

Whatcom County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet



Primary Election Tuesday, August 4, 2015

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New Official Drop Box Locations in Birch Bay, Sudden Valley, and Whatcom Community College. See page 12.

Ballots are mailed July 15. If you haven't received your ballot by July 24, contact the Election Division. ☎ (360) 676-6742





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Letter From the Auditor

Dear Voters,

As you will see in this pamphlet, **additional ballot drop boxes** are being added to various areas in the county. We hope this will encourage participation. The boxes will be in place for the primary and general elections this year. Only selected drop boxes are open for the primary since this is not a county-wide election, so check the list on page 12 for the drop box nearest you. We have found that voters like having these available. In the last general election, 55% of voters used a drop box as their method of return. It is handy to drop the ballot on the way to or from town or if you want to be sure the ballot will be picked up and delivered directly to the Election Division. Using a ballot drop box, you can be sure we will get it in time to be counted. Remember: you don't need to put a stamp on it to use a county drop box!



There are just a few races in the primary election this time. Every race is important, particularly in the primary, because this is when voters decide which candidates will move on to the general election. We hope this Local Voters' Pamphlet will give you some insight into the candidates. And for those who have the Fire District #16 measure on your ballot, this pamphlet also provides you with important information on what is being proposed. You really do make a difference so please return your ballot at your earliest convenience. The sooner we receive your ballot means it will be in the first count on election night.

Happy voting and I hope you're having a great summer!

Sincerely,

Debbie Adelstein
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 Whatcom County Auditor

Sample Ballot

Whatcom County, Washington Primary Election - August 4, 2015

TO VOTE: Use blue or black ink to connect the arrow by your choice with a single line. Do not use a felt tip pen or pencil.

Example:

HOW TO CHANGE A VOTE: Draw a line through the incorrect choice. You have the option of making another choice.

WRITE-IN: To vote for a person not on the ballot, connect the arrow and write in the name of the person on the line provided.

Voting more than once per measure or contest will cancel that vote.

Not all measures or contests on this sample will appear on your ballot. Only the measures and contests that you are entitled to vote on will appear.

- Districts in Primary Election:**
- Whatcom County Council District 1
 - Port of Bellingham District 3
 - City of Ferndale
 - Bellingham School District 501
 - Blaine School District 503
 - Fire Protection District 16

Whatcom County	
County Council District 1 Position B	Council Position 4
Nonpartisan Office 4 Year Term Vote For One	Nonpartisan Office 4 Year Term Vote For One
Emily Weaver <input type="checkbox"/>	Matthew Durkee <input type="checkbox"/>
Todd Donovan <input type="checkbox"/>	Teresa N. Taylor <input type="checkbox"/>
Bruce Ayers <input type="checkbox"/>	Paul S. Ingram <input type="checkbox"/>
Theresa Sygitowicz <input type="checkbox"/>	Write-In (If Any) <input type="checkbox"/>
Write-In (If Any) <input type="checkbox"/>	Bellingham School District 501
Port of Bellingham	Director Position 2
Commissioner District 3	Nonpartisan Office 4 Year Term Vote For One
Nonpartisan Office 4 Year Term Vote For One	Jono Manion <input type="checkbox"/>
Gary S. Jensen <input type="checkbox"/>	Quenby Peterson <input type="checkbox"/>
Lloyd Zimmerman <input type="checkbox"/>	Anthony (Tony) Wallace <input type="checkbox"/>
Robert (Bobby) Briscoe <input type="checkbox"/>	Write-In (If Any) <input type="checkbox"/>
Write-In (If Any) <input type="checkbox"/>	Blaine School District 503
City of Ferndale	Director District 3
Mayor	Nonpartisan Office 2 Year Unexpired Term Vote For One
Nonpartisan Office 4 Year Term Vote For One	Joan Lotze <input type="checkbox"/>
Carol Bersch <input type="checkbox"/>	Jesse Creydt <input type="checkbox"/>
Vicca Thompson <input type="checkbox"/>	Russ Schutt <input type="checkbox"/>
Jon Mutchler <input type="checkbox"/>	Write-In (If Any) <input type="checkbox"/>
J. Manuel Reta <input type="checkbox"/>	Fire Protection District 16
Cathy Watson <input type="checkbox"/>	Proposition No. 2015-1 Emergency Medical Services Regular Property Tax Levy
Write-In (If Any) <input type="checkbox"/>	Shall Whatcom County Fire Protection District #16 be authorized to levy a permanent regular property tax for the sum of fifty cents (\$.50) per \$1,000 dollars assessed valuation beginning in 2015, to begin collection in 2016, for the provision of all Emergency Medical Services, as provided in Whatcom County Fire Protection District #16 Resolution 02-15?
Council Position 3	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Nonpartisan Office 4 Year Term Vote For One	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Keith M. Olson <input type="checkbox"/>	
Glenn Stewart <input type="checkbox"/>	
Christopher Lee <input type="checkbox"/>	
Write-In (If Any) <input type="checkbox"/>	



Whatcom County Council District 1 Position B | Nonpartisan Office | 4 Year Term



Emily Weaver

Elected Experience: Elected to County Council 1988-1992. Chair Planning and Development, Capital Facilities, Public Works, Solid Waste Advisory, Lake Whatcom Watershed Committee, County Health Board, Finance and Personnel, Chirman WTA, Northwest Senior Services Board.

Other Professional Experience: Natural Specialty Sales, Rep. Owner, Agentswest, business consulting. Managed farmers markets, Bellingham, Fairhaven, Burlington.

