



# PIERCE COUNTY'S OFFICIAL LOCAL VOTERS' PAMPHLET

## Nov. 7, 2006 General Election



# YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE

# Letter from the Auditor



## Pierce County

### Auditor's Office

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Dear Voter:

Welcome to the 2006 General Election Voters' Pamphlet. It's chock-full of valuable information about candidates and issues. You're sure to find it useful when voting.

It's my job as the Pierce County Auditor to report the election decisions and keep track of all the registration information of over 400,000 voters. My dedicated staff and I are doing our part by constantly reviewing and improving the tools we use to update records and count votes. But we can't do it alone. We need your help. It's easy. Just follow these five steps and you'll help ensure the most accurate elections possible.

1. Bring identification when voting at a polling place.
2. Mark your ballot correctly.
3. Sign your ballot envelope when voting by mail.
4. Mail your ballot prior to Election Day or drop it off at an Express Booth.
5. Keep your registration up to date by visiting [www.piercecountywa.org/auditor](http://www.piercecountywa.org/auditor).

Over the past two years, we have made a number of changes to enhance the election process. We have adopted the statewide voter registration database to clean up voter rolls. We have made voting easier for military and overseas voters. We have kept polling places open, providing an option for nearly a fourth of all voters.

If you vote at a polling place, you may have noticed the Touch Screen voting machines during the primary election. These machines are required by federal law to give disabled voters the ability to cast a ballot with minimal assistance. However, they are available for anyone to use. In fact, over 2,400 voters opted to use a Touch Screen machine in September.

As many of you are aware, the Auditor's Office does more than carry out elections. Our Recording and Licensing Divisions provide outstanding customer service for property transactions and vehicle/vessel licensing. Also, turn to pages 23 and 25 in this guide for more information on Passport Services and Pet Licensing.

Encouraging citizens to vote is one of our top priorities. Our youth outreach program travels the county during the summer registering young voters between the ages of 18 – 24. We start even younger with our annual Voting Is Cool poster contest in elementary and middle schools. You can see Rachael Babcock's winning entry on page 9 of this guide. We also count on our older voters to act as voting ambassadors. They are living examples of how important it is to exercise the valuable right to vote.

My staff and I are here to help in any way possible. If you haven't received your ballot by mail, are confused by the content or have any questions, give my office a call at 253-798-7430 or visit our website at [www.piercecountywa.org/auditor](http://www.piercecountywa.org/auditor).

American democracy, while resilient, becomes very fragile when there is a lack of citizen participation in the elective process. Please participate. Our way of life depends on it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Pat McCarthy'.

Pat McCarthy  
Pierce County Auditor

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# Sample Ballot - November 7, 2006

State Measures	
Proposed by Initiative Petition:	
<b>INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 920</b>	
Initiative Measure No. 920 concerns estate tax. This measure would repeal Washington's state laws imposing tax, currently dedicated for the education legacy trust fund, on transfers of estates of persons dying on or after the effective date of this measure. Should this measure be enacted into law?	
YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 933</b>	
Initiative Measure No. 933 concerns government regulation of private property. This measure would require compensation when government regulation damages the use or value of private property, would forbid regulations that prohibit existing legal uses of private property, and would provide exceptions or payments. Should this measure be enacted into law?	
YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 937</b>	
Initiative Measure No. 937 concerns energy resource use by certain electric utilities. This measure would require certain electric utilities with 25,000 or more customers to meet certain targets for energy conservation and use of renewable energy resources, as defined, including energy credits, or pay penalties. Should this measure be enacted into law?	
YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed to the People by the Legislature: Amendment to the State Constitution <b>HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4223</b>	
The legislature has proposed a constitutional amendment on increasing an exemption from the personal property tax. This amendment would authorize the legislature to increase the personal property tax exemption for taxable personal property owned by each "head of a family" from three thousand (\$3,000) to fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars. Should this constitutional amendment be:	
APPROVED	<input type="checkbox"/>
REJECTED	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pierce County Charter Amendments	
<b>Proposed Amendment No. 1 Election of Sheriff</b>	
The Pierce County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Pierce County Charter establishing an elected Pierce County Sheriff beginning in 2008, and providing for transition from the current appointed sheriff to a sheriff elected by the voters. Shall this Charter Amendment be approved?	
YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Proposed Amendment No. 2 Performance Audits</b>	
The Pierce County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Pierce County Charter concerning the County's performance audit requirements. This amendment would require ongoing performance audits in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, annual reports by the Council on the highlights, free copies of the reports available to the public, and evening public hearings regarding the audits. Shall this Charter Amendment be approved?	
YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Proposed Amendment No. 3 Instant Runoff Voting</b>	
The Pierce County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Pierce County Charter implementing instant runoff voting for County elected officials except judges and Prosecuting Attorney. Voters will rank candidates in order of preference at the general election. No primary election will be held. Candidates for partisan office must obtain 25 voter signatures to qualify for the ballot. Major political parties may determine which candidate may use the party label. Shall this Charter Amendment be approved?	
YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Proposed Amendment No. 4 Initiatives</b>	
The Pierce County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Pierce County Charter reducing the number of signatures required to validate an initiative. Currently, to validate an initiative, a petitioner must collect valid signatures equal in number to not less than 10% of the number of votes cast in the County in the last executive election. This proposed amendment decreases the number of signatures required to validate to 8% of the votes cast. Shall this Charter Amendment be approved?	
YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pierce County Charter Amendments	
<b>Proposed Amendment No. 5 Referendums</b>	
The Pierce County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Pierce County Charter reducing the number of signatures required to qualify a referendum for the ballot. Currently, a referendum must collect valid signatures equal in number to not less than 8% of the number of votes cast in the County in the last Executive election. The proposed amendment would decrease the number of signatures to 4% of the votes cast. Shall this Charter Amendment be approved?	
YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Proposed Amendment No. 6 Presentation of Annual Budget</b>	
The Pierce County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Pierce County Charter concerning presentation of the annual budget and plans to the Council. This amendment would require the Executive to present the annual budget, comprehensive planning message, and six-year plan to the County Council 25 days earlier, at least 100 days prior to the end of the fiscal year. Shall this Charter Amendment be approved?	
YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Proposed Amendment No. 7 Executive Appointments</b>	
The Pierce County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Pierce County Charter concerning Executive appointments requiring representation from specific council districts. This amendment would require that in the case of a board or commission requiring representation from specific council districts, the Executive must appoint from a list of three candidates supplied by the Councilmember representing those districts. Shall this Charter Amendment be approved?	
YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Proposed Amendment No. 8 Balance of Power</b>	
The Pierce County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Pierce County Charter reducing the power of the Executive over elected executive departments. This amendment would give all elected officials administrative power over their departments regarding staff supervision, staff assignments and normal daily operations. Shall this Charter Amendment be approved?	
YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO	<input type="checkbox"/>

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<b>Pierce County Charter Amendments</b>	
<p><b>Proposed Amendment No. 9 Eminent Domain</b></p> <p>The Pierce County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Pierce County Charter concerning taking of private property by the County for public use. This amendment would limit takings to those which are necessary to accomplish stated public uses and define and restrict taking of private property for private economic development. Shall this Charter Amendment be approved?</p>	
YES	←
NO	←
<b>United States</b>	
<b>U.S. Senator</b>	
(Vote for One)	
Maria Cantwell	D ←
Mike McGavick	R ←
Bruce Guthrie	L ←
Robin Adair	I ←
Aaron Dixon	G ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>U.S. Representative - 6th Congressional District</b>	
(Vote for One)	
Norm Dicks	D ←
Doug Cloud	R ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>U.S. Representative - 8th Congressional District</b>	
(Vote for One)	
Darcy Bumer	D ←
Dave Reichert	R ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>U.S. Representative - 9th Congressional District</b>	
(Vote for One)	
Adam Smith	D ←
Steven C. Cofchin	R ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>2nd Legislative District</b>	
<b>State Representative 2nd Legislative District Position No. 1</b>	
(Vote for One)	
Jean Marie Christenson	D ←
Jim McCune	R ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>State Representative 2nd Legislative District Position No. 2</b>	
(Vote for One)	
Jeff Stephan	D ←
Tom Campbell	R ←
(Write-In)	←

