

Mason County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

November 3, 2026 General Election



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Vote Center Information

Message from the Elections Department

This Voters' Pamphlet is designed to help you make informed choices in the upcoming election. Inside, you will find candidate statements in their own words, information about ballot measures, and helpful guidance to assist you in casting your ballot with confidence.

To return your ballot, you can use an official ballot drop box, which is available 24 hours a day from the time ballots are mailed through 8 p.m. on Election Night. Drop boxes provide a secure and convenient way to return your ballot and ensure it is received by the deadline. Additional drop box locations have been added throughout Mason County to make returning your ballot more convenient for voters across the county. A complete list of drop box locations can be found in this pamphlet on page 8 and online at VoteWA.gov.

If returning your ballot by mail, the U.S. Postal Service strongly recommends mailing it at least seven days before Election Day to allow sufficient processing time and help ensure your ballot receives a timely postmark.

We encourage you to take the time to review the information provided in this pamphlet, learn about the candidates and measures on your ballot, and make your voice heard.

Thank you for participating in our elections. Your vote matters, and your participation strengthens our community.

Thank you for voting!

- Mason County Elections Staff

Vote Center Information

Vote Center Services

- Register to vote
- Update voter registration
- Deposit a ballot
- Get a replacement ballot
- Use an Accessible Voting Unit

Shelton Vote Center

411 N 5th St
(Second floor)

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Election Day 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Belfair Vote Center (Temporary)

460 NE Old Belfair Hwy
(Entrance in the back)

Election Day 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Contact information

(360) 427 - 9670 ext. 470
elections@masoncountywa.gov
www.masoncountywaelections.gov

Voter Accessibility

Voting Assistance

The Mason County Auditor's Office Vote Center offers an Accessible Voting Unit (AVU) that assists voters with visual impairments, cognitive/learning disabilities, or limited mobility to vote independently and privately.

The AVU has special features for voters who may have difficulty voting using a standard ballot.

It has audio assistance, font control, visual color contrast, touchscreen input, and input through devices (lap paddle and sip-and-puff).

The AVU will print the voted ballot, which can then be sealed in a return envelope and deposited in a ballot drop box or the mail.



Accessible voting is available starting 18 days before Election Day.

To use the Accessible Voting Unit, visit one of our Vote Center locations.
(see page 3 for Vote Center locations)

Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)

The Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee updates the outreach plan by providing input and strategies to the Mason County Elections Department to ensure accessible services for voters with disabilities in our community and to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal requirements.

To volunteer to be a committee member or for more information, contact the elections department or visit our website at:

www.masoncountywaelections.gov

(360) 427-9670 ext. 470

elections@masoncountywa.gov.

Key Dates

Key Dates



September 30

10:00 AM Logic and Accuracy Test

October 26

Last day to receive new voter registrations or updates by mail or online for the Nov. 3 General Election.

After Oct. 26, new voter registrations or updates must be completed in person at a Vote Center by 8 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 3.

November 3

8:00 PM Election Day -
Initial Ballot Tabulation

November 5

10:00 AM Random Batch Audit

November 18

9:00 AM Random Ballot Audit

November 23

2:00 PM Canvassing Board Meeting
Challenged Ballots Referred

4:00 PM Deadline to receive ballot
Cure Forms

November 24

2:00 PM Canvassing Board Meeting-
Election certification
Official Results

Who donates to campaigns?

View information on financial contributors for federal candidates:

Federal Election Commission

www.fec.gov

Toll Free 1 (800) 424 - 9530

View financial contributors for candidates and measures:

Public Disclosure Commission

www.pdc.wa.gov

Toll Free 1 (877) 601 - 2828

Major Political Party Contact Information

Mason County Democrat Party

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Mason County Republican Party

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www.masoncountyrepublicans.com

Helpful Online Resources



Washington State's official voter portal.

www.VoteWa.gov

From VoteWa.gov you can:



Register to Vote



Verify your voter registration information



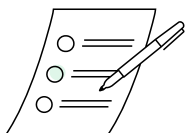
View your personalized voter guide



View a list of your elected officials



Check the Status of your ballot



Print a replacement ballot

Washington Secretary of State Elections Division

The Washington Secretary of State Elections Division's website has additional voter resources.

www.sos.wa.gov/elections

For questions regarding state measures or races, email or call:

elections@sos.wa.gov

(800) 448-4881

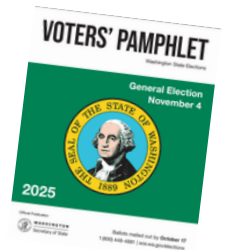
State Voters Pamphlet

The Washington Secretary of State Elections Division mails a voter pamphlet with all state races and measures. It is also available online at:

www.sos.wa.gov/elections

or

VoteWA.gov



Mason County Elections

The Mason County Elections' website has additional voter resources.

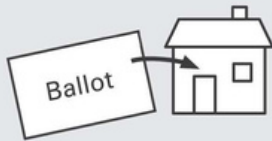
www.masoncountywaelections.gov

Initial election results are posted after 8:00 PM on election night.

Official results are posted after the Canvassing Board Certification on November 24, 2026.

How to Cast a Ballot?

1



Ballots are mailed on October 13 to the mailing address on your voter registration record. If you need a replacement ballot, go online to VoteWA.gov or contact an Elections Office.

3

Remove the stub at the top of your ballot. If you forget to remove the stub, your ballot will still be counted.

4

Place your ballot in the security sleeve.



2

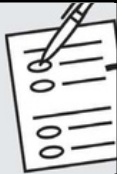
Vote your ballot.

You are not required to vote in every race or measure on your ballot.

Use a dark pen to completely fill in the oval next to your choice.

To correct or cancel a vote, draw a line through the entire incorrect choice.

You then have the option of selecting another choice.



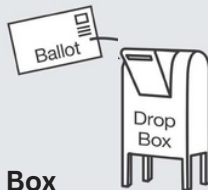
5

Place the security sleeve inside the return envelope.



Do not forget to sign & date the return envelope.

6



Return the ballot

Ballot Drop Box

Return your ballot to an official ballot drop box.

Ballot drop boxes close promptly at **8:00 PM, November 3, 2026.**

(See page 8 for ballot drop box locations.)

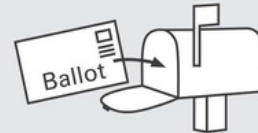
or

Mail

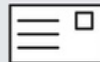
Return your ballot by mail; no stamp is needed. It must be postmarked by **November 3, 2026.**

A ballot with a late postmark will not be counted.

It is recommended to mail your ballot at least 1 week before Election Day.