Education: Indiana University School of Fundraising, Colo. University Public Administration School "Rocky Mt. Program, UW Elected official pilot Certification School of Government, Whatcom Community College, Office Professional Certification, Bellevue College, Renton Vo. Tech.

Community Service: Light House Mission, Habitat for Humanity, Food Pantry, Kiwanis, Shriner's Burn Camp, Cancer Relay, Life Member Farmers Market

Statement: Emily served from 1988-1992 and has a passion to serve our community again on the Council District 1B seat. She believes you must be a good listener, study the issues

independently and having heard the citizen's concerns you have to "ask the right questions". I am hard working and pledge to use the experience I have gained to chart a course for the future of our beautiful county. My door will always be open to you and I will fight's hard for the best solutions. I believe that I bring a balanced approach to problem solving and the challenges we face for the future will take all jurisdictions working together.

Passion for public service lead to my service on the following appointed tasks, Shoreline Hearings Board, High Capacity Transportation, Governor's Drug Policy, State Council on Aging, Timber Futures, Council of Governments, VP of Association of Washington Counties, Board of Equalization, Youth 2000 Commission, Environment 2010, Transportation 2030, Growth Management, Guest lecturer Harvard/M.I.T. School of Government.

Lifetime Resident of Whatcom County, married to Ken Weaver with 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren

A vote for Emily Weaver is a vote for the candidate with experince, drive and passion.

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Todd Donovan

Elected Experience: Elected to Whatcom County Charter Review Commission, 2014

Other Professional Experience: Professor, Western Washington University, teaching state and local government for 24 years; Washington State University Thomas Foley Institute for Public Service, senior fellow; Washington State

Council of Faculty Representatives; Elected President of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, 2013.

Education: California State University Sacramento, B.A. Economics and Government, 1986; University of California, Riverside, Ph.D. Political Science with an emphasis on land use and economic development, 1991.

Community Service: Board member, Columbia Neighborhood Association; Representative, Whatcom County Citizen Elections Advisory Commission; Past Board Member and chair, Whatcom Chapter Washington Conservation Voters.

Statement: For nearly two decades, I have worked outside of government to promote healthy communities. It would be a

privilege to serve as your representative on County Council to continue that work.

As your councilmember, I will plan for 21st century jobs, build on the progress we have made protecting drinking water in Lake Whatcom, and champion thriving farms, our great park system and livable towns and cities. Whether you live in a small city, on a farm or in Bellingham we share many things: a responsible approach to tax dollars, an appreciation of work that supports our families and pride that we call this spectacular place our home.

You can count on me to be careful with your tax dollars. I support a safe, new jail and I'll work to make sure this plan includes treatment for the mentally ill and diversion from jail so that we spend less of your money while making our community safer.

I look forward to talking with you and hearing your hopes, concerns and ideas. The choices we make now define our future, and the future of our children. I'd be honored by your vote.

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Bruce Ayers

Elected Experience: Bellingham City Council 1994-1998, WWU Student Body President 1975-1976, Precinct Committee Officer.

Other Professional Experience: Professional Land Surveyor and Principal Land Surveyor since 1979, Precinct Committee Officer. Small Business owner providing professional services.

Education: B.A. Western Washington University

Community Service: Past Member and Treasurer ARC of Washington Board, Past President and Treasurer Elect Bellingham Central Lions Club, Director Northwest Business Club, Past Chair Whatcom County Council of Governments, Past Member Whatcom County Plan and Community Development Board, City Council Representative to Museum Board, Past Chamber of Commerce Director, Past Chair Whatcom GOP, Charter Representative Boy Scouts Troop 7.

Statement: Over the past 18 years Whatcom County elected leaders have spent millions on engineering, design and structural professionals to plan and design the necessary replacement jail.

These studies and resulting data consistently demonstrate that we have an overwhelming need to replace the current jail with a humane, efficient and modern facility.

In addition, Whatcom County's mental health needs must be met and mental health programming with jail alternatives and prevention is and should be a priority. Whatcom County currently spends millions of dollars annually for existing Mental Health Behavioral programming. We can replace the failing jail and develop more mental health alternatives at the same time.

The Council needs a voice to keep the focus on moving forward with our long neglected replacement jail. In addition, working together we can also move forward with Mental Health Care Budgeting, Planning and Development and other areas affecting our county in a balanced way. Diverse views on the Council are needed and will insure Whatcom County continues to be a great place to live and work.

With your vote and support I will make it my first priority to replace our essential jail facility with a safe and humane new jail.

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Candidate Statements

Whatcom County Council District 1 Position B | Nonpartisan Office | 4 Year Term



Theresa Sygitowicz

Elected Experience: USDA Farm Service Agency for Whatcom County. Whatcom County Cemetery Dist. 5

Other Professional Experience: Small Business owner for 20 years managing 16 employees. Health care worker for 25 years

Education: Mount Baker High School Graduate. Marylhurst College. Bellingham Beauty School. Whatcom Community College (Bookkeeping & Office Management). Washington State finalist for outstanding junior college student.

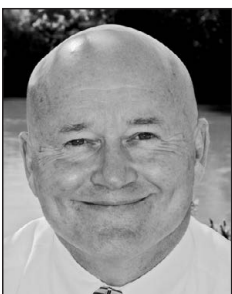
Community Service: WC Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. WC Open Space Board. WC River & Flood Board. Acme/VanZandt Flood Sub/Zone. Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation - over 15 yrs. Catholic Community Services. Sheriff's Citizen Board - charter member (Project Santa Claus). WCFD #16 - Fireman/ EMT-over 10 yrs.

