I have worked hard to understand the challenges facing CKSD in these uncertain times. With three children, I have a vested interest in ensuring CKSD remains a leading district and will continue to work diligently to keep it that way.



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**What background and experience do you bring to this office?**

I am a Vietnam veteran and graduated from San Diego State University with a B.S. in Accounting. I moved to the Silverdale area in 1977, working for the Navy until 2000. I retired from the NRMC as Information Technology Director, Subase Bangor. I spent my entire career incorporating rapidly expanding computer technology into, first, industrial and manufacturing environments, and then into administrative office environments. However, my most important background and experience is that of a concerned parent, with two daughters (one a teacher and one a high school administrator) who have graduated from CK schools and a third daughter currently in CK High School. A parent who believes

that our nations most precious natural resource is a well educated child I believe that the most critical ingredient in our children's education is the family. Show me a successful student and I will show you a family committed to quality education for their children.

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

I sit on the Kitsap Sun Editorial Board and have seen, first hand, school districts struggle with needs versus dollars. My top three priorities are to ensure, that we are responsible stewards of your tax dollars; that we never make a decision based on "that's the way we've always done it", and that we attract and keep top-notch educators to ensure our children get the best possible education. Before we go to the tax payers for any initiatives, I will encourage public input and insist that every possible alternative has been exhausted. I will challenge the Board to think "out of the box" on all matters brought before it. I will encourage educators as well as parents, students and all community members to participate in the decision making process so that they feel they are being properly represented by their elected Board directors.

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## Central Kitsap School District No. 401 – continued Director District 5 – 4 Year Term Nonpartisan Office



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#### **What background and experience do you bring to this office?**

My wife, four children and I have been involved with the Central Kitsap School District for the last 38 years as students, volunteers, teachers, and coaches of youth and high school athletics. As a result of guidance from the great teachers and counselors at Olympic High School, I attained a Bachelors of Science degree in Biology from the Pre-Med program at Central Washington University, with a double minor in Education and School Health Education.

I have served the Kitsap County Health District for the last 18 years as an Environmental Health Specialist. My position requires me to assist the public, take questions, interpret regulations, and enforce public and environmental health statues and policies.

As a school board director I would uphold one rule, “*Kids First – Always!*” I will put this in my heart for every decision. With any proposed changes in the future, I would consider the effects to the whole child.

#### **If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you accomplish them?**

My priorities as School Board Director are focused on students and teachers. “*Kids First – Always!*” remains my motto. This means insuring our educational system makes smart changes that benefit the whole child, retaining all extra curricular activities and opportunities for our students. My second priority is to view our *great* teachers as professionals by encouraging our administrators to keep teachers motivated in the classroom and involved in decision-making processes. Thirdly, I hope to facilitate the creation of a “Student Athlete Abuse Policy” to protect our kids from abusive coaches by working with the administrators and athletic directors to be a state leader in this effort.

I consider it a privilege to represent Central Kitsap School District voters as District # 5 School Board Director. I have always felt privileged to be part of the Central Kitsap School District and look forward to serving you.

# South Kitsap School District No. 402

## Director District 3 – 4 Year Term Nonpartisan Office



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**What background and experience do you bring to this office?**

I am running for the school board because I want parents who are interested in their children's schools to be noticed and addressed in school board meetings. I will seek the advice and ideas of other parents in school board business.

I bring a personal background rich in variety of experience and grounded in connection with South Kitsap. After I graduated High School at an American School overseas, my parents moved to Port Orchard. Through my years of college and military service, Port Orchard has always been the place that I come back to.

Now I'm retired, with one child still at home with me. She has attended elementary school and Jr. High in the South Kitsap School District, and wants to attend High School here.

Whatever school my children were attending in the past, I volunteered my time in the classrooms, in committees, and during events. I have been a married parent, and am currently a single parent who brings the unique understanding. I have been a working parent, and am currently a stay-at-home parent, with an understanding of both of those unique circumstances.

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

My priorities are listening to parents, keeping expenditures in check, and making SKSD schools even more family friendly. I will accomplish these by making myself available to parents, looking in depth at how and why expenditures are being made, and making sure the educational needs and values of parents and families in South Kitsap are solicited and met.



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**What background and experience do you bring to this office?**

I am happily married and have four children, three of which have graduated from and one that still attends the South Kitsap School District. I worked in the financial industry for thirteen years and have spent the last fourteen years as a resident here in Port Orchard, running the office of our family owned business.

I have always been involved in community activities, events and programs. I have served on the board of several organizations in the area and have volunteered countless hours to the South Kitsap community.

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

My top three priorities to the SKSD, Director 3 position would be to see that the board successfully transitions into Policy Governance, open communications between the families of students and school administration and to build relationships between the school district and community merchants.

I will be dedicating my time and research to work with the school board during their study sessions to adopt Policy Governance and its appropriate application to our district.

I will support a mandate that all teachers use Skyward Family Access and continued efforts are made to educate families on the communication benefits it can provide. When families come to administrators of our schools with concerns, I want them to leave feeling they have not only been heard, but that a genuine effort will be made to address any issues they have and a follow up call will be made to them.

If elected I will work on bridging gaps by building relationships with community members and our school district. There are vast resources available if we know where to look and how to tap into them. I want to make sure that the district can make those beneficial connections with the merchants in our area.

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## South Kitsap School District No. 402 – continued Director District 3 – 4 Year Term Nonpartisan Office



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#### **What background and experience do you bring to this office?**

I previously held this position for 4 years (2001-2005), and held the position of president of the school board for 1 year. I attended and actively participated in 99% of the board meetings during the 4 years. I was very involved in the purchasing of 56 plus acres for future educational sites for the district. This purchase will save the taxpayers millions of dollars. I also was a proactive board member establishing an emergency fund and insisting that the reserve fund have a strong balance. This protected the students and facilities from unforeseen situations. I received several awards for my work on the board.