To check the status of your ballot, visit www.VoteWA.gov



VoteWA



Election staff will contact you for challenged ballots if:

- A signature is missing

Or

- The signature does not match the signature(s) in your voter registration

Ballot Return Options

Return Option 1:

Ballot Drop Box Return – Convenient, Safe, and Secure

Ballots must be deposited in a ballot drop box.

before 8:00 PM on November 3, 2026, Election Day.

All ballots are collected by two election staff.

Ballot Drop Box Locations

Mason County Auditor's Office (Building 1) 411 N 5th St

Three Ballot Drop Boxes :

- **Alley - Drive-thru**
- **Main Entrance**
- **Vote Center** (Second floor)

Allyn – Port of Allyn, 18560 E State Route 3

Belfair - Sheriff's Office/North Precinct, 460 NE Old Belfair Hwy

Dayton - Fire District No. 16 Station, 4650 W Dayton Airport Rd - **Drive-thru**

Grapeview - Horton Community Center, 4350 Grapeview Loop Rd

Hillcrest - Shelton Outfitters, 707 Cascade Ave - **Drive-thru**

Hoodsport - Hood Canal Visitor Center, 150 N Lake Cushman Rd

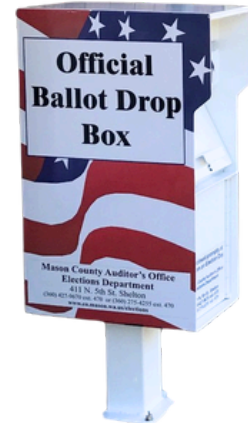
Kamilche - Fire District No. 4 Station, 3660 SE Old Olympic Hwy - **Drive-thru**

Matlock - Fire District No. 12 Station, 2950 Matlock-Brady Rd - **Drive-thru**

Skokomish - Twin Totems Store, 19390 US-101 - **Drive-thru**

Union - Chevron Station, 1031 E McReavy Rd

YMCA - Shelton Family YMCA, 3101 N Shelton Springs Rd - **Drive-thru**



Return Option 2:

Mail Return – No postage required

Ballots **must be postmarked on or before November 3, 2026, Election Day**

Use the provided prepaid postage return envelope.

We recommend mailing your ballot by October 27th or requesting a dated manual postmark at the post office to ensure it is postmarked by November 3, 2026.

Voter Registration and Updates

Get Ready! Register to vote

Three ways to register:

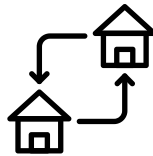
- **Online:** www.VoteWA.gov
- **Mail or email:** Print a registration form at www.masoncountywaelections.gov or call (360) 427-9670 ext. 470 to request one to be sent to you.
- **In Person:** Visit a Mason County Elections Vote Center (see page 3 for locations and hours)



Deadline to Register

To be effective for the General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, your online or mailed voter registration must be received by October 26.

After October 26, you must register in person at a Vote Center by 8:00 PM on November 3, 2026.



Moved? Update your voting address

If you've moved recently and need a ballot mailed to your new address, contact the elections office by phone, email, mail, or online at www.VoteWA.gov by October 26 or visit a Vote Center in person before 8:00 PM on November 3, 2026.

Help! My ballot was lost or damaged.

To get a replacement ballot:



- Contact Mason County Elections to request a replacement ballot to be sent by mail.

(360) 427-9670 ext. 470 or
elections@masoncountywa.gov

- Print a replacement ballot packet from VoteWA.gov.
- Or visit any Vote Center.
(locations & hours on page 3)

Qualifications



To vote, you must be:

- at least 18 years old,
- a U.S. citizen,
- a resident of Washington,
- not currently serving a sentence of total confinement in prison for a felony.

Mason County | Assessor | 4-Year Term



Patti McLean

(Prefers Independent Party)

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Elected Experience

I am Patti McLean, currently the Mason County Assessor since 2019, and a lifelong Washington resident.

Other Professional Experience

I started at the front counter of the Assessor's office in 1991.

Education

Since starting in the office, I took advantage of every training opportunity, which increased my responsibilities and I adapted proficiently to our technology changes to greatly improve accuracy and efficiency within the office.

Community Service

I believe it is important to be a productive community member. Outside of my dedication to this office, I have been a School Board Director, current Nimrod Club member, and regularly volunteer for our local grange and blood drives.

Statement

My name is Patti McLean, and it has been my pleasure to serve as your County Assessor since 2019. I continue to run as an Independent because I believe local offices should remain nonpartisan.

The Assessor's Office is required to follow state mandates and regulations established by legislation and to report annually to the Department of Revenue. Throughout my years working in Assessor's offices, I have served under both parties, while the day-to-day responsibilities of the office have remained the same.

Since taking office, I am proud of the accomplishments we have achieved and remain committed to accountability, fairness, and quality customer service for the residents of this county. My office continues to maintain an open-door policy for both employees and taxpayers to ensure everyone is treated fairly and has the opportunity to express concerns or ask questions.

Moving forward, I will continue providing taxpayers with the tools and information they need to better understand the responsibilities and requirements of the Assessor's Office.

With 34 years of experience, I have the knowledge and leadership necessary to continue overseeing the many duties of the Assessor's Office with INTEGRITY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND FAIRNESS.

I would appreciate your vote on November 3, 2026.

Unopposed



What's on your ballot

Not all candidates and measures in this Voters' Pamphlet will be on your ballot.

Your residence address determines what precinct you reside in, and your precinct determines the candidates and measures you are eligible to vote on.

The candidates and measures on your ballot only apply to the precinct where you are registered to vote.

Mason County | Auditor | 4-Year Term



Tamra 'Tam' Ingwaldson

(Prefers Democratic Party)

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Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

I have 20 years of experience in corporate telecommunications and over 20 years of experience in nonprofit management, including a combined 15 years with United Way of Mason County and United Way of Kitsap County. Currently I'm a Program Support Specialist with New Horizon Communities, advocating for housing for people of all incomes.

Education

BS in Business Management.

Community Service

I'm passionate about community service. I'm the incoming Hood Canal Lions Club President, and have held volunteer leadership positions with Kiwanis Club of North Mason, Lake Limerick Country Club, P.E.O. Sisterhood Ch-B, Saint David of Wales, and various North Mason School District committees.

Statement

With over 40 years of experience in corporate and nonprofit organizations, I am ready to serve as Mason County Auditor—protecting fair elections, improving access to services, and restoring trust in public institutions. I will bring steady leadership, practical solutions, and a deep commitment to the people of this community.

As Auditor, I will model ethical leadership, integrity, accountability, and transparency. Our community deserves elections that are secure, efficient, and accessible to all. I will ensure staff have the tools and technology needed to carry out their work effectively, while making the office more open and responsive. Every voter should be able to see democracy in action and trust that it works for them.