Statement: Theresa Sygitowicz is a life-long county resident with experience in farming and small business, as well as a long

record of public service. She is up to date on numerous local issues and strives to create an open and transparent government that respects both civil and individual rights. As a former caregiver to her parents, one of her goals is to support both senior and at-risk citizens. Sygitowicz recognizes the need to promote family wage-earning jobs and the importance of logically maintaining a balanced county budget. Additionally she promises to assure a clean and plentiful water supply for county residents and business owners through cooperation of all stakeholders involved. Sygitowicz values the traditions of Whatcom County but also recognizes the need for growth in areas such as public protection, including ensuring the safety of our law enforcement and a need for an improved jail facility. Most importantly Sygitowicz strives to protect our quality of life in Whatcom County by assuring that our community is safe, secure, and economically sound. *"We need to protect our resources, but also have the ability to use them responsibly, now and in years to come."*

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Port of Bellingham Commissioner District 3 | Nonpartisan Office | 4 Year Term



Gary S. Jensen

Elected Experience: 2 Years City Council Member, 8 Years Mayor of Ferndale.

Other Professional Experience: Past President, Whatcom Old Settlers. Past local and State President, Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Assoc. Past President and 30 years as a High School wrestling official. Owner, Sullivan Plumbing Services Inc. Board member, Whatcom Built Green

Education: Ferndale High School. Technical Training

Community Service: Member, Commission Against Domestic Violence. Whatcom Parks and Recreation Foundation. Ferndale Chamber of Commerce. Old Settler Parade Announcer. Ferndale High School Football chain gang. Past member Whatcom Alliance for Health Care Access. Food bank volunteer.

Statement: I believe the Port of Bellingham touches more family incomes than any other Whatcom Employer.

The Port oversees a variety of real estate with both large and small business' who depend on creativity and fairness. It would

be beneficial to have a Commissioner with experience in job creation and management history. To know the responsibilities of signing both sides of a paycheck. To carry the burden of making wise decisions, attempting to make our community a better place. Decisions that must be for the benefit of all but not perfect for individuals.

As a local business owner and a Mayor, I offer that hard earned, hard learned experience.

Coal, unlike some, I have not shied from this subject. I have never supported the burning of coal. That does not mean however that we should turn our backs on the workers of Cherry Point. We have the right to sometimes hate corporations, they may earn that. This should not extend to our friends, neighbors who depend on Cherry Point or the Port. We must support living wage jobs while not harming our environment. We can achieve that balance and have both. I believe we can and Thank You for helping.

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Lloyd Zimmerman

Elected Experience: Ferndale City Council, 6 years

Other Professional Experience: Absolute Wellness, Certified Nutritional Therapist, current Whatcom Brewery, Owner Frank-n-Stein Pub, Owner

Education: University of Puget Sound, Business Administration, B.A. Nutritional Therapy Association, CNT Topping International Institute of Kinesiology, Wellness Kinesiology Toastmasters International, Leadership and education

Community Service: Founder of the Ferndale Double Dome non-profit corp. Ferndale Heritage Society, founding member Toastmasters International, Co-Founder of the Ferndale Logjammers Club. Ferndale Planning Commission Parks and Trails Board

Statement: Hello, I'm Lloyd Zimmerman and I'm asking you to elect me to the office of Port Commissioner. As a native of Whatcom County, I bring a lifetime of appreciation for the blessings of natural beauty, economic potential and the power of positive relationships

this amazing piece of the American landscape gives us. Protecting this legacy, encouraging the people of Bellingham to become active participants in the redevelopment of the waterfront and creating a team based approach to resolving the issues facing all of us are the cornerstones of my vision.

The Port of Bellingham plays a pivotal role in this place we all call home. The future of our waters, our livelihoods, our relationship with the Lummi nation and the economic potential of a redeveloped waterfront are all issues of the highest importance. Given these circumstances we need a leadership model based on co-operation, mutual respect and honesty.

I am uniquely qualified to be that person. As port commissioner I will insure that the people of Bellingham have the representation they need to protect, expand and continue to grow a sustainable legacy for our children and our children's children.

I truly appreciate your support and consideration. Lloyd Zimmerman

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Port of Bellingham Commissioner District 3 | Nonpartisan Office | 4 Year Term



Robert (Bobby) Briscoe

Elected Experience: Past president of Puget Sound Crab Fisherman Association and served as alternate on Pacific Fisheries Management Council Groundfish Advisory Panel.

Other Professional Experience: Independent businessman for 41 years operating my commercial fishing vessels in Alaska,

Washington, Oregon and California waters.

Education: Graduate of Sehome High School class of 1974

Community Service: My wife and I have raised two fine sons in the Ferndale and Blaine area and are now blessed with four grandsons. We have and continue to be involved in their many interests.

Statement: Hello, I'm Robert Briscoe , also known as "Bobby" to many people.

I am a fourth generation commercial waterman born and raised in south Bellingham. My wife, Carol, and I have been married for 36 years. I believe that if elected to the Port of Bellingham Commissioner position, my maritime experience would be a valuable asset to future decisions. The Port of Bellingham has great potential to be a working port for seagoing trade, commercial fishing business along with other businesses. I would like to help facilitate the changes needed to make the Port of Bellingham a great working port as it once was. I have worked out of many of the ports on the west coast and have a lot of knowledge of what is needed for a good working port as well as how the surrounding communities like to use the harbors and port grounds for recreational purposes. If elected I will do the best job I can do for Whatcom County.

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City of Ferndale Mayor | Nonpartisan Office | 4 Year Term



Carol Bersch

Elected Experience: Ferndale City Council

Other Professional Experience: Owner of Carol's Cake Designs in Ferndale. Certified sugar artist. Worked at The University of Alabama in budgets, financial accounting and procurement. Worked with contractors and architects in the design and construction of

student housing.