<b>25th Legislative District</b>	
<b>State Representative 25th Legislative District Position No. 1</b>	
(Vote for One)	
Jonathan E. Bristol	D ←
Joyce McDonald	R ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>State Representative 25th Legislative District Position No. 2</b>	
(Vote for One)	
Dawn Morrell	D ←
Wally Nash	R ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>26th Legislative District</b>	
<b>State Senator - 26th Legislative District</b>	
(Vote for One)	
Derek Kilmer	D ←
Jim Hines	R ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>State Representative 26th Legislative District Position No. 1</b>	
(Vote for One)	
Patricia Lantz	D ←
Beckie Krantz	R ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>State Representative 26th Legislative District Position No. 2</b>	
(Vote for One)	
Larry Seaquist	D ←
Ron Boehme	R ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>27th Legislative District</b>	
<b>State Representative 27th Legislative District Position No. 1</b>	
(Vote for One)	
Dennis Flannigan	D ←
Stan Barker	R ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>State Representative 27th Legislative District Position No. 2</b>	
(Vote for One)	
Jeannie Darneille	D ←
Bret Edensword	R ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>28th Legislative District</b>	
<b>State Representative 28th Legislative District Position No. 1</b>	
(Vote for One)	
Troy Kelley	D ←
Don Anderson	R ←
(Write-In)	←

<b>28th Legislative District</b>	
<b>State Representative 28th Legislative District Position No. 2</b>	
(Vote for One)	
Tami Green	D ←
Bob Lawrence	R ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>29th Legislative District</b>	
<b>State Senator - 29th Legislative District</b>	
(Vote for One)	
Rosa Franklin	D ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>State Representative 29th Legislative District Position No. 1</b>	
(Vote for One)	
Steve Conway	D ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>State Representative 29th Legislative District Position No. 2</b>	
(Vote for One)	
Steve Kirby	D ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>31st Legislative District</b>	
<b>State Senator - 31st Legislative District</b>	
(Vote for One)	
Yvonne Ward	D ←
Pam Roach	R ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>State Representative 31st Legislative District Position No. 1</b>	
(Vote for One)	
Karen Willard	D ←
Dan Roach	R ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>State Representative 31st Legislative District Position No. 2</b>	
(Vote for One)	
Christopher Hurst	D ←
Jan Shabro	R ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>Pierce County</b>	
<b>Auditor</b>	
(Vote for One)	
Pat McCarthy	D ←
Darrel Shiley	R ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>Prosecuting Attorney</b>	
(Vote for One)	
Gerald A. Horne	D ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>County Council - District No. 1</b>	
(Vote for One)	
Shawn Bunney	R ←
(Write-In)	←

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<b>County Council - District No. 5</b> (Vote for One)	
Barbara Gelman	D ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>County Council - District No. 7</b> (Vote for One)	
Terry Lee	R ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>Nonpartisan Judicial State Supreme Court</b>	
<b>State Supreme Court Justice Position No. 2</b> (Vote for One)	
Susan Owens	NP ←
Stephen Johnson	NP ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>State Supreme Court Justice Position No. 8</b> (Vote for One)	
Gerry L. Alexander	NP ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>State Supreme Court Justice Position No. 9</b> (Vote for One)	
Tom Chambers	NP ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>Court of Appeals</b>	
<b>Court of Appeals, Division No. 2 District No. 1 - Position No. 3</b> (Vote for One)	
Christine Quinn-Brintnall	NP ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>Pierce County District Court</b>	
<b>District Court - Position No. 1</b> (Vote for One)	
Jack F. Nevin	NP ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>District Court - Position No. 2</b> (Vote for One)	
David M. Kenworthy	NP ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>District Court - Position No. 3</b> (Vote for One)	
Frank Dacca	NP ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>District Court - Position No. 4</b> (Vote for One)	
James R. Heller	NP ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>District Court - Position No. 5</b> (Vote for One)	
Judy Jasprica	NP ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>District Court - Position No. 6</b> (Vote for One)	
Maggie Ross	NP ←
(Write-In)	←

<b>Pierce County District Court</b>	
<b>District Court - Position No. 7</b> (Vote for One)	
Karla Buttorff	NP ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>District Court - Position No. 8</b> (Vote for One)	
Pat O'Malley	NP ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>Tacoma Municipal Court</b>	
<b>Tacoma Municipal Court Position No. 1</b> (Vote for One)	
David B. Ladenburg	NP ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>Tacoma Municipal Court Position No. 2</b> (Vote for One)	
Jack Emery	NP ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>Tacoma Municipal Court Position No. 3</b> (Vote for One)	
Elizabeth E. "Betsy" Verhey	NP ←
(Write-In)	←
<b>City of Auburn</b>	
<b>Special Election – Proposition No. 1 Submitted by the City of Auburn CREATION OF REGIONAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE AUTHORITY</b>	
The Regional Fire Protection Service Authority Planning Committee has submitted to the Cities of Auburn, Algona and Pacific a Regional Fire Service Plan to create a Regional Fire Protection Service Authority under chapter 52.26 RCW. If this measure is approved, it would approve the Plan to create a regional authority for fire protection and emergency services funded with fire benefit charges (not more than 60% of operating budget) and property taxes (not more than \$1.50/\$1,000 assessed value). The maximum City property tax rate would be reduced by the tax rate collected by the Authority. Fire benefit charges would be authorized for 2008 through 2013, during which time the Authority's maximum property tax would be reduced to \$1.00/\$1,000. Should the Plan for a Regional Fire Protection Service Authority be approved?	
	YES ←
	NO ←

<b>City of Milton</b>	
<b>Special Election – Proposition No. 1 Submitted by the City of Milton TEMPORARY LEVY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AND SERVICES</b>	
To continue to assist in the funding of emergency medical care and emergency medical services, shall the City of Milton be authorized to temporarily levy additional regular property taxes at a rate of up to fifty cents per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation, for collection in 2007 and every year thereafter in the years 2007-2012?	
	YES ←
	NO ←
<b>City of Pacific</b>	
<b>Special Election – Proposition No. 1 Submitted by the City of Pacific CREATION OF REGIONAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE AUTHORITY</b>	
The Regional Fire Protection Service Authority Planning Committee has submitted to the Cities of Auburn, Algona and Pacific a Regional Fire Service Plan to create a Regional Fire Protection Service Authority under chapter 52.26 RCW. If this measure is approved, it would approve the Plan to create a regional authority for fire protection and emergency services funded with fire benefit charges (not more than 60% of operating budget) and property taxes (not more than \$1.50/\$1,000 assessed value). The maximum City property tax rate would be reduced by the tax rate collected by the Authority. Fire benefit charges would be authorized for 2008 through 2013, during which time the Authority's maximum property tax would be reduced to \$1.00/\$1,000. Should the Plan for a Regional Fire Protection Service Authority be approved?	
	YES ←
	NO ←

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<b>City of Tacoma</b>	
<b>Special Election – Proposition No. 1</b> <b>Submitted by the City of Tacoma</b> <b>RESIDENTIAL STREET</b> <b>MAINTENANCE LEVY</b>	
<p>The City of Tacoma's Proposition No. 1 concerns a temporary property tax levy to fund residential street maintenance as proposed by Tacoma Resolution No. 36958. This Proposition would increase Tacoma's regular property tax levy to increase funding for residential street maintenance by approximately \$8,000,000 annually from 2007 through 2012 by increasing the City's regular property tax levy by \$0.48/\$1,000 of assessed value for six years commencing in 2007. The increase will remain at \$0.48/\$1,000 of assessed value in years two through six with no additional annual increase. Should this proposition be:</p>	
APPROVED	←
REJECTED	←
<b>City of University Place</b>	
<b>Special Election – Proposition No. 1</b> <b>Submitted by the City of University Place</b> <b>LEVY LID LIFT FOR</b> <b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>	
<p>The City Council of the City of University Place passed Ordinance No. 476 concerning voter approval of a levy lid lift for capital improvements. If approved, this proposition would provide funds for constructing and maintaining capital improvements (such as sidewalks, streetlights, and purchase, conservation, and development of parks and trails). If approved, this proposition would authorize a maximum City regular property tax levy of \$1.60/\$1,000 assessed value for collection in 2007 (about 24.3¢ above the 2006 rate), all as provided in the ordinance. The 2007 levy would be used to compute the levy lid on future levies. Should this proposition be approved?</p>	
YES	←
NO	←