Throughout my career, I have led teams, managed complex projects, and worked closely with volunteers and community members. I have built strong relationships through outreach and public service, and I am honored to have earned the support of respected retired auditors, elected leaders, the Mason County Democrats, and local residents who believe in my vision.

I care deeply about this community and the people who call it home. I would be honored to earn your vote and serve as your next Mason County Auditor.



Steve Duenkel

(Prefers Republican Party)

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www.steve4auditor2026.com

Elected Experience

Mason County Auditor 2023 - present. Precinct Committee Officer. Mason County Republican Party Chair.

Other Professional Experience

Throughout my 37 year career (Boeing Defense, Space & Security; Safeco, and small business), I had responsibility for building budgets, accounting, and financial reporting where accuracy and transparency are essential. I know how to audit, ensure procedural compliance, and lead high performance organizations. Washington State Republican Party Compensation Committee Chair and Election Integrity Committee member.

Education

B.S. Chemistry, B.S. Biology, MBA - Finance, Business Law

Community Service

Mason County Fire Chaplain. Member: Fire 12 Association; Eagles Club; Hood Canal Improvement Club; Shelton-Mason County & North Mason Chambers of Commerce.

Statement

It is an honor to serve as Mason County Auditor. The auditor's job is one of the most important in county government because it demands responsible oversight of budgets, elections, licensing, permanent record maintenance, and passport service. It is my duty to ensure fiscal accountability, contract compliance, and election integrity.

If re-elected, I will to continue to work with the county's commissioners to responsibly steward your tax dollars, provide regular accounting of our county's financial health, and support innovative voluntary programs to help shield our county's property owners from title fraud.

I will also continue to ensure that every aspect of the elections process remains as transparent as possible and that each ballot is processed with the highest level of fidelity to protect the rights of every legal voter. Internal auditing will remain a priority to maintain accurate voter registration data, uncover and address election system vulnerabilities, and prevent fraud. I ask for your vote again, so that as your "watch dog," I may continue serving Mason County with full transparency and integrity in every aspect of the office.

I'm honored to have received the endorsement of former Mason County Auditor, Al Brotche (Democrat) who served six terms in office.

Mason County | Clerk | 4-Year Term



Charles G. Rhodes

(Prefers Republican Party)

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masoncountyclerk

Elected Experience

Mason County Clerk-January 1, 2023 to Present;
Precinct Committee Officer (Republican)

Other Professional Experience

Olympic Process and Investigative Services – Agency Principal / Licensed Private Investigator (2009–Present); All Pro Tax and Accounting – Senior Accountant / Owner; Disabled American Veterans – Department Advocate (1985-1989): Represented disabled veterans for unlawful discrimination under Title VII; Veteran-United States Air Force. Certifications and Professional Associations: Washington State Association of County Clerks; Association of Certified Fraud Examiners; Pacific NW Association of Investigators (Past Treasurer); Certified Private Investigator Trainer; Certified Fraud Examiner.

Education

University of Arkansas: BA Accounting; McAfee Institute

Community Service

Charlie's Vision-President: Non-Profit Organization Supporting Law Enforcement

Statement

It has been my honor serving the people of Mason County as your County Clerk. The Clerk's Office plays a vital role in supporting our justice system and ensuring the public has reliable access to important information. It has the responsibility to preserve official court records, collect and disburse fees and payments ordered by the court and maintain accurate and timely financial reporting.

During my term in office, I have focused on strengthening the efficiency and integrity of the office while providing residents, attorneys, and court staff with timely, professional, and respectful service. I am proud of the work our office has accomplished. We've improved services by upgrading outdated technology, modernizing procedures, and investing in staff training, all resulting in better service to you and cost savings for Mason County. Collections are now current, and we actively pursue delinquent accounts to protect public resources.

I believe public service is about responsibility, fairness, and earning the trust of the community. It takes showing up every day and getting the details right for the people who depend on us. I promise to keep working hard to deliver the dependable leadership and service Mason County deserves and I am asking for your vote.



Tammy Clark

(Prefers Republican Party)

Contact

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ClarkforCourtClerk@gmail.com
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SHELTON, WA 98584
www.clark-for-clerk.com

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Twenty-plus years of legal management experience, Office Manager / Legal Assistant
Law Office of Stephen Whitehouse, Shelton WA – 2025-2026
Whitehouse & Nichols, LLP, Shelton WA –2018-2025
Law Offices of J. Mitchell Clark – 2003-2017

Education

Associates in Business Administration, Del Mar College

Community Service

Belfair HUB – 2025-2026
America 250 Mason County – 2025-2026
Republican Women's Group of Mason County – Treasurer 2025-2026
Dispute Resolution Center of Thurston County – Conciliator/Dispute Resolver 2017-2025 (Volunteer of the Year 2021)
Washington State & Olympia Beekeepers Association - Treasurer 2018-2022

Statement

My 20+ years of legal administrative experience, including the last 9 years in Mason County, have given me a clear understanding of how a County Clerk's Office should operate to best serve the courts, county departments, jurors, and the public who depend on its accuracy and timeliness. I am ready to restore trust, strengthen operations, and ensure the Clerk's Office runs efficiently for the people of Mason County.

With 25 years of management experience, I am ready to lead the Clerk's Office with proper staffing, transparent oversight, and a commitment to efficiency and accountability. I have managed teams, worked with precision in high-responsibility environments, and understand the importance of fiscal responsibility and responsive customer service.

My professional background includes strategic planning, financial management, conflict resolution, and leadership experience that will serve Mason County well. It is also important to rebuild teamwork and stability within an office that has experienced high turnover. This position requires fairness, professionalism, and diplomacy. I am ready to bring strong leadership and accountable management to the Mason County Clerk's Office.

I am the right person for this job. I appreciate your vote.

Mason County | Commissioner District No. 3 | 4-Year Term



Miguel Gutierrez

(Prefers Labor Democrat Party)

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SHELTON, WA 98584
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Elected Experience

I serve as a council member for the City of Shelton.

Other Professional Experience

I taught Special Education and coached team sports. I trained and managed volunteers for AmeriCorps. I am a Community Organizer and directed youth camping programs.

Education

I earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science at UCLA in American and Comparative Government. I acquired a Special Education credential and studied Political Philosophy.

Community Service

As a board member of the Rotary Club of Shelton, I believe in service above self. I also serve on the boards of Shelton Memorial Park and Community Lifeline. I feed the hungry and welcome the stranger.