Education: The University of Texas-El Paso
The University of New Mexico
The University of Alabama

Community Service: Faculty advisor for Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society
Faculty advisor for Sigma Kappa Sorority
Faculty advisor for The University Honors Program
Donate many cakes to local charities, organizations, fundraising events each month.
City liasion to the Ferndale Heritage Society
City liasion to the Ferndale Public Market
Ferndale Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
Ferndale Kiwanis

Statement: I am honored to run for the position of Mayor for the City of Ferndale. Since serving on city council, I maintain my sincere belief the citizens of Ferndale deserve leadership that has the community's best interest. If elected, I will be the one who will always make decisions in the best interests of the city, our citizens and our future. I have a strong economic mindset for development while maintaining a *gate keepers* attitude about taxpayers dollars. I am an advocate for the sustainability of small business and helping those businesses thrive as they bring revenue and jobs into the community. I really want to see downtown Ferndale grow into a fun family oriented community. Since opening my business Carol's Cake Designs 4 years ago I have been selected Business of the Year in 2012 and again in 2014. In January of this year I was both honored and humbled to received the Tomas George Woman of the Year Award.

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Vicca Thompson

Elected Experience: I bring a fresh approach to Politics!

Other Professional Experience: I worked for IBM and Little Caesars during and after college. I have been happily self-employed for 17 years. I have successfully managed large budgets and 50+ staff.

Education: I received my Bachelor in Business from Georgia State University in 1994.

Community Service: I have enjoyed serving Ferndale for the last 5 years. I have used natural gifts from God to cure cancer and a multitude of other ailments. Prior to that, I have participated with Churches and other organizations to promote Human Health, Safety, Happiness. I believe that each individual giving of ourselves fixes things.

Statement: For too long many of us locals have been marginilized for the bigger interests of billionaires and corporations. Did you ever notice how our whole town stops to have Cargill load their trains. The Cargill family could build an overpass for us kind folks and fix up the horrible disrepair of their establishment with one minute of their profits. Why do all of us waste 1,000s of hours of our time for them? This is one small example of the oppression we all feel.

Ferndale faces serious environmental, health, and economic issues. We need a transparent government working for the best interest of all the people. I will bring a new era of cooperation and communication that will benefit everybody.

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City of Ferndale Mayor | Nonpartisan Office | 4 Year Term



Jon Mutchler

Elected Experience: Two-term council member. Served or chaired Finance/Administration, Planning/Land Use, Public Safety/Neighborhood Services committees. Liaison to Planning Commission, Ferndale Downtown Association, Community Service Co-op, and Ferndale School Board. Whatcom Charter Review commissioner

Other Professional Experience: Founding pastor, Ferndale Alliance Church; professional pianist/teacher; driver-trainer (Holland American Westours); Ferndale Chamber of Commerce

Education: Regent College (M.Div.); Western Washington University (B.Mus.); Olympic College (A.S.)

Community Service: 35 year Ferndale/county resident; Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic board; Blaine Music Festival faculty; Ferndale Schools Communication Advisory Committee and past levy committee; former fire chaplain ("support officer"); trustee, Whatcom County Old Settlers Association

Statement: Ferndale's next mayor must value our traditions, have earned the confidence of citizens and the respect of City Hall, and

have a track record of thinking *smart* about Ferndale's future. That's why current mayor Gary Jensen has joined others (neighbors on the left, right, and center) in supporting Jon Mutchler.

Jon is accessible and listens. Even citizens who have disagreed with him at times support him. He is relentless in promoting transparency, fights for low taxes and frugal government, and works hard to see that city growth (especially at our four I-5 interchanges) occurs only when adequate impact mitigation is in place to avoid the mistakes of other cities.

Jon has the experience, temperament, and skills to lead well and protect our interests. Safety, the environment, and quality of life issues come first. Then, as much as possible, government needs to "get out of the way" so citizens and businesses can excel.

Jon and Diane (former Ferndale teacher) have built two homes in Ferndale, raised seven children, are new grandparents, and have demonstrated a longterm investment and commitment to a great Ferndale future. For more details visit VoteforJon.com. And please, "Vote for Jon!" *Thank you!*

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J. Manuel Reta

Elected Experience: No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience: Founder and board member of Northwest Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Appointed Washington State Hispanic Commissioner.

Education: Nooksack Valley High School - 1969; Bellingham Technical College.

Community Service: Host radio Bilingual show KSVR Mt. Vernon; Domestic Violence Commission; Ferndale Downtown Association; City of Ferndale Police Department - Cultural

Affairs Advisor to the Chief of Police, Michael F. Knapp; Minister to public.

Statement: Manuel Reta is a Vietnam Veteran who has lived, worked, and currently has a business in Whatcom County for nearly fifty (50) years. He has been an advocate for those in Whatcom county needing a voice and is very familiar with the needs of business. Manuel will ensure that all the community and businesses in Ferndale will have their voices heard. Manuel Reta will bring good common sense to the community issues facing Ferndale.

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Cathy Watson

Elected Experience: City Council since January 2012. Mayor Pro Tempore; Chair, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee; Public Works Committee. Liaison to Arts Commission and Service Cooperative.

Other Professional Experience: Coast Guard electronics technician; NASA meteorologist, public affairs officer, NASA TV commentator, and experiment manager; middle school math and science teacher.

Education: B.A. Journalism; M.S. Meteorology; Middle School Teaching Certificate; AWC Certificate of Municipal Leadership.

Community Service: American Red Cross; Ferndale Auxiliary Communications Service, Boys & Girls Club, Chamber of Commerce, and Kiwanis; Friends of Ferndale Library; FSD Graduation Advisory Committee; Technology Alliance Group STEM Committee; and Whatcom Unified Emergency Management Team.