<b>Browns Point-Dash Point Fire Department</b>	
<b>Special Election – Proposition No. 1</b> <b>Submitted by Pierce County Fire</b> <b>Protection District No. 13</b> <b>(Browns Point – Dash Point</b> <b>Fire Department)</b> <b>RE-AUTHORIZING PREVIOUSLY EXISTING</b> <b>PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE</b>	
<p>The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 13 passed Resolution No. 06-241 proposing to re-authorize the previously existing regular property tax levy rate. If passed, Proposition No. 1 would permit the District to levy for collection in 2007 the regular property tax at the rate of \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, which is the rate authorized previously by the voters, thereby lifting the revenue limitation in Chapter 84.55 RCW. Should Proposition No. 1 be:</p>	
APPROVED	←
REJECTED	←
<b>Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18</b>	
<b>Special Election – Proposition No. 1</b> <b>Submitted by Pierce County Fire</b> <b>Protection District No. 18</b> <b>RE-AUTHORIZING PREVIOUSLY EXISTING</b> <b>PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE</b>	
<p>The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18 passed Resolution No. 2006-008 proposing to re-authorize the previously existing regular property tax levy rate. If passed, Proposition No. 1 would permit the District to levy for collection in 2007 the regular property tax at the rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, which is the rate authorized previously by the voters, thereby lifting the revenue limitation in Chapter 84.55 RCW. Should Proposition No. 1 be:</p>	
APPROVED	←
REJECTED	←



# NOW DISABLED VOTERS CAN VOTE UNASSISTED AND EARLY.

The first generation of accessible voting machines will be available for disabled voters during the November general election.

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**Wednesday, October 18th, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Election Day, November 7th, 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Pierce County Auditor's Office, 2401 S. 35th St., Rm. 200, Tacoma, WA 98409**

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Election staff will be on-hand to answer questions, provide assistance upon request, and survey voters about how the voting experience can be improved.

Be sure to bring your identification. The Auditor's Office is disabled accessible. If you currently vote by absentee ballot, don't mail it if you want to use the Touch Screen voting machine.

This is an excellent opportunity to vote unassisted. Please come prepared and early to avoid the Election Day crowd.



Congratulations to ...

*Grand Prize Winner!*  
**Rachael Babcock**

*6th Grade - Truman Middle School*



*This winning poster was selected by The Puyallup New Car Dealers Association from posters submitted by Pierce County schools.*

Students across Pierce County were invited to participate in a "Voting is Cool" Poster contest. The poster theme was "When I Can Vote." The winning poster was judged on creativity and how well the poster promoted the value of being a good citizen. Truman Middle School student Rachael Babcock was the 2006 Grand Prize winner. She will have her poster displayed on bulletin boards across Pierce County, on a Pierce County Transit bus and in this pamphlet. This contest was made possible by our sponsors; The Puyallup New Car Dealers Association and the Washington State Auto Dealers Association. They will also provide a food party to Truman Middle School. This is a public-private partnership that helps to plant the seeds of democracy in young students.

# Registering to Vote in Pierce County

## Registration Qualifications

To register to vote in Pierce County, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States;
- At least 18 years of age by the date of the next election;
- A resident of Pierce County;
- Not presently denied your civil rights as a result of a felony conviction.

## Registration Locations

You may obtain registration forms at:

- Pierce County Auditor's Office;
- All city and town clerks' offices;
- All public schools;
- All state offices;
- Public libraries;
- All City of Tacoma fire stations;
- All manned fire stations in unincorporated Pierce County.

You can log on to our website and download a form at [www.piercecountywa.org/auditor](http://www.piercecountywa.org/auditor)

In order for you to vote, your mail-in registration form must be postmarked 30 days before any upcoming election.

However, if you are a new registrant in Washington State, you may register to vote in person at the Auditor's Office no less than 15 days prior to the election and must vote by absentee ballot for that election only.

## Motor Voter Registration

At the time you acquire or renew your Washington State driver's license, you will have the opportunity to register to vote.

## Name Change

If you change your name, you must complete a new registration form. You can come by in person, download a form from our website or call and we will mail you an application.

## After You Have Registered

After you have registered, your form is sent to the Pierce County Election Department to be processed. Your districts will be assigned based on the geographical location of your residential address. At the polls, you will only be allowed to vote for candidates and measures that apply to your districts. About three weeks after registering, you will be mailed a voter registration card which shows your polling place, congressional and legislative districts.

## Moving?

Within Pierce County: You may notify the Election Department in person, by mail, by phone, by email, or, fill out a "Voter Change of Address" card at your local post office. You will need to supply your old and new addresses and your date of birth.

Out of Pierce County: You must complete a new voter registration application. If moving within Washington State your voter registration will be transferred to your new county.

## Cancellation of Registration

You will only be removed from the registration files if you fill out a cancellation card or register to vote in another county. If a voter is deceased, another voter may fill out a card or send a note to cancel his or her registration.

[For more information, contact:](#)

Pierce County Elections Division

2401 South 35th Street, Room 200  
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1-800-446-4979

[www.piercecountywa.org/auditor](http://www.piercecountywa.org/auditor)

Email: [voterservices@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:voterservices@co.pierce.wa.us)

# VOTING IS EASY

**Drop your absentee ballot in  
the mail or drop it off at a booth.  
Open 7a.m.– 8p.m. November 3–7**

Voting by mail couldn't be easier. All you have to do is read the voters' pamphlet, mark your ballot, then drop it off postage-free at any of the drive-up Vote By Mail Express booths located throughout Pierce County.

Or, just add a stamp and return your ballot through the U.S. Mail. The choice is yours.

Vote By Mail Express booth is not for regular mail delivery.



## **EXPRESS BOOTH LOCATIONS**

### **Browns Point**

Town Center at Browns Point  
1000 Town Center

### **Bonney Lake**

Century 21—Swarthout Realty  
19413 Hwy 410 E

### **Edgewood/Milton**

Surprise Lake Shopping Center  
900 Meridian E

### **Gig Harbor**

Purdy Fire Station—**New!**  
5210 144th Street NW

Safeway/Big 5  
4811 Point Fosdick Square

### **Lakewood**

Lakewood Towne Center  
6000 Main Street SW

### **Parkland/Spanaway**

Bethel Station Rite Aid  
22311 Mountain Hwy E

Sprinker Recreation Center  
14824 South C Street

### **Puyallup**

Fred Meyer  
1100 N Meridian & River Road

### **South Hill**

Thun Field  
16715 Meridian E

### **Sumner**

Sumner Fred Meyer—**New!**  
1201 Valley Avenue

### **Tacoma**

Pierce County Annex  
2401 South 35th Street

Rite Aid  
1912 North Pearl Street

Oasis of Hope  
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# Pierce County Charter Amendment

## Proposed Amendment No. 1 Election Of Sheriff

**Official Ballot Title:** The Pierce County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Pierce County Charter establishing an elected Pierce County Sheriff beginning in 2008, and providing for transition from the current appointed sheriff to a sheriff elected by the voters. Shall this Charter Amendment be approved?

**Explanatory Statement:** The current Pierce County Charter provides that the Sheriff is an executive department appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by a majority of the Council.

Proposed Charter Amendment 1 would make the position of the Pierce County Sheriff an elected office. The first election for sheriff would be held in the normal nominating primary and general election of 2008. It also provides that the Sheriff holding office on the effective date of this amendment may choose to serve as sheriff until a successor is elected and commences to serve.

### Statement For:

The Sheriff of Pierce County is now appointed by the County Executive. Pierce County is only one of fourteen counties in the USA that has an appointed Sheriff. Pierce County is the only county in the State of Washington with an appointed Sheriff.

Counties through our nation have found that an elected Sheriff is more accountable to the citizens with the goal to serve the people of the county. An elected Sheriff has the support of those who have worked for and elected him, his constituency, the people of the county. This relationship with the voting public empowers an elected Sheriff, responsive to the needs of the county, to act more freely. By being an elected official, the Sheriff will be hands-on in providing services to our county.

Our neighboring county, King County went from an appointed Sheriff to an elected Sheriff, Dave Reichert. Vote "yes" on Amendment 1.