Statement

Dear Neighbors,

In real life, Mason County is different than the virtual world. We are blessed with waters of the Puget Sound, evergreens of the Pacific Northwest, and outdoor opportunities to recreate with families, friends, and loved ones.

Every Christmas season, we rejoice under the Big Tree and wander through the maze of Christmas trees. We enjoy restaurants, sweet shops, curio shops, and Farmers Markets.

It's a wonderful life here in Mason County. The future will be brighter if we choose leaders who will enhance our blessings and create a new world through Housing, Healthcare, and Hope. We can transform our government into a meritocracy with opportunity for all: Youth empowerment, living wages, child care, elder care, affordable housing, and security from medical bankruptcy.

One day we will learn from our history and the rails of our past will become the trails to our future. Water will be clean and plentiful. Small businesses will thrive. We will have security in our golden years and youth will have a bright future in our diverse, equitable, and inclusive community.

The American Dream is still alive in our hearts. Will you help me manifest this dream into reality?

Peace, Love, & Justice,

Miguel



George Blush

(Prefers Republican Party)

Contact

georgeforshelton@gmail.com
404 CASCADE AVE
SHELTON, WA 98584

Elected Experience

I am a dedicated Shelton City Council member, President of the Shelton Metropolitan Park Board and Chairman of the Mason County Housing Authority.

Other Professional Experience

For the last 8 years my family has run Nita's of Shelton — the town's oldest restaurant, established in 1952 — as our home base.

Education

I studied social work at SCCC Brentwood, NY in 2004 and at Olympic college from 2015-2017

Community Service

I am also the Executive Director of 5XL Shelton pet food bank and I serve as a Crossroads housing board member

Statement

With proven government, business, and nonprofit leadership experience and as the only candidate endorsed by the Mason County Republicans Party. I will deliver results as your County Commissioner in District 3.

I want a cleaner, safer, and more prosperous Mason County. I will unite Code Enforcement with the Sheriff's Office to address illegal dumping, encampments, and blight — just as we successfully did in Shelton, restoring pride in our neighborhoods. I will also restore a strong Animal Control program to protect animals and our community.

To strengthen public safety, I will improve our roads and expand water access for firefighting, especially as wildfire risks increase. On the fiscal side, I am committed to ending wasteful spending and living within our means — the same common-sense discipline that has kept Shelton financially stable.

I have fought for a cleaner, safer, and more affordable Mason County by opposing garbage rate hikes, cracking down on crime and encampments, protecting free speech, and promoting fiscal responsibility.

Together, we can build a cleaner Safer Mason county for us all to live, work and play. Your support would mean a lot, thank you. Please vote for George Blush.

Mason County | Coroner | 4-Year Term



Jaime Taylor

(Prefers Democratic Party)

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SHELTON, WA 98584

Unopposed

Elected Experience

4-year term as elected Coroner, with prior appointed experience.

Other Professional Experience

I am nationally board certified with the American board of medicolegal death investigators. I am certified through the Washington state, criminal justice training commission as a forensic medicolegal death investigator.

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

My name is Jaime Taylor, and I am running for re-election as Mason County Coroner. I was born and raised in Mason County and am nationally certified by the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators, as well as certified through the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission. With over 18 years of experience in death investigation, I am committed to serving families with dignity, compassion, and professionalism during their most difficult times. I will continue to provide thorough, respectful investigations and timely answers for our community. I ask for your vote to continue serving Mason County.



Notice to Voters:

Candidate statements are printed exactly as submitted. Election staff does not make corrections or verify statements for truth or fact.

Mason County | Prosecutor | 4-Year Term



Michael Dorcy

(Prefers Republican Party)

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Elected Experience

Michael Dorcy was first elected Mason County Prosecuting Attorney in January 2011. Now in his fourth term, he provides firm, fair leadership, managing hundreds of cases from felony trials to providing civil legal counsel for county departments.

Other Professional Experience

Michael served as a Deputy Prosecutor for Mason County (2004–2010) and gained private sector experience as an associate attorney at Settle & Johnson, PLLC (2000–2003).

Education

Michael earned a JD from Willamette University College of Law and a BA in English Literature from Westmont College.

Community Service

Michael serves primarily through his local church, and at community events or speaking to community interest groups.

Statement

With sixteen years of proven experience as your elected Prosecuting Attorney, my commitment to Mason County remains focused on "Trusted Justice." My qualifications are built on a foundation of stability; having navigated the complexities of both criminal prosecution and civil litigation, I offer the deep-rooted expertise necessary to lead our local justice system effectively.

A primary issue facing our community is the evolving landscape of indigent defense funding and availability. My plan involves proactive management of these legislative shifts to ensure that our office remains efficient and that victims of crime receive the advocacy they deserve without administrative delay. I am dedicated to maintaining a firm and fair approach to public safety, ensuring that the rule of law is applied consistently across all cases.

Looking forward, my ideas center on fostering a collaborative environment between law enforcement and the prosecutor's office to address emerging public safety challenges. By leveraging a record of success and a trusted team, I will continue to prioritize the protection of our residents and the integrity of our courts. I am asking for your support for re-election to ensure Mason County continues to benefit from experienced, reliable leadership in the pursuit of justice for all.

Mason County | Sheriff | 4-Year Term



Ryan Spurling

(Prefers Republican Party)

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Unopposed

Elected Experience

Mason County Sheriff since 2023

Other Professional Experience

Retired- 25 years, Washington State Patrol, 22+ years in active and reserve military service, Activated for Iraqi Freedom as a Battalion Acting Command Sergeant's Major at JBLM

Education

Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration

Community Service

President of the Board for Turning Point DV shelter for 2 years, Local Church Elder for the last 19 years, Volunteer karate instructor for over 20 years, Kiwanis LE youth camp board member and instructor for 15 years, North Mason Chamber of Commerce board, Shelton Rotary, and many others

Statement

My name is Ryan Spurling, and I am running, for Mason County Sheriff. I love our communities and I am committed to seeing your Sheriff's Office meet the ever-changing challenges society has placed on Law Enforcement. We must continue to connect with and protect all our citizens. I will ensure that the Sheriff's Office is transparent and responsible with your tax dollars, and I will be accessible to every citizen as the Sheriff.

After serving in the Military and LE for over 38 years, I know this is what I have been called to do. My training and experience have prepared me to serve you and our county as we grow and prepare for the future. I believe your Sheriff's Office has the potential to become the best Sheriff's Office in the State of Washington. We have amazing, smart, compassionate employees who love to serve you and now more than ever, they must have experienced, values driven leadership.

As the only elected Law Enforcement Officials in the world, Sheriffs must be individuals who have a long term, proven reputation of integrity and selfless service in Law Enforcement and in the community.