Statement: My greatest strengths are my ability to lead and make decisions. An effective Mayor must also be willing to listen to *all* the voices in our community before making decisions that

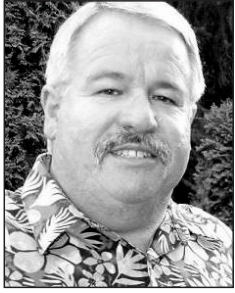
affect thousands. As a problem solver and former scientist, I will rely on facts in my decision making. I also won't be constrained by preconceived notions, but will listen to and work with our residents, Staff and Council to find the best possible solution to any problem.

Ferndale is poised to grow with new jobs and new families, but let's do it right by investing in a strong regional marketing campaign to bring more businesses and family-wage jobs to our hometown. Let's encourage downtown renewal with incentives to build affordable housing for seniors looking to downsize and first-time homebuyers. Let's improve traffic flow with new, synchronized traffic signals on Main Street and complete the Thornton-Second Avenue Connector to alleviate congestion and jumpstart development in the Portal Way area.

By working together, I know we can build a thriving, prosperous community we're all proud to call home. For more information on the skills and talents I'll bring to the job of Mayor visit www.cathywatson.us.

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Keith M. Olson

Elected Experience: Ferndale City Council

Other Professional Experience: retired supervisory federal agent

Education: No information submitted.

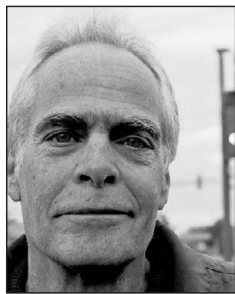
Community Service: No information submitted.

I am now retired having served 25 years as a supervisory federal agent. I am more keenly aware as a retiree of our citizens living on a fixed income and how tax increases are hard to budget into fixed incomes. I take that perspective to the table every time someone wants to raise taxes. We cannot tax our citizens out of their homes.

I would appreciate your vote to keep Ferndale on the right track. We are the second fastest growing city in Whatcom county and that is because Ferndale is a great place to live and work. I'd appreciate your help in continuing to make Ferndale the city we all love. Thank you!

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Statement: I have been elected to the Ferndale City council before by the voters. I have enjoyed representing the voters and take great responsibility in city tax dollars spent wisely. Wherever possible by law, I vote to send tax increases, levys, etc. to the voters so they can say they intend to raise their own taxes. That is the fairest way to do it. I make sure all development pays for itself, and developers do not get any taxpayer subsidies. Developers should pay their own way.



Glenn Stewart

Elected Experience: served as elected Chairman of San Juan County Democrats

Other Professional Experience: For the past 35 years I've been in management running both retail and commercial construction companies. Since 2010 I've served as a management consultant for various businesses and

organizations. Most recently I taught a course in Management/ Team building at Whatcom Community College. I currently serve on a community board advocating an aquatic/recreation center for Ferndale.

Education: attended Southwestern UNiversity, Georgetown, Texas

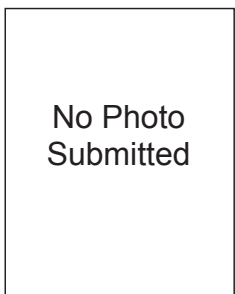
Community Service: currently serve on a private, non-profit Community Board regarding a state-of-the art aquatic/recreation center for Ferndale and the region.

Statement: As a 20-year resident of Ferndale, my primary concern is the profound disconnect between City Hall and

Ferndale residents. The current mayor and Council majority have served collectively over 30 years running our city. I say it's time for change at City Hall. I believe far too much is done in the name of citizen-taxpayers without explicit, or even implicit consent from the voters (when were you last asked about anything?); both the new police station and the coming county jail & sheriff's complex are good examples of overreach by the mayor and a sometimes slim Council majority. One of my goals as a Councilman will be to open up City government to all interested citizens by way of proactive outreach by City officials. As Councilman for position 3 I will propose specific methods both for informing residents about City government plans & proposals, as well as methods for gaining input from residents before action is taken by City Hall.

I intend to run a positive campaign built around the themes of transparency and creating an environment where the Citizens of Ferndale are empowered to reconnect with the political process.

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Christopher Lee

Elected Experience: No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted.

Education: No information submitted.

Community Service: No information submitted.

Statement: Growing up on Main St. has given me a front row seat to the ever changing City of Ferndale. I have a great love for our community and look forward to being a member for many years to come.

As city council member I will focus on the growth of small business and the strengthening of our city center. I understand the current challenges and the need for long term solutions. Our continuously growing population is looking to its leaders for careful planning to ensure quality living.

I will bring enthusiasm for the future and an open mind as part of the city government.

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Matthew Durkee

Elected Experience: No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted.

Education: US Army veteran, 1990-1998, Whatcom community college, and Western Washington university.

Community Service: Soccer coach for the WFC Rangers soccer program for 15 years. Has volunteered at the Max Higby Center. Support Rebound org. and volunteered for the Whatcom Ymca as well as the Nooksack Boys and Girls club. Member of the American legion post 7, and Member at large for Veterans of Foreign war.

Statement: As a Army Veteran and citizen of Ferndale Wa, and being a 35 year resident of Whatcom county. My roots are here in this lovely idealistic city and county. I feel that I bring a unique perspective to the table where transparency, dialogue and openness is first. If elected, my goal for this community is to have communication with the local Ferndale school administration where the community voice is heard, also I would like continue with transparency and decisions that are being made to make our city a place where Family and businesses are attracted and feel welcome to come live, work and play. Thank you for your votes.