*Committee Members: Mike Venuto, Kevin Wimsett, Ken Dolan*

### Statement Against:

The Charter provides for a "nomination/confirmation" process whereby the Executive recruits candidates nation-wide based on education, training, and law enforcement experience and then "nominates" the most qualified to the Council for "confirmation." It is hard for the electorate to examine the qualifications of Sheriff candidates. An elected Sheriff must spend time electioneering, which greatly detracts from law enforcement duties. "Nominated/confirmed" Sheriffs are more likely to be professional and qualified; candidates for elected Sheriffs are likely to be discontented deputies whose elections will cause internal dissension. Elected Sheriffs will have to bow to the wishes of the officer's unions to get endorsements. An ineffective elected Sheriff can be replaced only at the end of his/her term. An incompetent "nominated/confirmed" Sheriff can be replaced immediately. Daily scrutiny by the Council, Executive and public provides accountability. Let's not make our Sheriff a political game.

*Committee Members: Burt Talcott, Barbara Skinner, John Ladenburg*

### Rebuttal of Statement Against:

The voters of Pierce County are able and willing to elect the next Sheriff, just like they elect the Executive, and the County Council. Every county in Washington but Pierce elects their Sheriff, we are just as capable as the rest of the State, Vote "Yes".

*Committee Members: Mike Venuto, Kevin Wimsett, Ken Dolan*

### Rebuttal of Statement For:

The argument for an elective Sheriff is misleading – unrelated to Pierce County. The Sheriff is the law enforcement officer of the unincorporated areas. It is unfair for city voters, who already have their chiefs-of-police, to vote for Sheriff. None of the 217 Washington police chiefs is elected - because informed citizens want a trained, professional chief rather than a political operative. Our Sheriff is not appointed. Only the current "nomination/confirmation" selection process assures professionalism, accountability.

*Committee Members: Burt Talcott, Barbara Skinner, John Ladenburg*

# Pierce County Charter Amendment

## Proposed Amendment No. 2 Performance Audits

**Official Ballot Title:** The Pierce County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Pierce County Charter concerning the County's performance audit requirements. This amendment would require ongoing performance audits in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, annual reports by the Council on the highlights, free copies of the reports available to the public, and evening public hearings regarding the audits. Shall this Charter Amendment be approved?

**Explanatory Statement:** The current Pierce County Charter authorizes the County Council to hire independent and outside competent personnel to conduct performance audits of county programs and departments "on a timely basis" at least every two years.

Proposed Charter Amendment 2 would require ongoing performance audits of any department, program, office or other entity funded in the Pierce County Budget. It mandates that all performance audits be planned and conducted in accordance with Government Auditing Standards published by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). It also mandates that the County Council shall report annually to the public regarding the highlights of the performance audits conducted that year. The annual report shall be made available free of charge to the public. In addition, the County Council shall hold an evening public meeting to present and review completed performance audits, as well as to allow discussion of plans to respond to audit findings. This shall occur within 90 days of the completion of each performance audit.

### Statement For:

Performance audits are a valuable tool to improve government. The current charter requires that all departments and programs be audited every two years. This requirement is unrealistic for Pierce County's 30 departments and 479 programs.

This amendment will align Pierce County with best audit practices. That's why the proposal cites *Government Auditing Standards* published by the General Accountability Office and endorsed by the U.S. Comptroller General.

Auditing everything every two years is **contrary to good audit practice**. The General Accountability Office says that audits must be well planned, focused, worthwhile, and cost effective. Auditors should focus their efforts on topics likely to pay dividends.

This amendment continues performance audits as a **mandatory program**. Audit reports will continue to be available without charge on the Internet.

This amendment also requires evening meetings to discuss audit reports and action plans to fix the problems that are identified, thus encouraging more public participation.

*Committee Members: Dave Morell and Carolyn Merrival*

### Statement Against:

The current Charter already provides for Performance Audits. State law requires the County to use Government Accounting Standards. The current County Performance Audit committee is staffed by the County Council and reports monthly to Council. Ongoing hearings and action plans will be costly and remove accountability.

The new thing here is the "free" reports to anyone who asks rather than the 10 cents a page now charged. But everyone's taxes will pay for the copies rather than the person who wants the copy. This is an attempt by special interests to get free reports.

*Committee Members: Barbara Skinner, Beckie Summers, John Ladenburg*

### Rebuttal of Statement Against:

Yes, the current Charter requires audits of all 479 programs every two years. That task is nearly impossible. We want the performance audits to be focused and effective not rushed to meet the two-year deadline. This amendment is cost effective and the audit reports will be available without charge on the internet. Please Vote "Yes".

*Committee Members: Dave Morell and Carolyn Merrival*

### Rebuttal of Statement For:

We already have mandatory performance audits in the Charter. It's worked well for 25 years, and no change is necessary. This amendment is by and for special interests that want to manipulate our audits. We don't need to require evening meetings, the resulting staff overtime, or free copies; it's a waste of tax dollars.

*Committee Members: Barbara Skinner, Beckie Summers, John Ladenburg*

# Pierce County Charter Amendment

## Proposed Amendment No. 3 Instant Runoff Voting

**Official Ballot Title:** The Pierce County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Pierce County Charter implementing instant runoff voting for County elected officials except judges and Prosecuting Attorney. Voters will rank candidates in order of preference at the general election. No primary election will be held. Candidates for partisan office must obtain 25 voter signatures to qualify for the ballot. Major political parties may determine which candidate may use the party label. Shall this Charter Amendment be approved?

**Explanatory Statement:** Currently the Pierce County Charter provides that nominating primaries of all partisan offices shall be conducted in accordance with state law. Proposed Charter Amendment 3 provides that election of all county officials, except judges and the Prosecuting Attorney, shall be conducted using instant runoff voting. All qualifying candidates would appear directly on the general ballot, eliminating publicly financed primaries for affected county level offices. This proposed Amendment gives voters the option of ranking candidates in order of preference. Instant runoffs would be conducted in rounds. In each round, each voter's ballot shall count as a single vote for whichever continuing candidate the voter has ranked highest. The candidate with the fewest votes after each round shall be eliminated until only two candidates remain. The candidate then receiving the greatest number of votes being elected. The Amendment would require that to qualify for the ballot for partisan office, a candidate shall file with the auditor, no later than the end of filing week, petition statements supporting the candidacy with the original signatures of at least 25 qualified voters. It would also provide that the county central committee of each major party may determine which candidates may use their party label.

### Statement For:

**Problem:** The pick-a-party primary imposed by the courts in 2004.

**Solution:** Amendment 3, which replaces the pick-a-party primary with a court-tested solution – instant runoff voting.

**Benefits:** Amendment 3 restores the choices we had with Washington's traditional blanket primary by allowing voters to rank any candidates regardless of party affiliation. Candidates are elected by instant runoff voting in one high turnout election in November and need a majority of votes to win. A single ranked ballot election eliminates "spoiler" problems and results in shorter campaigns and less money in politics. Candidates will have incentive to focus on issues instead of running attack ads. Overseas military voters won't need to submit separate primary and general election ballots.

**Endorsements:** Amendment 3 is supported by the *League of Women Voters* and community leaders and elected officials from major parties, minor parties, independents and the Farm Bureau. Amendment 3 means better democracy. [www.yesonthree.com](http://www.yesonthree.com)

*Committee Members: Jim Walton, Mike Venuto, Kelly Haughton*

### Statement Against:

The nominating Primaries and General elections have served voters, candidates and our political system well for many decades. Both major political Parties strongly oppose IRV because its primary purpose is to weaken and destroy the political Parties which are essential to representative government. Informed voters are crucial to our electoral process; but they depend on the political Parties to recruit, develop, train, promote, and support candidates and public policies which individual voters cannot possibly accomplish for themselves. The Parties also sponsor public forums; "get out the vote;" monitor elections; hold politicians accountable. IRV would destroy the life-blood of our political system at enormous unnecessary expense. Voting for multiple unknown, untested candidates only at the General election would require multiple ballots, cause confusion and delay election results. The scheme was rejected by the 1996 Charter Review Commission. It should be rejected again.

*Committee Members: Burt Talcott, Beckie Summers, Kevin Wimsett*

### Rebuttal of Statement Against:

Amendment 3's purpose is to restore the voter choice of our traditional blanket primary by replacing the unpopular pick-a-party primary. Party insiders may like pick-a-party primaries, but Washington voters do not.