I have been an elementary PTA (Parent Teacher Association) President, Vice President and Treasurer. I have been a board member of the parent advisor groups at the junior high and high school. I taught an Active Parenting class at the elementary level. I was a member of SKCQE (South Kitsap Citizens for Quality Education) for 12 years, and served as president for 5 years.

#### **If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you accomplish them?**

My top 3 priorities are: prepare each child for success upon graduation, by implementing mentoring programs at all grade levels and utilizing student specific assessments; have the very best trained teachers, by providing career development opportunities and collaborative assessments; and create a facilities plan for 5, 10, and 20 years in the future by executing facility retrofits and planning for new construction. I will accomplish this by being a leader and an active board team player.

I have worked with the past 4 superintendents and community leaders to get the School District's jobs done. My leadership skills will help me serve you and your family.

# Port of Bremerton District No. 1

## Commissioner District 1 – 6 Year Term Nonpartisan Office



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#### What background and experience do you bring to this office?

The Port of Bremerton's mission is to foster economic development; restore bodies of water in its district; and manage the Bremerton and Port Orchard Marinas, Bremerton Airport, SKIA Industrial Park, and many small boat launches. My experience in economics, project management and science will be a valuable base to guide the economic and environmental decisions of the port.

I hold a BA in economics and chemistry from Bard College, an MS in chemistry from Stony Brook University, and an MS in biochemistry from Albert Einstein College of Medicine. I served 14 years in the Air Force Reserve. I have studied accounting and served on leadership teams managing people, priorities and budgets.

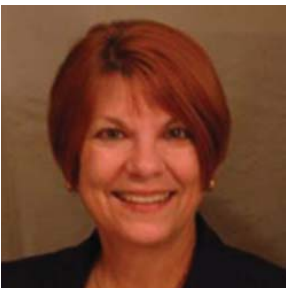
As a scientist and manager in the pharmaceutical industry I have facilitated corporate partnerships and improved efficiency. I persuaded company executives to adopt a new technology path that led to advancing cancer therapeutics into clinical trials. My private sector experience will be an asset in helping the port focus on efficiency, accountability and project management.

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

Improve the Port's relationship with and accountability to the public. I will guide the port to develop a 20-year vision and five-year business plan with input from citizens from all areas of the port district and establish a long-term citizen's advisory commission.

Lead current projects to financial self-sufficiency to eliminate the Port's need for property taxes to fund operations. Both the Bremerton and Port Orchard marinas should be self-supporting. The SEED project (Sustainable Energy and Economic Development) has the potential to create jobs locally, but needs independent sources of funding and a focused plan to succeed.

I will seek grant funding to restore bodies of water in our port district including Sinclair Inlet cleanup and airfield storm water management. Improve public access to our shorelines by maintaining community boat launches with parking.



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#### What background and experience do you bring to this office?

I have a breadth of experience that includes serving six years as a City Council Member and eight years as Mayor of the City of Bremerton. I have also served as a board member for numerous regional public and non-profit organizations. As a Board Member for the Bremerton Housing Authority, I provided leadership for the beginning phases of the Westpark redevelopment, which when completed, will be the largest redevelopment in Bremerton's history.

As Mayor, I was responsible for an \$80 million annual budget and 320 employees. I was adept at raising funds for various community projects, such as funding for the Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside, and my administration successfully completed numerous public projects, including the

Bremerton Gateway and Gold Mountain's Olympic course, on time and within budget.

I believe my skills will help the Port of Bremerton meet its goals and take its place as one of the best port authorities in the nation.

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

As Commissioner my top priority would be to create jobs in Bremerton and Kitsap County. I believe that underutilized property at the Port's Industrial Park should be utilized to house a small business technology center that could be used by businesses throughout the County. Creating and staffing a secure, climate controlled facility could provide a sorely needed computer hub that would benefit the entire region.

My second goal would be to develop and implement a strategic plan for the Port that would include a timeline and budgetary authority to ensure established goals and objectives are reached.

My third goal would be to maximize the Port's assets by establishing a marketing campaign targeted to reach a local and statewide audience. Additionally, the Port should work with local businesses to find ways to market their goods and services to boaters and airport travelers.

**Candidate statements for this position continued on the next page.**

## Port of Bremerton District No. 1 – continued Commissioner District 1 – 6 Year Term Nonpartisan Office



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#### **What background and experience do you bring to this office?**

• 25-year Kitsap County resident • Owned and operated real estate, music and financial services businesses • 27-year career as Navy Mustang, first as enlisted Navy Medic, then as Commissioned Naval Officer • Worked as Chief Executive Officer, outpatient medical clinic • Chief Financial Officer, Navy's medical information systems • Financial and Policy Analyst, Navy's medical headquarters in Washington DC • Interim Budget Director, Region 1, Department of Defense's health care system • Budget Analyst and assorted other duties

#### **If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you accomplish them?**

Let us proceed with our Pledge of Commitment to the following priorities for positive change. • We pledge to reduce taxes and have no new taxes without a vote by the Public; • We pledge to find additional Port revenues while diligently searching to reduce expenses; and • We pledge to insist we create a 5-year plan to stop using our taxes to create operating losses, as we move forward on the road to a self-sustaining Port.

In other words, I see it's time to create a new environment. It's time to create a People, Voter and Taxpayer friendly Port.

I propose we accomplish those priorities by actively engaging and encouraging our fellow citizens to share their new ideas, energy and passion for a better Kitsap community. As a minimum, we do that by upgrading our website to include how citizens can become more involved in improving our Port, user-friendly navigation, expanded information about Port operations, and monthly updates to its 5 year plan to eliminate Port business losses.