Mason County | Treasurer | 4-Year Short and Full Term



Brittany A Pearson

(Prefers Democratic Party)

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Elected Experience

I currently hold the appointed position of Mason County Treasurer.

Other Professional Experience

25 years of government experience within the Mason County Treasurer's Office. I have served the public in multiple positions, with extensive experience in property tax collection, county finance, banking procedures, investments, customer service, management and daily office operations.

Education

Shelton High School graduate with ongoing professional training in county finance, treasury management and public service administration.

Community Service

Committed to serving the citizens of Mason County with transparency, integrity, accountability and dependable public service.

Statement

I am honored to serve as your appointed Mason County Treasurer and am asking for your vote to continue serving our community with transparency, integrity, and accountability.

For 25 years, I have worked in the Treasurer's Office and have served in multiple roles that provided me with extensive knowledge of county finances, policies and procedures. That experience has prepared me to successfully lead the office while maintaining the high level of service Mason County residents deserve.

As Treasurer, my priorities are fiscal responsibility, accuracy, accessibility and excellent customer service. I understand the importance of safeguarding taxpayer dollars while ensuring the office operates efficiently and professionally. I am committed to open communication, strong financial stewardship and treating every citizen with respect and fairness.

Mason County deserves experienced leadership and a Treasurer who understands the office from the ground up. I am proud to continue serving the community where I was raised and would be honored to earn your vote.



Randy Lewis

(Prefers Republican Party)

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Elected Experience

A native of Mason County! Following a successful actuarial career I've retired home to our beautiful community, bringing with me a unique, valuable, skill set in my first elected office as Mason County Treasurer

Other Professional Experience

Chair of rate setting, asset/liability management and other important committees for national and international corporations

Education

Bachelor of Science, Mathematics, University of Washington / American Academy of Actuaries / Society of Actuaries / International Actuarial Association

Community Service

Shelton Centennial Lions Club / Founder & Coordinator, Shelton Math Motivators tutoring program / Mentored kids in other programs / Shelton School District Bond Committee / Mason County Planning Advisory Commission

Statement

Hi everyone –

Having retired, I can now devote full attention to upcoming Mason County financial issues, both current, and in the future under several financial and economic scenarios I am a member of the Mason County Planning Advisory Commission, basically defining what we want Mason County to be. Now it is time to quantify these aspirations under several potential scenarios. Characteristics of an actuary include keen analytical, and problem-solving skills. Good business sense. Finance, economics, most of all solid communication skills

With upcoming challenges facing us all, my experience in financial forecasting and risk management will be helpful in helping guide Mason County. Examples include efforts to optimize assets vs liabilities and address other future challenges such as inflation.

Financial analysis is central to the many challenges faced by Mason County in upcoming years, such as what will be the relationship of revenue vs expenditures going forward as the community grows, and increasing demand for County services.

This is not to say I am simply a backroom nerd. On the contrary, I love to collaborate with diverse sets of stakeholders. You are now my most important stakeholder. Send to me any questions/comments on Mason County financial issues!

Signature Information

YOUR *Signature* MATTERS



You can check your ballot status at
www.VoteWA.gov

HELPFUL TIPS:

Your signature on the ballot return envelope will be compared to your signature(s) in your voter registration.

If you registered to vote online, your signature from the Department of Licensing could be your voter registration signature. Take a moment and look at the signature on your driver's license or state ID.

or

If you registered with a paper form, your signature from the form is your voter registration signature.

If you are unable to sign, make a mark and have **two** witnesses sign with you. The ballot return envelope can only be signed by you, the voter.

NO ONE CAN SIGN FOR YOU.

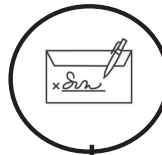
A power of attorney cannot be used to sign on behalf of a voter.

If you are not sure what signature we have on file, you can update your signature by mailing in a new registration form, calling or emailing Mason County Elections to request a signature update form, or visiting a vote center. (see page 3 for contact and location information)

If your signature does not match or your return envelope was unsigned, we will send a letter to notify you and provide a cure form. The cure form must be received by the Elections Department before 4:00 PM on November 23, 2026, for your vote to be counted.

Signature Review Process - Why It's Important!

Signature verification plays a vital role in upholding the integrity of elections and ensuring your vote is counted.



Signature Required

Sign the return envelope!
Your ballot will not be counted without a valid signature.



Signature Verification

Your signature, whether in print or cursive, is compared to the signature(s) in your voter registration record. That's right, we look at each signature on each return envelope.



Action Required

If the signature on your return envelope does not match the signature(s) in your voter registration record or if the envelope is unsigned, you can "cure" your ballot so it will count. Our office will contact you by mail and phone, or email with directions on how to cure your ballot.

I voted!

The Power of Your Signature

Once your signature is verified, your ballot is counted.

Mason County | District Court Judge | 4-Year Term



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Unopposed

Legal/Judicial Experience

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

I am running for re-election Mason County District Court Judge.

I began my judicial career on February 1, 2009, in Shelton Municipal Court. I started my first term as the Mason County District Court Judge on January 1, 2019. I was re-elected to that position in 2022.

A judge is not a policy maker. A judge's duties are to impartially hear cases, apply the laws to the facts and fairly decide the cases. That also requires that a judge must be prepared at times to make rulings that the judge does not want to make.

I have worked to preserve the independence of the courts. I have done everything judicially possible to mitigate the situation regarding the shortage of public defenders. I have spoken out on proposed court rules and authored two that were adopted.

I am especially proud of the efforts Mason County courts, prosecutors, and defense took to re-start jury trials in 2020, after the Washington State Supreme Court lifted the stay on holding jury trials. We led the State.

I look forward to serving the people of Mason County in the future and I ask for your vote.

Understanding Write-In Voting

**THERE'S
MORE TO
WRITE-INS
THAN
WRITING
A NAME**



*Know before
you write.*



1. LOOKING FOR A WRITE-IN?

Only candidates who have officially declared as write-in candidates can have votes counted for them individually.



2. WHERE ARE WRITE-INS ON THE BALLOT?

Write-in spaces appear below the listed candidates in each race.



3. NOT SURE WHO HAS DECLARED?

Call or email your Elections Department to find out who has officially declared as a write-in candidate.



4. YOU DON'T HAVE TO VOTE IN EVERY RACE

Don't want to vote for any candidate or measure? That's okay! You can simply leave that contest blank.



5. WHAT HAPPENS TO WRITE-IN VOTES?

The total number of write-in votes is recorded. Individual write-in candidates are reviewed and reported when the total number of write-in votes reaches the threshold established by law.



QUESTIONS ABOUT WRITE-IN VOTING?