Amendment 3 allows us to support any candidate regardless of party affiliation in one majority vote election. Parties still play a useful role, but we the people make the choices needed to hold government accountable. Amendment 3 means efficient, voter-friendly elections.

*Committee Members: Jim Walton, Mike Venuto, Kelly Haughton*

### Rebuttal of Statement For:

This amendment will not end the pick- a- party system. State Law regulates how elections are run. The pick- a- party system will still be in place whether this amendment is passed or not. This amendment applies to only certain positions in the county. With the change in one person one vote and the further manipulation of ballots this is an expensive experiment that voters should not take a chance on. Vote No

*Committee Members: Burt Talcott, Beckie Summers, Kevin Wimsett*

# Pierce County Charter Amendment

## Proposed Amendment No. 4 Initiatives

**Official Ballot Title:** The Pierce County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Pierce County Charter reducing the number of signatures required to validate an initiative. Currently, to validate an initiative, a petitioner must collect valid signatures equal in number to not less than 10% of the number of votes cast in the County in the last executive election. This proposed amendment decreases the number of signatures required to validate to 8% of the votes cast. Shall this Charter Amendment be approved?

**Explanatory Statement:** The current Pierce County Charter provides that ordinances may be adopted by an initiative to the people of Pierce County. Under the current Charter, an initiative petitioner must collect valid signatures of the registered voters of the county equal in number to not less than 10% of the number of votes cast in the County in the last executive election.

Proposed Charter Amendment 4 would decrease the required number of signatures of registered voters necessary to validate an initiative from 10% to 8% of the votes cast in the last County Executive election.

### Statement For:

The right to initiative or direct government of the people is foundational to our state and county constitutions. The number of signatures required qualifying a measure for the ballot needs to strike a balance – too few signatures would clutter the ballot with insignificant, if not frivolous legislation, while too great a number of signatures would discourage the very idea of direct government.

The State constitution strikes this balance by requiring signatures from 8% of the electorate who voted in the last gubernatorial election. The County Charter however requires signatures from 10% of the electorate who voted in the last executive election. Ten per cent is excessive, and inconsistent with the state constitution.

Voting yes for this Charter Amendment would allow county residents the same access to their government enjoyed by voters statewide.

*Committee Members: Grant Pelesky, Geoff Hymans, Kelly Haughton*

### Statement Against:

Amending the County Charter to lower the required number of signatures for an initiative will encourage special interest groups to bypass our representative government to get their special interests adopted into county law.

Special interest groups and their paid professional signature gatherers dominate the initiative process. The original Charter drafters were concerned about having the initiative process in Pierce County corrupted by well-financed special interest groups. The 10% signature requirement has served us well for a quarter century. There is no need to change it.

The special interests do not want their proposals to be the subject of public meetings and fact-finding hearings like current laws. Reducing the 10% requirement will only encourage special interest groups to pay professional signature gatherers to push poorly drafted proposals for placement on the ballot.

There is no need to encourage the special interests. Vote no on Amendment 4.

*Committee Members: John Ladenburg, Robert Mack, Dawn Lucien*

### Rebuttal of Statement Against:

Opponents argue our County Charter initiative signature requirement has served us well.

They neglected to tell you that in the history of the Charter there has never been a County initiative on the ballot!

Meanwhile, you have voted on two or more initiatives per year in State government.

This Amendment aligns the County Constitution with the State Constitution, and will finally make the right to initiative possible for Pierce County residents. Vote yes.

*Committee Members: Grant Pelesky, Geoff Hymans, Kelly Haughton*

### Rebuttal of Statement For:

Don't be misled. The State Constitution allows home rule counties to set reasonable requirements for initiative signatures. The original Pierce County Charter set the current requirement at 10%. It has served us well for 25 years.

Changing the current requirement will only encourage special interest groups to bypass regular procedures to place issues on the ballot – before they can be analyzed and improved through the Council process.

Don't change the current requirement. Vote No.

*Committee Members: John Ladenburg, Robert Mack, Dawn Lucien*

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# Pierce County Charter Amendment

## Proposed Amendment No. 5 Referendums

**Official Ballot Title:** The Pierce County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Pierce County Charter reducing the number of signatures required to qualify a referendum for the ballot. Currently, a referendum must collect valid signatures equal in number to not less than 8% of the number of votes cast in the County in the last Executive election. The proposed amendment would decrease the number of signatures to 4% of the votes cast. Shall this Charter Amendment be approved?

**Explanatory Statement:** The current Pierce County Charter provides that a referendum may be filed on certain non-emergency ordinances adopted by the County Council. Under the current Charter, a referendum sponsor must collect valid signatures of the registered voters of the County equal in number to not less than 8% of the number of votes cast in the county in the last executive election.

Proposed Charter Amendment 5 would decrease the required number of signatures of registered voters necessary to validate a referendum from 8% to 4% of the votes cast in the last County Executive election.

### Statement For:

The writers of our County Charter felt strongly that residents should have the right to refer legislation to the voters for approval. This right is also guaranteed in the Washington State Constitution. The County Charter, however, requires signatures from 8% of the voters in the last Executive election. This compares to signatures from only 4% of the voters who participated in the last gubernatorial election when referring statewide legislation.

Pierce County Council members should be subjected to the same standards of voter checks and balances as State legislators. Voting yes for this Charter Amendment would allow you the citizen of Pierce County to enjoy the same access to government you enjoy as a citizen of Washington State.

*Committee Members: Grant Pelesky, Geoff Hymans, Kelly Haughton*

### Statement Against:

Lowering the number of required signatures for referendums will encourage special interest groups to block ordinances protecting our health and safety. This will allow special interests to suspend important laws until a public vote can be taken.

Voters adopted the current Charter requirements 25 years ago to protect us against big money interests paying for signatures to set aside Council-adopted measures.

Why should special interest groups and their paid professional signature gatherers be encouraged?

Amendment 5 will encourage special interest groups to hold up essential protections and bypass regular procedures. Don't be fooled. The current Charter has served us well. There is no need to change it.

Vote no on Amendment 5. Let the special interest groups know that Pierce County is not for sale.

*Committee Members: John Ladenburg, Robert Mack, Dawn Lucien*

### Rebuttal of Statement Against:

Opponents use fear tactics and terminology such as "special interest" to confuse the issue.

Pierce County Referendums 86-1 and 87-2 were filed by concerned citizens-- not "special interest". Hardworking residents, not paid signature gatherers put those measures on the ballot.

Do not let misleading arguments keep you from enjoying the same right to referendum in Pierce County that you are entitled to as a citizen of Washington State. Vote yes.

*Committee Members: Grant Pelesky, Geoff Hymans, Kelly Haughton*

### Rebuttal of Statement For:

Pierce County's current signature requirement works for Pierce County. Comparing state requirements to local requirements for referendum signatures is misleading. It is easier for special interest groups to concentrate their funds on the local level to frustrate the people's elected representatives.

The current referendum signature requirement has served Pierce County citizens well for 25 years. No good case has been made for changing the requirement. Why change something that works?

*Committee Members: John Ladenburg, Robert Mack, Dawn Lucien*

# Pierce County Charter Amendment

## Proposed Amendment No. 6 Presentation Of Annual Budget

**Official Ballot Title:** The Pierce County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Pierce County Charter concerning presentation of the annual budget and plans to the Council. This amendment would require the Executive to present the annual budget, comprehensive planning message, and six-year plan to the County Council 25 days earlier, at least 100 days prior to the end of the fiscal year. Shall this Charter Amendment be approved?

**Explanatory Statement:** The current Pierce County Charter provides that at least 75 days prior to the end of each fiscal year, the Executive shall present to the Council a complete budget and budget message. The current Pierce County Charter also provides that at least 75 days prior to the end of each even-numbered fiscal year, the County Executive shall present to the Council a comprehensive two-year plan. It also provides that within one year of taking office, the Executive shall prepare and present to the Council a six-year plan. Proposed Charter Amendment 6 provides that the complete budget and comprehensive planning message must be submitted 100 days prior to the end of the fiscal year. This is an increase from 75 days. The proposed Charter Amendment also adds the requirement that the 6 year plan be submitted at least 100 days prior to the end of the fiscal year.

### Statement For:

This straight-forward amendment increases the time from 75 days to 100 days to review and adopt the annual budget. Adding the extra 25 days will allow the council and *You* more time to thoroughly review and modify the increasingly complex and growing budget.