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Teresa N. Taylor

Elected Experience: I serve as a community activist, master gardener, small business owner and the head of my household. Since I have no elected experience to political office, I can bring a fresh perspective to accomplishing Ferndale's goals.

Other Professional Experience: Successful career as businesswoman and entrepreneur. Small business owner, former Community Relations Manager, Alcoa Intalco Works, and currently as Project Manager, Economic Development, LIBC.

Education: Bellingham High School, Shoreline Community College, Whatcom Community College (AAS), Western Washington University (Accounting)

Community Service: Strong advocate for small business owners, military families, veterans, farmers, parks, students and families with special needs.

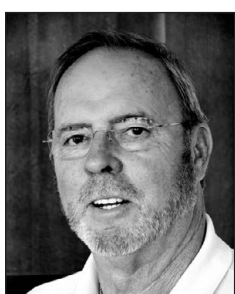
Statement: As a proud resident of Ferndale for the past three

decades, I wish to run for office because I have a vested interest in our community and now have the time necessary to serve.

Both my mother and father are U.S. Army veterans, who were honorably discharged from the military. It was very important to them to establish permanent roots to raise their family. Those same values were instilled in me, raising my own family in Ferndale. Both my son and daughter attended Ferndale schools from kindergarten through high school graduation. Like any mother, I want to ensure that our city remains a great place to raise children.

I love our city and want to ensure that current and future families have the same opportunities that mine has enjoyed. Now that my youngest has graduated from Ferndale High School, I have the time to match my passion. If you want a partner that will work to improve the quality of life in our great city, I humbly ask for your support. When it comes time to vote, I ask that you think of Ferndale families. Think of Teresa N. Taylor.

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Paul S. Ingram

Elected Experience: 7 1/2 years Ferndale City Council

Other Professional Experience: 30+ years Professional Chef

Education: Cal. Poly. San Luis Obispo, CA, 1959 - 1960 & 1965 - 1966; CIA Greystone Napa, CA, 1974 - 1976

Community Service: Past President, Ferndale Kiwanis Club, Commander, Kulshan Post #154 American Legion; Board Member/Executive Chef, Ferndale Community Meal; Board Member, Ferndale Dollars for Scholars; Volunteer Driver, Whatcom County Veterans Services; Ferndale Volunteer of the Year 2008 & 2012

Statement: Hi, I am Paul S. Ingram and I am running for re-election to the Ferndale City Council. I am very proud of the things that we as a council have accomplished.

The improvements to our City that have been completed by this Council have made our city a better place to live and raise a family.

We have improved our streets, built a new Police Station, a new Library, new Community Center and a new Visitor Center. Our water is now rated as some of the best in the State.

I am seeking re-election that I may try to complete my "bucket list" for Ferndale, a new city wide Parks district that will greatly improve our City Park system, and the building of the Thornton Road over-crossing to connect our most densely populated residential area to the Portal Way Freeway interchange. I thank the citizens of Ferndale for placing their trust in me these last eight years, I look forward to serving you for another term to keep improving our great city.

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Jono Manion

Elected Experience: Democratic Precinct Committee Officer for downtown Bellingham since 2012.

Other Professional Experience: Marketing lead for Sole Graphics

Education: Studied Math Secondary Education

at WWU

Community Service: Member of Greenways Advisory Committee from 2012-present.

Statement: As a 14-year Bellingham resident with firsthand experience in classrooms, I am motivated to support our teachers in providing exceptional and supportive education to our local children. Passionate teachers are key to creating well-rounded, lifelong learners, and if elected, I will work to ensure our educators are given the tools to teach our children best.

I offer ideas that reinforce the teacher-student relationship, with a stronger emphasis on student merit and achievement as opposed to excessive standardized testing. I also believe our education system needs to support both underperforming students and highly capable learners, creating a holistic environment built on empathy and encouragement of one's fellow classmates.

Our communities are a vital function of the growth and development of our youth. I will listen to all parents, students, and teachers in the district and bring their ideas to the table. With your help, I believe we can create an even stronger community, one ready to face any challenge we may meet. I look forward to your support and ask for your vote.

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Quenby Peterson

Elected Experience: None, first time running for public office.

Other Professional Experience: Former Whatcom County Budget Analyst; Financial and Statistical Analyst in the medical insurance industry; US Census Bureau Enumerator.

Education: Bachelors of Arts Degrees from Western Washington University in Sociology and Political Science

Community Service: Bellingham School District Volunteer in the following areas: Farm-to-School Program, Parent Advisory Committee to the Superintendent, Elementary and Middle School PTA/PTSA, Parents Matter. Involved in efforts to save Lowell School and Larrabee School. Volunteer with the Bellingham Food Bank, Whatcom Humane Society, Nooksack Salmon Enhancement, Bellingham Parks Department and Habitat for Humanity.

Statement: As a parent of two current Bellingham School District students I've been deeply involved in our schools for many years. I've witnessed firsthand the tremendous progress made towards increasing equity for all students in our community.

I'll work to continue this progress with an increased focus on excellence and accountability.

I graduated from WWU with degrees in Political Science and Sociology and established Bellingham as my home 25 years ago. My education and work experience in governmental budgeting and financial analysis provide me with a unique understanding of the funding and policy structure of the public sector.

As an active PTA member and district volunteer I've served our students in classrooms, planning meetings and collaboratively with teachers and administrators. As a member of the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee I understand the pressing concerns of families and students throughout our district. I'm very familiar with how our School District operates. I've spoken at and attended many School Board meetings over the years and interact with the Superintendent and Administration on a monthly basis.