We're here to help!

Call or email your Elections Department.



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Elected Experience
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Education
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Community Service
No information submitted

Statement
No information submitted

Public Utility District No. 3 | Commissioner District 2 | 6-Year Term



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Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Professional Land Surveyors license 2002, US Navy UFTG/ DS, USS Henry M. Jackson 730.

Education

Spokane Falls CC, South Puget Sound CC/Land Surveyors Association of Washington (LSAW) – Fundamentals of Land Surveying, UW Lean Six Sigma Green Belt

Community Service

Volunteer fire fighter Mason County Fire District 5, 1981-1982, Friday Harbor Fire Department, 1983. Shelton Freestyle Wrestling Assistant Coach. VP-Washington Council of County Surveyors, VP/President Southwest Chapter of the LSAW, Executive Committee LSAW-State President in 2010, Western Federation of Professional Surveyors, Delegate 2007-2008. Mason County Forest Festival 22 years, current President. Member Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1694 Shelton Honor Guard.

Statement

Public Utility Districts are a result of the citizen led Initiative NO. 1 sponsored by the Washington State Grange in 1929 to bring electricity to rural Washington. Today PUD's provide electricity, highspeed fiber and water to their customers. A resident of Mason County 41 of my 60 years, many as a rate payer. I truly appreciate the benefit of the public power that Mason PUD 3 provides, the lower rates, reliability and shorter outage times than the typical private utility. I also appreciate the highspeed FIBERHOOD Program provides to our home, it is competitively priced and reliable. I am a Land Surveyor with 35 plus years of experience in private/public sectors. Retired from Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR). While at DNR, managed the Public Land Survey Office (PLSO)/ Administrator for the DNR Survey Advisory Board, working with all 39 county auditors/staff on compliance with RCW 58.09/WAC 332-130. Public policy experience through DNR and Washington AgForestry Leadership program. I will advocate for affordable electricity rates as allowed by state mandates. I am approachable, transparent, loyal and have the experience, integrity, and leadership skills to hold this office. Please allow me to serve and represent you.



Randy Neatherlin

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Elected Experience

Mason County Commissioner 14 years
Port of Allyn Commissioner 6 years

Other Professional Experience

Chaired or leadership roles with Mason County's Planning Commission, Board of Health, County Commissioner, Transit Authority, Hood Canal Coordinating Council, Habitat for Humanity, Economic Development Council, Olympic Regional Clean Air Authority, PRTP, NM Chamber and a dozen more..

Education

Being a Successful Lifelong Entrepreneur was the best education.

A.A.S. Degree
B.S. Business Management
M.S. Management and Leadership
Certified Lean Six Sigma Black Belt

Community Service

Rotary, Kiwanis, Masons, Theler Community Center, NM School dist. NM Pee Wees, (Coached and mentored 1,000+ kids) "The ARC" Serving individuals with developmental disabilities. Much more!

Statement

My priorities:

Slow or stop these huge rate increases by budgeting and living within our means.
Prioritizing PUD Broadband options. Creating competition, better service and access in rural areas.
Local service hubs providing quicker access for customers and outage response.
Investing into infrastructure expansion and upgrades to profit from inevitable future growth.
Aim for zero rate increases for 4 years

I have spent 20 years successfully representing you in local government. 6 years as a Port commissioner learning the basics of government budgeting, grants, economic development and utility infrastructure. 14 years as your Mason County Commissioner learning every aspect of a responsible government with 400+ employees. I successfully focused on restructuring our county's fiscal position. Rightsized our government personnel, refocusing on Law Enforcement and services that benefited you. Took us from a low of \$165K cash on hand to a whopping \$29 million cash in the General fund alone. We did all this without raising county taxes for 10 years. We simply lived within our means! No other county in Washington can claim this today. I have decades of experience in managing a controlled budget and yes, experience does matter!

I fix broken things. I can help here too!

How Elections are Secure

Before an Election

Voting Systems

Certification and Testing

Ballot counting equipment is tested and certified by an independent testing authority and the State of Washington.

Voting systems are not connected to the internet.

Pre-election: Hash Validation

Before an election is conducted, a hash validation is performed. A hash validation test verifies the integrity of the files and the source code of a specific system. It ensures that the software is the same software that was initially tested and certified.

Pre-election Audit: Logic & Accuracy Tests (L&A)

Before every election, counties test their voting systems to ensure the equipment is correctly set up and accurately counting votes.

Voter Registration Database

Washington's statewide voter registration database is constantly maintained and updated as voters become registered, move, change their name, pass away, or are no longer eligible to vote. All eligible voters are automatically mailed ballots. Only one ballot per voter is accepted.



During an Election

Paper Ballots

Voting on paper ballots allows election officials to audit results of an election after votes are counted.



Signature Verification

Trained election officials compare each signature to the voter registration file to confirm your identity and eligibility.

If your signature is missing or does not match, your ballot is "Challenged," and you are notified. Once your signature is verified, your ballot status will be "Accepted".

VoteWA

Check the status of your ballot online at VoteWA.gov. Once your ballot status is "Accepted," your ballot will be opened and scanned. Only one ballot per voter is accepted.

Chain of Custody

Ballots are sealed in secure, tamper-evident containers or rooms, and at least two staff are present whenever ballots are handled.

Scanning and Tabulation

Ballot scanners and vote counting equipment are physically secured in locked rooms. Election staff sign in and out each time the room is opened, and always with at least two election staff.

Video Surveillance

The ballot drop boxes, ballot storage, and the ballot processing room, including the tabulation equipment, are under 24/hr video surveillance during the election period.

After an Election

Post-election Random Batch Audits



A hand count of randomly selected batches of ballots is compared to the results of the tabulation system to ensure the vote counting equipment tabulated correctly.

Post-election Random Ballot Audit

Your local election officials examine a statistically significant, randomly selected sample of ballots to ensure the votes on the scanned ballot image are correctly captured in the cast vote record.

Full Ballot Reconciliation

Your local election officials keep detailed records of the process of each ballot or group of ballots, creating an audit trail.

A final report at the end of the process includes a summary of the ballots received and counted.

Post-election Hash Validation

Before an election is certified, hash validation is performed. A hash validation test verifies the integrity of the files and the source code of a specific system. It ensures that the software is the same software that was initially tested and certified.

Timberland Regional Library District | Levy

Timberland Regional Library District Proposition No. 1 Regular Property Tax Levy Lid Lift for Library Services, Operations and Maintenance

The Timberland Regional Library District's Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 26-002 concerning a proposed increase of the District's regular levy rate.