This amendment places no undue burden on the Executive since he still has well over two thirds of the year to develop the annual budget. But the additional 25 days (less than one third of the year) gives you and your council more time to thoroughly review, modify and adopt a budget that is rapidly approaching one billion dollars.

Voting *Yes* on this amendment provides more accountability to the budget process by allowing you and your council more time to closely question the agencies and department heads on how they plan to spend our tax dollars.

*Committee Member: Dave Morell*

### Statement Against:

Currently the Charter provides that the Executive Budget be presented to the Council 75 days prior to the end of the year, giving the Council more than two months to study and amend it. This provision is in our original Charter so that the Executive will have three full quarters of the current year to predict the expected revenue for the future year. Tax and revenue statements are produced by the State on a quarterly basis. Moving this date to 100 days will mean the Executive will only have one half year of information and make it more likely that revenue predictions will be wrong.

*Committee Member: John Ladenburg*

### Rebuttal of Statement Against:

The development of a fiscally sound budget requires time. We have two options. Either hire more staff to oversee the current budget process or allow an additional 25 days for the Council to undertake a more thorough and thoughtful budget review without significantly impacting the Executive's ability to forecast revenue. Staff will cost taxpayers money. More time costs taxpayers nothing. The choice is yours. Please Vote "*Yes*".

*Committee Member: Dave Morell*

### Rebuttal of Statement For:

The proponents don't understand the budget process. This will require a budget based on less information, therefore a worse budget that will need more work, not less. *All* local and State governments wait until they have three quarters of prior year data before submitting final budgets, this will create a budget that will need amendments within 30 days of submission. Current law gives the Council over ten weeks to work on the budget.

*Committee Member: John Ladenburg*

# Pierce County Charter Amendment

## Proposed Amendment No. 7 Executive Appointments

**Official Ballot Title:** The Pierce County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Pierce County Charter concerning Executive appointments requiring representation from specific council districts. This amendment would require that in the case of a board or commission requiring representation from specific council districts, the Executive must appoint from a list of three candidates supplied by the Councilmember representing those districts. Shall this Charter Amendment be approved?

**Explanatory Statement:** The current Pierce County Charter provides that the Executive shall appoint members of all boards and commissions, subject to confirmation by a majority of the County Council.

Proposed Charter Amendment 7 provides that if a board or commission, appointed by the Executive, requires a representative from specific council districts, the Executive must appoint members from a list of candidates supplied by the Councilmember representing those districts.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Statement For:</b></p> <p>This amendment attempts to create a balance on boards and commissions who make the recommendations and tough decisions affecting our lives, our children and our taxes. Many boards and commissions require a representative from each council district; however, the appointments are made by the executive and only confirmed by the council - often in the blind (except for a possible criminal background check.) This process is backwards.</p> <p>Commissions such as the Planning Commission are "packed" with only those voices which support the executive. The system stifles dissent which can result in gridlock, overcrowded schools and increased taxes.</p> <p>Your elected council members are in a much better position to understand what the people of their district want - they live there, they play there and they raise their children there. Vote <b>Yes</b> on this amendment and demand some balance in our boards and commissions.</p> <p><i>Committee Members: Dave Morell and Carolyn Merrival</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Statement Against:</b></p> <p>This amendment is a simple case of citizens versus cronies. If it passes, a single council member can nominate three candidates for a commission with the understanding two will decline to serve. The county executive will be left with only one choice. That's cronyism and if you're a citizen interested in working for your community, you could be left out in the cold.</p> <p>The current system works extremely well. The county advertises for citizens interested in serving on a commission. The County Executive reviews the applicants and sends a nominee to the County Council, which either accepts or rejects the nomination. This balance of power ensures there are qualified, willing candidates who are free of nepotism and partisan influence.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will tip the balance of power in favor of single council members and encourage the patronage and cronyism that was common before the charter form of county government.</p> <p><i>Committee Members: Burt Talcott, Mike Venuto, John Ladenburg</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rebuttal of Statement Against:</b></p> <p>The majority of appointments to commissions are to represent a certain Council District or geographical area. You trust your Council members enough to elect them, let's let them nominate willing individuals to the Executive that live, raise families, pay taxes, and have a passion to improve their community to make Pierce County a better place to live. Vote <b>"Yes"</b> for this amendment.</p> <p><i>Committee Members: Dave Morell and Carolyn Merrival</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rebuttal of Statement For:</b></p> <p>The Executive does not "appoint;" he advertises publicly for volunteers, selects and nominates the most qualified candidate for the Council to confirm or reject. The Council does not "confirm in the blind;" the Council and the public have access to the qualifications of all candidates. "Gridlock, overcrowded schools and increased taxes" are bogus phrases, unrelated to the amendment. The current system enhances diversity, and wisely prevents cronyism and patronage.</p> <p><i>Committee Members: Burt Talcott, Mike Venuto, John Ladenburg</i></p>

# Pierce County Charter Amendment

## Proposed Amendment No. 8 Balance Of Power

**Official Ballot Title:** The Pierce County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Pierce County Charter reducing the power of the Executive over elected executive departments. This amendment would give all elected officials administrative power over their departments regarding staff supervision, staff assignments and normal daily operations. Shall this Charter Amendment be approved?

**Explanatory Statement:** The current Pierce County Charter provides that the Executive is the Chief Executive Officer of the County and that the Executive has all executive powers of the County under the Charter.

Proposed Charter Amendment 8 provides that the Executive shall not have administrative power over any other elected executive department officials or their departments regarding staff supervision, staff assignments, or normal daily operations, except as provided in the Charter.

<b>Statement For:</b>	<b>Statement Against:</b>
<p>Under the present charter the County Executive is given administrative power over the Elected Assessor-Treasurer and Auditor if, he or she chooses to exercise that authority, even though these two positions are elected by the voters of Pierce County.</p> <p>Under the authority given to the Executive in the present charter, some have chosen to treat the other elected officials as their Directors, rather than equals. This Charter Amendment deserves a yes vote to assure all the voters the elected officials they elect can be held responsible for the administration of their offices.</p> <p><i>Committee Member: Cathy Pearsall-Stipek</i></p>	<p>This Charter amendment will waste thousands, maybe millions of dollars! Currently, two elected officials (Auditor, Assessor-Treasurer) are part of the Executive Department. The original Charter required this so that those elected officials would be required to use the Executive branch departments, such as Human Resources, Finance, and Information Technology. If these elected officials are allowed to set up their own departments, the duplication costs will increase every year.</p> <p>Allowing the creation of separate hiring systems, payroll systems, computer systems and policy rules will waste taxpayer money.</p> <p>There is no evidence of any interference in the actual running of these elected officials departments, just the requirement that taxpayers not be charged for the same work twice. Don't allow turf building and favoritism to creep back into County government.</p> <p><i>Committee Member: John Ladenburg</i></p>
<p><b>Rebuttal of Statement Against:</b></p> <p>Testimony at the Charter Review meetings from Deputy Prosecutor's and a representative from the County Executive Office, testified that they had no problem with this amendment as it would not allow the two Elected Officials' to duplicate Executive branch departments, but would only give all elected officials administrative power over their departments regarding staff supervision, staff assignments and normal daily operations.</p> <p>Voters don't fall for scare tactics. Vote <b>Yes</b> on Charter Amendment #8.</p> <p><i>Committee Member: Cathy Pearsall-Stipek</i></p>	<p><b>Rebuttal of Statement For:</b></p> <p>We need to make sure all elected officials of government use central accounting, personnel, and similar departments. If this amendment passes, those elected officials could ignore the tax savings mandated by the current Charter. The current system has saved us money for over 25 years, lets not play politics with the Charter to boost turf war between elected officials.</p> <p><i>Committee Member: John Ladenburg</i></p>

# Pierce County Charter Amendment

## Proposed Amendment No. 9 Eminent Domain

**Official Ballot Title:** The Pierce County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Pierce County Charter concerning taking of private property by the County for public use. This amendment would limit takings to those which are necessary to accomplish stated public uses and define and restrict taking of private property for private economic development. Shall this Charter Amendment be approved?

**Explanatory Statement:** Currently, the Pierce County Charter makes no provision regarding the subject of eminent domain, although the subject is addressed in the Washington State Constitution, Washington State Statutes and case law.