My volunteer experience and passion for quality education will guide my decision-making, and I will always put the best interests of our children first.

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Anthony (Tony) Wallace

Elected Experience: CalSACC Region V Policy Board Representative.

Other Professional Experience: Field Representative, Speaker Education Project; Former Acting Statewide Director, Young Americans for Freedom, currently a mathematical modeling consultant for demographics purposes.

Education: Community College

Community Service: Throughout the years, I've engaged in multiple projects of community service – whether it be helping people register to vote or volunteering at events. To date, I prefer the personal connection and the direct impact.

Statement: A former foster child, I realize the importance of the multiple roles that a school district can fulfill in a child's life.

As someone who dropped out of high school – and Running Start in the very same day, I know first-hand the struggles that at-risk

youth can face, before school ever even enters their thoughts. I went on to serve in leadership roles upon my return to college, among them, representing Region V of the California Community College System. This is the largest Community College System in the world, having 2.1 million students at the time I represented one of ten regions statewide.

Later in my academic path, I was invited to lecture and instruct the Statewide Associated Student Body Presidents and Student Community College Trustees at their annual leadership retreat. I now work in public opinion as a cross between a mathematician and a demographer – the very math I never thought I'd use "in real life".

It's that same consistent and pragmatic approach, leadership style and empowerment of those around me that I bring with me as I hope to serve our community. I'd appreciate your vote and support.

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Joan Lotze

Elected Experience: Appointed to vacant Blaine School Board Position #3 in June, 2014.

Other Professional Experience: Elementary Teacher in public and private schools in Washington and international schools in China, Pakistan and Nigeria- 18 years

Education: B.Sc. Elementary Education- Lewis and Clark College, Teaching Certification- Western Washington University

Community Service: Coordinator of a financial management program with Love, Inc; Community meals- Blaine

Statement: As a member of the Blaine District School Board I will continue to help facilitate high quality educational experiences that will enable students to be ready for college or a career when they graduate from Blaine schools. Teachers and administrators are of vital importance, and need support as they strive to prepare students using new standards and methods. My experience on the school board has only reinforced the importance of these priorities for me. I believe my experience in education which includes teaching for many years, having four children who graduated from Blaine and a husband who taught in Blaine gives me useful insights into the needs of our schools. My perspective as a woman and resident of Birch Bay for more than 30 years is a needed balance to the makeup of the School Board.

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Jesse Creydt

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: Jesse Creydt is the Executive Director of TouchStone Behavioral Health in Blaine: increasing access to mental health. Creydt has leadership experience and training in conflict and emergency management working in leadership

positions in both the government and private sector.

Education: B.A. in Political Science from California Lutheran University. Creydt is married to a Blaine graduate and has 3 young children who drive his desire to serve the Blaine School District.

Community Service: Our TreeHouse facilitator (2014-2015) providing grief support for children, teens, and families. Creydt has volunteered with Lutheran Social Services, Habitat for Humanity, and Hospice.

Statement: Vote Jesse Creydt for the Blaine School Board. By continually identifying needs in Birch Bay and Blaine we can

work together to provide high quality education for all, regardless of income, address, or special needs. Creydt values education and knows it transforms lives. Creydt lives in Birch Bay and works in Blaine recognizing the need to connect educational and extracurricular opportunities. We also need to be attentive to how children enter our schools so their foundation is strong. Creydt believes schools make our communities stronger and healthier. Creydt understands issues impacting families and the community. Schools help shape character and the development of life-long learning skills. The strength of our communities is largely determined by the strength of our schools. Our school graduates need our support to ensure they have necessary life-long learning skills and are prepared for meaningful careers in a local and global economy. School district families need to be first in articulating what stewardship is needed with our public investment. Our children's future is dependent on attentive listening, thoughtful analysis, and making the right decisions for education so its impact will ripple out to all of our communities.

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Russ Schutt

Elected Experience: No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience: I have been a small business owner in the construction industry for 19 years.

Education: High School Graduate

Community Service: No information submitted.

Statement: As a dad of two school age children and a friend of multiple families with kids in the Blaine School District, I would welcome the opportunity to be involved in the direction of our schools.

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Whatcom County Fire Protection District 16
Proposition No. 2015-1
Emergency Medical Services Regular Property Tax Levy

Shall Whatcom County Fire Protection District #16 be authorized to levy a permanent regular property tax for the sum of fifty cents (\$.50) per \$1,000 dollars assessed valuation beginning in 2015, to begin collection in 2016, for the provision of all Emergency Medical Services, as provided in Whatcom County Fire Protection District #16 Resolution 02-15?

YES ___ NO ___

Explanatory Statement

Almost Sixty Six percent (66%) of the emergency responses in Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 16 are emergency medical responses. Funds raised by this EMS levy will only be used to provide emergency medical services, including training for EMS personnel, EMS related equipment, supplies, and vehicles needed to provide emergency medical services.

Argument For:

Whatcom County Fire District 16 (WCFD) is an all-volunteer department that provides basic life support emergency medical service to the communities of Wickersham, Acme, Van Zandt and two Nooksack Tribal Housing Developments.

The current EMS levy provides funding for a large variety of EMS/Rescue services. It has funded the purchase of the district's ambulance, as well as all of the supplies and maintenance of the ambulance. It funds all of the medical supplies for the district which include: EMS kits for all the district apparatus and a first aid kit for all district volunteers.

For the year of 2014 WCFD 16 responded to 139 incidents. Ninety five of those or 68% were aid calls or motor vehicle collisions.