If approved, this proposition would restore the District's regular property tax levy rate for library services, operations and maintenance from \$0.22 to \$0.35 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for both 2027 and 2028, subject to applicable limitations. The resulting 2028 levy dollar amount would be used for the purpose of computing subsequent levy limitations under chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be approved?

Levy...Yes

Levy...No

Explanatory Statement

State law allows Timberland Regional Library District (the "Library") to annually collect up to \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value to fund Library services, operations, maintenance and improvements. Due to tax limitation laws, the Library has collected at a lower rate for many years. The Library last requested an increase in 2009, but that resolution was not adopted.

Approval of Proposition 1 would authorize the Library to reset its regular property tax levy from \$0.228924 to \$0.35 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2027 and 2028. For example, the estimated increase for a home valued at \$334,000 is about \$40.44 annually, or \$3.37 monthly. The resulting 2028 levy amount would be used to calculate all applicable tax limitations thereafter.

If approved by voters, Proposition 1 would provide funding necessary to maintain Library services, staffing, collections, and open hours. If not approved, further reductions in staffing, books and materials, hours, online services, bookmobile services and programming will begin in 2027, and maintenance and improvements of Library facilities could also be delayed.

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Timberland Regional Library District | Levy

Argument For

Mason County has three public libraries, in Hoodspout, Shelton and Belfair. They're part of the Timberland Regional Library system (TRL), a five-county system designed to share resources across county lines.

Our libraries offer free access to thousands of books, music, and videos plus everything from assistive devices to computers, Wi-Fi, printing, and even tools and book club kits. Their local programs are offered free to Mason County residents.

About 96% of TRL's operating revenue comes from local property taxes, but the last library levy was approved over 25 years ago.

Washington limits the amount that can be collected from levies to an amount far less than inflation. Over the quarter-century, library tax revenue has gradually dwindled despite higher property values: when property values rise, the tax rate automatically drops, so the district collects only an approved budget amount. Library income is now down to \$0.22 for each \$1,000 of assessed property value. This measure would increase TRL's tax levy from \$0.22 to \$0.35. Tax on a median-priced Mason County home (\$410,000) would increase by \$4.75 a month, or \$57 a year. Without additional funding, libraries will face cuts to staff, hours and resources. Potentially, the Hoodspout branch could no longer be staffed, and the Belfair and Shelton branches could face further reductions in staff and hours.

Voting yes would restore frontline staff, hours and local programming. Please vote yes to lift the levy lid and bring library funding closer to today's reality.

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Argument Against

A "No" vote on the Timberland Regional Library levy lid lift is a vote for fiscal responsibility, taxpayer accountability, and careful budgeting. Property owners throughout Washington have experienced rising tax bills due to increasing property values and voter-approved levies for schools, fire districts, parks, and other local governments. At a time when many families, seniors on fixed incomes, and small businesses are struggling with higher costs for housing, groceries, insurance, and utilities, another property tax increase deserves scrutiny.

Before asking taxpayers for additional revenue, the library should demonstrate that it has fully explored opportunities to reduce costs, improve operational efficiency, prioritize essential services, seek grants and private partnerships, and better manage existing resources. This is about priorities, and a property tax could put future investments in schools and emergency services at risk.

Libraries provide important educational, cultural, and community services, but supporting libraries does not require supporting every request for higher taxes. Taxpayers have a reasonable expectation that existing dollars will be spent efficiently before additional burdens are placed on homeowners and businesses. A "No" vote encourages the library to focus on its core mission, evaluate programs and staffing levels, and identify long-term needs.

Voting "No" is not a vote against libraries or literacy. It is a vote for responsible financial stewardship and accountability. Everyone's budget is tight, voters must prioritize investments, and the library should first demonstrate prudent management of existing resources before asking voters to approve higher property taxes, especially when households are already facing significant financial pressures.

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Southside School District No. 42 | Levy

Southside School District No. 42 Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Southside School District No. 42 adopted Resolution No. 7-25-26, concerning the replacement of an expiring school support levy. If approved, this proposition would provide funding for educational programs and operations not funded by the State by authorizing the District to levy the following excess taxes upon all taxable property within the District, all as provided in Resolution No. 7-25-26.

Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000		
<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2027	\$1.97	\$994,006
2028	\$1.97	\$1,063,587
2029	\$1.97	\$1,138,038
2030	\$1.97	\$1,217,701

Should this proposition be approved?

Levy...Yes

Levy...No

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition 1 authorizes the Southside School District to replace an expiring levy for educational programs and operations by levying \$994,006 for collection in 2027, \$1,063,587 for collection in 2028, \$1,138,038 for collection in 2029, and \$1,217,701 for collection in 2030.

In accordance with Resolution No. 7-25-26 approving this proposition for submission to the voters, the District would use these funds to pay for educational programs, non-high payments, classified and certificated staffing (salaries and benefits) not funded through the prototypical funding model, salaries and benefits for health and safety programs, afterschool programs, curriculum, professional development, school readiness activities, educational programs and operations (not funded by the State), operational technology support services, nutrition and technology service costs (not funded by the State/federal funding) and special education costs (not funded by the State and/or federal funds).

Based on projected assessed valuation information, the District estimates levy rates of \$1.97 per \$1,000 of assessed value in each of the collection years. Tax exemptions may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older or are disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. For information regarding exemptions, call the Mason County Assessor at (360) 427-9670.

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Southside School District No. 42 | Levy

Argument For

In 1903 Southside School was founded serving eight children from five families who had a vision. One hundred and twenty-three years later that vision has continued to expand enrollment and provides teachers and other Southside School staff to approximately 200 students each year. The Southside School community has provided strong support by continuing to approve the yearly levy in the past. Again the Southside community is being called on to continue this very important financial assistance. The students deserve the best we can give them and I want to show my support and vote for this years levy .

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Argument Against

No person in the jurisdiction contacted the Auditor to provide a statement, and there is no statement against the measure.



Statement Disclaimer:

Statements are the opinions of the author. Election staff does not make corrections or verify statements for truth or fact.

McCleary School District No. 65 | Bond

Proposition No. 1

McCleary School District No. 65 Bonds to Improve Safety, Security and School Facilities

The Board of directors of McCleary School District No. 65 adopted Resolution No. 2026-08, concerning school improvements to provide safe, adequate facilities for learning. This proposition would authorize the District to: make safety/security upgrades (such as single-point entry security vestibule, door locks, keycard access, fire alarm); improve facilities (such as building exteriors, HVAC, drainage systems, parking areas, access routes); modernize playgrounds for safety and accessibility; issue \$12,800,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 2026-08. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

Explanatory Statement

Proposition 1 authorizes school construction bonds to make capital improvements to the McCleary School. Proposition 1 will improve student, staff and community safety and security, improve and expand educational opportunities and programs, and provide safe, secure, and adequate facilities for learning.