Proposed Charter Amendment 9 defines the terms “public use” and “economic development” for purposes of eminent domain.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Statement For:</b></p> <p><b>Why this Amendment is Needed:</b> Washington used to have one of the most protective State Constitutions when it came to eminent domain – government’s power to take your property. But a series of decisions by the State Supreme Court destroyed Washington’s constitutional protections. This Amendment restores the intent of Washington’s founders to protect our homes and businesses from government abuse.</p> <p><b>A chance to lead by example:</b> With this amendment, Pierce County will lead Washington State by protecting homes and businesses from special interests with disproportionate influence over the political process. This amendment will prevent massive corporations from using their influence to turn your home into their next development.</p> <p><b>A step forward:</b> As Charter Review Commissioners, we had some of the best constitutional lawyers in the state review this amendment. Don’t let exaggerated claims and fear tactics by those opposed to protecting your homes fool you – this amendment is a step forward to a County where every person’s home receives the protection it deserves.</p> <p><i>Committee Members: Jim Walton, Mike Venuto, Geoff Hymans</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Statement Against:</b></p> <p>The law of eminent domain (which permits governments to take private property for a public use with reasonable compensation) is necessary. Governments need reasonable rights to acquire property for public purposes such as roads, utilities, parks, and landfills. Only the interpretations by some courts have been questioned. The law limits excesses by irresponsible agencies, legislators and jurists. The Washington State Constitution has eminent domain protection, which is superior to federal, and most state laws – a nice balance between government needs and private property rights. There has been no serious complaint of any flaw in Washington state law or our County Charter regarding an improper taking of private property for legitimate public purpose without reasonable compensation. This will allow individuals to threaten litigation to hold up a new highway or important project and blackmail government for higher prices. Protect private property, reasonable public projects and taxpayers; vote <i>No!</i></p> <p><i>Committee Members: Burt Talcott, Beckie Summers, John Ladenburg</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rebuttal of Statement Against:</b></p> <p>Those against this amendment claim that it allows citizens to blackmail the government. This is the <i>opposite</i> of what happens when the government uses eminent domain for an improper purpose. Without common-sense protections, the government can blackmail citizens with the loss of their homes, their businesses, and the lives they have built. The government that takes citizens’ property for <i>legitimate</i> purposes has <i>nothing</i> to fear from this amendment. Vote “<i>Yes</i>” on Amendment 9!</p> <p><i>Committee Members: Jim Walton, Mike Venuto, Geoff Hymans</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rebuttal of Statement For:</b></p> <p>Washington’s Constitution was <i>Not</i> affected by recent Federal cases. Our Washington Supreme Court has <i>Not</i> diminished our Constitutional rights at all. The Charter Review Commission ignored the advice of the Prosecuting Attorney to not write Constitutional law into the Charter with this amendment. Their “Constitutional Lawyers” were simply their radical friends. This provision is dangerous and unneeded. The Charter is not the place to attempt to change the State Constitution.</p> <p><i>Committee Members: Burt Talcott, Beckie Summers, John Ladenburg</i></p>

# Pierce County

## Auditor



**Pat McCarthy**  
**Democrat**  
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**Education:** University of Washington, Tacoma; Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude Graduate.

**Occupation:** Pierce County Auditor.

**Professional Qualifications:** Pierce County Auditor; Former Pierce County Deputy Auditor; Washington State Certified Elections Administrator; Nationally Certified Public Official in Management, Recording, and Elections; Nationally Certified Elections/Voter Registration Administrator; Washington State Auditor of the Year, 2005.

**Personal Information:** Married to John for 31 years; four adult children and one grandson.

**Community Involvement:** Past Tacoma School Board Member; Past President of Tacoma South Rotary; City Club Board Member; American Leadership Fellow; Named Honorary Commander of McChord Air Force Base.

**Personal Views:** "As Auditor, my main responsibility is to administer our elections in a fair, professional and impartial manner that protects the integrity of the electoral process. My record demonstrates that I take that responsibility very seriously. Voting in Pierce County has never been more secure. We have procedures in place to guarantee the accuracy of each vote. I've worked to ensure stability by supporting a transparent process that encourages public inspection of the election results. We've made customer satisfaction our top priority in elections, licensing and recording services. As your Auditor, I will continue to manage this office in the most cost-efficient way possible, while providing superior service to the voters of Pierce County. Thank you."

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**Republican**  
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**Education:** Auburn High 1981. USAF NCO Leadership Training 1989. Nursing Degree, Tacoma Community College 2001.

**Occupation:** Registered Nurse, Saint Joseph's Medical center.

**Professional Qualifications:** I have the leadership skills to run an effective, efficient auditors office with the highest levels of integrity. I expect the best from myself and those who work with me. I have spent most of my life in the service of others, in the Air Force and as a medical professional.

**Personal Information:** Gulf War 1991 veteran, eight year resident of Lakewood. Married and together we have four children.

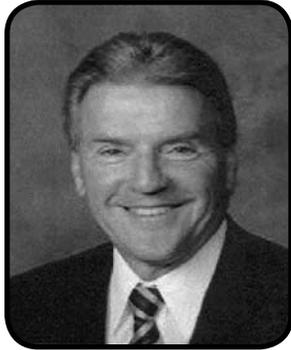
**Community Involvement:** Active with my son's Cub Scout troop. Fort Steilacoom Park playground volunteer.

**Personal Views:** Time to end the pick a party primaries. I support the proposed charter amendment which would eliminate the primary for county officials. Time for a change in the auditors office. The 2004 election result indicate a lack of proactive leadership to ensure only legal ballots were cast. Auditor manpower should be allocated to continually research voting rolls ensuring only legal citizens are registered to vote. For example, felons (without restored rights), those casting multiple ballots, non US citizens who vote must be prosecuted. Proper ballot handling must be held to the highest standards. I will work hard to earn your vote. [www.darrelshiley.com](http://www.darrelshiley.com).

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# Pierce County

## Prosecuting Attorney



Gerald A. Horne

Democrat

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**Education:** Gonzaga University Law School; Central Washington State College.

**Occupation:** Prosecuting Attorney

**Professional Qualifications:** Manage 116 attorneys prosecuting 20,000 offenders each year; 11 years as Chief Criminal Deputy, working with some of this nation's best homicide detectives in prosecuting scores of murder cases; 7 years active duty as Air Force Special Agent; 22 years military reserves (retired Lt Col). Selected in 1979 to relocate to Tacoma as Special Deputy Prosecutor investigating Pierce County's corruption scandals, i.e. organized enterprise to control "night-life" clubs via arson and violence.

**Personal Information:** Wife Jeri; 8 grandchildren. Grew up in rural, working-class family of 7 children. Confirmed in Lutheran Church.

**Community Involvement:**

**Personal Views:** I take pride in being a part of a dedicated staff that works for compassionate *justice* with great resolve, professionalism, and empathy for victims. My office convicts almost as many felons as King County and we do it with half the staff. We convict 3 times as many felons as Snohomish and Spokane Counties. And, we are doing more than sending offenders to prison. We attack causes of violent crime, e.g. gangs, domestic violence, and disproportionate dumping of state prison convicts in our neighborhoods. We also partner with local drug treatment providers in breaking the cycle of drug abuse and crime.



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# Pierce County

## County Council, District No. 1

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**Shawn Bunney**  
**Republican**

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**Education:** BA (Public Administration); UPS Law School Graduate.

**Occupation:** Pierce County Council Chairman.

**Professional Qualifications:** Four years as Councilman (two as Chairman); 10+ years as legal counsel to County Council.

**Personal Information:** Shawn and his wife Patti reside in the Lake Tapps community.

**Community Involvement:** Boy Scouts District Chairman; Co-Chair, Lake Tapps Task Force.

**Personal Views: Promises Made:** In 2002 Shawn promised to create healthy and safe youth activities from "schools out to lights out"; to work for less government expense with more efficient services; and to focus government on core services that create good jobs and economic growth. **Promises Kept:** Since 2002, Shawn's accomplishments include over \$400,000 invested in supervised activities to keep kids busy and out-of-trouble; budget cuts and improved County operations through performance audit implementation; funding sheriff deputies for first ever 24/7 coverage; formally established economic development as Pierce County's top priority; and Shawn is chairman of the regional effort to fix our traffic mess. Other accomplishments include bringing together low income seniors and local farmers by providing vouchers for fresh local produce; founding Chairman of the Family Justice Center, making one-stop domestic violence victim services a reality; acquiring over 100 acres of new park land and funding miles of new trails. *Shawn keeps his promises.*

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## County Council, District No. 5

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**Barbara Gelman**  
**Democrat**

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(253) 531-7670

**Education:** BA Political Science, PLU

**Occupation:** County Councilmember

**Professional Qualifications:** County Councilmember, 2003-Current, and 1984-1992; Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer 1993-2000

**Personal Information:** I am a life-long resident of the Parkland-Spanaway-Midland area, graduating from Lincoln High School, Pierce College, and Pacific Lutheran University. My husband, Herb, and I have raised 4 children.