The new EMS levy amount will be \$.50 per thousand of assessed valuation. For our overall budget this is only a 3% increase. With the passage of this levy WCFD 16 will be able to provide the same essential services while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

Argument For prepared by : Elvin Kalsbeek and Candy Roberts

Argument Against:

No statement submitted

Rebuttal of Argument Against:

No statement submitted

Rebuttal of Argument For:

No statement submitted

Statements For, Statements Against, and Rebuttals are the opinions of the authors and have not been checked for accuracy by any government agency.

Ballot Measure Complete Text

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 16
RESOLUTION NO. 02-15
RESOLUTION TO IMPOSE PERMANENT EMS LEVY

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 16 (the "District") providing for the submission to the voters of the District at an election to be held therein on August 4, 2015, in conjunction with the State primary election to be held on the same day, a proposition to impose a permanent Emergency Medical Services Levy ("EMS Levy") at a levy rate of fifty cents (\$.50) per thousand dollars of assessed valuation in addition to its regular property tax levy, to be levied each year beginning in 2015 and to be collected in each year succeeding the year of the levy to provide funds required by the District to enable the District to continue to provide emergency medical services.

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 16 that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District that emergency medical services continue to be provided by the District. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, equipment, and personnel in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to impose a permanent EMS Levy in order to continue providing emergency medical services.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 16 as follows:

Section 1. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities, the District shall levy an emergency medical services levy beginning in 2015 and collect each year a general tax on taxable property within the District, in addition to the regular levy for maintenance and operation costs, in an amount not to exceed fifty cents (\$.50) per thousand dollars of assessed valuation of such property.

Section 2. In accordance with RCW 84.52.069, the funds raised by such levy shall be used only for the provision of emergency medical services, including related personnel costs, training for such personnel and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures needed for the provision of emergency medical services.

Section 3. BALLOT TITLE AND PROPOSITION. Pursuant to RCW 84.52.069 and 29A.36.210, the Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 16
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON
PROPOSITION 1
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Will Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 16 be authorized to impose a PERMANENT regular property levy of fifty cents (\$.50) or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation?

YES..... []
NO..... []

Section 4. REFERENDUM. A referendum petition may be filed at any time with the Fire Chief, which is currently Elvin Kalsbeek. Within ten (10) days, the Fire Chief must confer with the petitioner concerning form and style of the petition, issue the petition an identification number, and secure an accurate, concise, and positive ballot title from the Whatcom County Auditor. The petitioner has thirty (30) days in which to secure the signatures of not less than fifteen percent (15%) of the registered voters of the taxing district, as of the last primary election, upon petition forms which contain the ballot title and the full text of the measure to be referred. The Fire Chief and/or his designees must verify the sufficiency of the signatures on the petition and, if sufficient valid signatures are properly submitted, must certify the referendum measure to the next election within the taxing district if one is to be held within one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of filing of the referendum petition, or at a special election to be called for that purpose in accordance with RCW 29A.04.330. Pursuant to RCW 84.52.069(4)(b), the referendum procedure provided herein is exclusive in all instances and supersedes the procedures provided under all other statutory or charter provisions for initiative or referendum which might otherwise apply.

Section 5. CERTIFICATION. The Secretary of the District is directed (a) to certify to the Auditor a copy of this Resolution No. 02-15 showing its adoption by the Board; and (b) to perform such other duties as are necessary and required by law in submitting to the voters of the District at the aforesaid election the foregoing proposition.

Section 6. IMPLEMENTATION. The Fire Chief of the District is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this legislation.

Section 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

ADOPTED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 16, at an open public meeting thereof this 30th day of April, 2015, of which notice was given in the manner provided by law, and the following Commissioners being present and voting.

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 16: Henry M. Maleng, Fire Commissioner; Brian M. Knutzen, Fire Commissioner; Ryan Lenssen, Fire Commissioner.
ATTEST and CERTIFICATION: Candy Roberts, District Secretary.



Mail:

Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day, August 4, 2015. One \$0.49 cent stamp required.



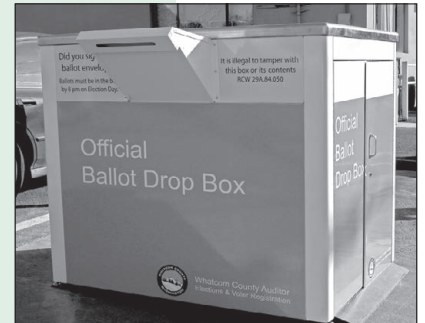
Drop Box:

No postage necessary. Open: July 15 Close: August 4 at 8:00 pm

Official Ballot Drop Box Locations

Bellingham

- 311 Grand Avenue: South parking lot of the courthouse or inside at the Auditor’s Office, Suite 103
- 501 High Street: WWU Bookstore
- 237 W. Kellogg Road: Whatcom Community College (on campus beside Heiner Center) **NEW**



Birch Bay

- 4581 Birch Bay-Lynden Road: North Whatcom Fire & Rescue **NEW**

Blaine

- 610 3rd Street: Blaine Library

Ferndale

- 2095 Main Street: Ferndale City Hall

Lynden

- 216 4th Street: Lynden Library



Sudden Valley

- Gate One, at Security Office turnaround **NEW**

More Information

Register to vote or update your address in one of the following ways:



Online at www.myvote.wa.gov if you have a current Washington State driver’s license or I.D.



Mail: Registration forms available at city halls, libraries, and on our website. You may also call the Election Division to have a form mailed to you.



In person at the Whatcom County Auditor’s Office, Election Division.



An accessible voting unit (AVU) is equipped with visual and audio technology. Voters requiring reasonable accomodation or assistance may vote on the AVU in the Auditor’s Office starting July 15.

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

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Hours:
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
August 4, Election Day open until 8 pm