Proposition 1 will allow McCleary School District to make safety and security upgrades at the McCleary School, such as constructing a single-point entry security vestibule and upgrading door locks, keycard access and the fire alarm system. Proposition 1 will improve McCleary School facilities and grounds, such as building exterior, HVAC, parking area, drainage system, grounds and access improvements. Proposition 1 will also upgrade outdoor spaces and modernize playgrounds to create safe and accessible student play areas with reduced hazards. Further information is available at mccleary.wednet.edu.

The \$12,800,000 of general obligation bonds will be repaid from annual excess property taxes sufficient to pay bond debt service over a maximum term of 21 years. Exemptions from taxes may be available, contact the Grays Harbor County Assessor 360-249-4121 or Mason County Assessor 360-427-9670.

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Argument For

No person in the jurisdiction contacted the Auditor to provide a statement, and there is no statement against the measure.

Argument Against

No person in the jurisdiction contacted the Auditor to provide a statement, and there is no statement against the measure.

Pioneer School District No. 402 | Levy

Pioneer School District No. 402 Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Pioneer School District No. 402 adopted Resolution No. 4-2026, concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for educational programs. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for operations not funded by the State (including reduced class sizes, safety/security, mental health, Elementary/Middle School Music and STEM programs, academic supports, athletics, extracurricular activities):

Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000		
<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2028	\$1.18	\$3,700,000
2029	\$1.17	\$3,811,000
2030	\$1.16	\$3,925,330
2031	\$1.15	\$4,043,090

all as provided in Resolution No. 4-2026.

Should this proposition be approved?

Levy...Yes

Levy...No

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Pioneer School District to replace an existing educational programs and operations levy expiring at the end of calendar year 2027. The replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, reduced class sizes, student safety and security, mental health specialists, Elementary and Middle School Music and STEM programs, academic mentors and supports, athletics, and extracurricular activities. Further information is available at www.psd402.org.

The proposed four-year replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$3,700,000 in 2028, \$3,811,000 in 2029, \$3,925,330 in 2030, and \$4,043,090 in 2031. The levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value required to produce these amounts is estimated to be \$1.18 in 2028, \$1.17 in 2029, \$1.16 in 2030, and \$1.15 in 2031. The exact levy rates and amount to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available; call the Mason County Assessor 360-427-9670.

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Argument For

No person in the jurisdiction contacted the Auditor to provide a statement, and there is no statement against the measure.

Argument Against

No person in the jurisdiction contacted the Auditor to provide a statement, and there is no statement against the measure.

City of Shelton Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements

The Shelton City Council adopted Resolution 1450-0726, authorizing a proposition to the voters to increase the sales and use tax to fund transportation improvements. This proposition would increase the sales and use tax on all taxable retail sales and uses within the city to a new rate of three-tenths of one percent (0.3%) for a term of ten (10) years, for the purpose of funding street and pedestrian maintenance, repair, and construction projects as identified in the City's Transportation programs or the period of time necessary to repay indebtedness for transportation improvements.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

In 2016, the Shelton Transportation Benefit District (TBD) was created, by a vote of the people, to raise revenue for improvements to transportation infrastructure including city streets, alleys, sidewalks, and nonmotorized transportation. After its formation and its renewal by the voters in 2025, the TBD collected a sales tax of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%). If approved by voters, Proposition 1 would authorize the TBD to increase the sales tax to the rate of three-tenths of one percent (0.3%) for a period of 10 years. The tax is paid by anyone who makes a taxable purchase in the city, whether a resident or non-resident. Under State law, funds raised from the sales tax can only be used for transportation improvements. The Shelton City Council has identified multiple transportation improvements that could be funded by the tax, including city-wide safety improvements, ADA compliance, street resurfacing, multi-modal/bike connectivity projects, and grant matching funds.

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City of Shelton | Levy

Argument For

For the 10 year period of existence ,the Transportation Benefit District, \$6.3 million has been put back into the Cities infrastructure. Projects include Brockdale paving, Western Gateway Project, Lake Blvd., Moutainview paving, Civic Center Parking lot, and Safe Routes to school. The money has been spent wisely.

While the TBD has generated funding, the General fund is used to supplement projects, and is in completion with other City services, like public safety. If the voters approve a .01% increase to the existing .02% TBD sales tax, it will generate approximately \$300,000 per year. This would greatly help the City maintain services and lessen the burden on the General Fund. Street infrastructure is aging, and funding is needed for street and sidewalk maintenance.

infrastructure is one of the City's most valuable investments, and deferred maintenance drives repair costs higher. Outside funding for maintenance and preservation of City streets has been reduced in recent years, so we must help ourselves. While these revenues have decreased, costs continue to rise, making it difficult to preserve and maintain streets and sidewalks. Information available shows that deferred maintenance drives costs even higher, costs double if no maintenance is done in as little as 10 years, and if deferred to 15 years it is 4 times the amount of timely maintenance.

By investing an additional 10 cents for every \$100 spent, the impact to our city will be greatly appreciated .

Citizens for supporting the TBD.

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Argument Against

No person in the jurisdiction contacted the Auditor to provide a statement, and there is no statement against the measure.



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Ways to register to vote

New Washington resident

Welcome! Register to vote online, by mail, in person, or when you get your new driver's license, permit, or ID at the Department of Licensing. You may not vote in more than one place, so cancel your previous voter registration.



Military or overseas voter

Register to vote anytime on or before Election Day. You may receive your ballot by mail, email, or fax. Spouses and dependents also away from home have the same voting rights.



College student

Register to vote using either your home or school address, but you may not vote in more than one place. Your ballot can be mailed to you anywhere in the world; however, your residential address must remain in Washington.



Non-traditional address voter

Use any physical location you consider your residence, such as a shelter, park, or marina. Your mailing address can be general delivery at a local post office, a PO Box, or an address of a trusted friend or relative. A federally recognized tribe may designate tribal government buildings to serve as residential or mailing addresses for voters living on tribal lands.



Seasonal resident

Vote in Washington even if you're away during an election. To ensure you receive your ballot, update your mailing address at **VoteWA.gov** or with a county elections office. Your ballot can be mailed to you anywhere in the world; however, your residential address must remain in Washington. You may not vote in more than one place.



Person convicted of a felony

Your right to vote is automatically restored once you're no longer serving a sentence of total confinement in any state or federal prison, including for federal or out-of-state felony convictions. Register to vote upon your release from prison. Even if you were previously registered to vote, or voted before your felony conviction, you will need to re-register to receive a ballot.



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