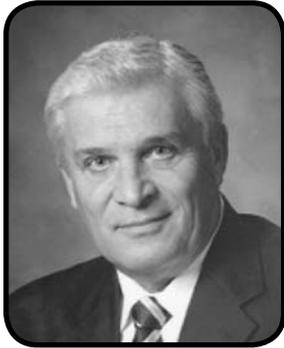
**Community Involvement:** I have spent the last 20+ years working on behalf of my community, serving on numerous boards and commissions, named Municipal League Citizen of the Year in 2002, and received the 2006 Distinguished Alumnus Award from PLU.

**Personal Views:** Customer service and working for the public interest is my number one priority. I will continue to focus on efforts to revitalize our neighborhoods and commercial centers by identifying ways to fund streetscape enhancements and needed improvements which promote economic viability throughout District 5. I will continue to sponsor a traffic calming program to stop speeding in our neighborhoods and will ensure the Neighborhood Deputy Patrol Officer program is fully funded and implemented for the safety of our communities. More importantly, I will work hard to ensure all citizens are treated fairly and that government works for you. *I ask for your vote on November 7th!*

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# Pierce County

## County Council, District No. 7



**Terry Lee**  
**Republican**  
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Gig Harbor, WA 98332  
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**Education:** Curtis High School. Central Washington University, B.A. Zoology and Chemistry. Post graduate studies in Nuclear Physics and Radiology.

**Occupation:** Vice Chairman Pierce County Council

**Professional Qualifications:** Peninsula Advisory Commission 1983 - 1991, Pierce County Planning Commission 1991 - 2001, chair 7 years.

**Personal Information:** Married 34 years to Donna. Two children, Megan and Cooper. Raised in University Place 26 years, currently live on Gig Harbor peninsula 33 years

**Community Involvement:** Coach, Peninsula Athletic Association; Indian Guides Scouting; Young Life; Audubon Society; Gig Harbor Chapel Hill Church; Tacoma Elks; and IBEW Local 76.

**Personal Views:** It's been a privilege to serve as your councilmember for the last 4 years. I led the effort to provide 24/7 Sheriff's protection on the peninsulas, the first domestic violence kiosk in Pierce County, the first Metro Park Districts in unincorporated areas, and have worked hard to balance environmental protection and personal property rights. With possible ownership change at Tacoma Narrows Airport, the state mandate to update our shoreline regulations, and continuing to look for ways to protect our public health, safety, and welfare, there's much more to do. I will continue to work hard to make sure your tax dollars are used efficiently and everyone is represented fairly. Thank you for your support.

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# Court of Appeals

## Division 2, District 1, Position 3



**Christine Quinn-Brintnall**  
2909 N 19th St  
Tacoma, WA 98406  
(253) 219-0481

**Education:** University of Puget Sound Law School, honors.

**Occupation:** Chief Judge, Court of Appeals, Division 2.

**Professional Qualifications:** Court of Appeals Judge, 6 years judicial experience, wrote 500 opinions. Former prosecutor for 21 years (15 criminal, 6 civil), prosecuted major crimes.

**Personal Information:** Married, raised two sons in Tacoma.

**Community Involvement:** Public school reading tutor, Emergency Food Network, Tacoma Youth Symphony.

**Personal Views:** Our judges must be independent, knowledgeable in criminal and civil law, and have extensive trial and appeals experience. Judge Christine Quinn-Brintnall has exactly those qualities, having served our community for 27 years as a judge and prosecutor. She has the experience and commitment we need on the Court. Chris's dedication to the law has earned her widespread, **bipartisan community support**. Endorsements: Justice Vernon Pearson (ret.), Executive John Ladenburg, Judge James P. Healy (ret.), Tacoma Firefighters #31, Pierce County Prosecuting Attorneys Association, Debbie Regala, General Bill Harrison (former Lakewood Mayor), Dr. Fulton Buntain, Lorraine Wojahn, Calvin Goings, Ron Thompson, Tim Farrell, Mayor David Viafore, and judges and officials throughout Pierce County. Judge Quinn-Brintnall's experience and sound judgment make her the clear choice in this election. On November 7th, **please vote to keep the Court of Appeals independent from politics**. Vote for the experienced candidate – Judge Christine Quinn-Brintnall.

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# District Court

## Position No. 1

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Jack F. Nevin  
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**Education:** Gonzaga University School of Law, JD, MBA, MS; Washington State University, BA

**Occupation:** Pierce County District Court Judge

**Professional Qualifications:** Pierce County District Court Judge; Pierce County Deputy Prosecutor; Legal Advisor, Pierce County Sheriff's Department; General, United States Army Reserve; Adjunct Professor, Seattle University School of Law

**Personal Information:** Married to Cheryl, 28 years

**Community Involvement:** Tacoma Narrows Rotary Club; Tacoma-Pierce County Chaplaincy Board; Paint Tacoma Beautiful; Judges in the Classroom

**Personal Views:** Judge Jack Nevin has the proven experience we need on the District Court Bench. A graduate of the Gonzaga University School of Law and Washington State University, Nevin is a former Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, Pierce County Deputy Prosecutor, and Legal Advisor for the Pierce County Sheriff's Department. Jack is a Brigadier General in the United States Army Reserve and he was named "Judge of the Year" by the Washington State Trial Lawyers Association. Judge Nevin is endorsed by the Washington Council of Police Officers & Sheriffs, the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorneys' Association, the Tacoma Firefighters #31, Pierce County Prosecutor Gerry Horne, the Law Enforcement Administrators of Washington, and the Pierce County Sheriffs Guild.

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## Position No. 2

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David M. Kenworthy  
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**Education:** Two Bachelor of Science degrees, Iowa State University; Juris Doctorate, Georgetown University Law Center; Masters of Business Administration and Public Administration, University of Puget Sound

**Occupation:** District Court Judge, 1995 – present

**Professional Qualifications:** Attorney, 1971 – 1994; Admitted to practice in Washington, U. S. Supreme Court, and Federal District Court

**Personal Information:** Tacoma resident since 1979; Colonel of Marines (Retired)

**Community Involvement:** Life Member – Veterans of Foreign Wars, Marine Corps League and Military Officers Association; Member – various alumni and professional associations

**Personal Views:** It is a privilege to continue to serve as one of the judges of Pierce County District Court. I'll keep doing my best to ensure that every case is fairly and efficiently tried.

# District Court

## Position No. 3

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**Frank Dacca**  
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Tacoma, WA 98402  
(253) 312-3460

**Education:** Fife High School; University of Washington, BA; University of California, Davis, JD.

**Occupation:** Pierce County District Court Judge.

**Professional Qualifications:** Pierce County District Court Judge; Attorney, 33 years; Pro Tem and Municipal Judge and Arbitrator, 25 years; Federal Prosecutor; Law Clerk, Washington Supreme Court; United States Army Reserves, 6 years.

**Personal Information:** Married to Terry for 32 years; they raised 2 sons, Ryan and Joe, in Gig Harbor.

**Community Involvement:** Fife Park & Senior Services Board; Fife-Milton Rotary; Tacoma Urban League; Fife Historical Society; Youth education & sports.

**Personal Views:** As a lifelong resident of Pierce County, Judge Dacca is honored to serve our community. Frank attended local schools, served proudly in the military and was a small business owner. Judge Dacca has a reputation for integrity, hard work, compassion and fairness in the courtroom. Frank's record demonstrates his strong commitment to public safety, victims' rights, accountability and justice. Judge Dacca has broad community support, including: **Tacoma Firefighters #31, County Prosecutor Gerald Horne, Pierce County Sheriffs' Guild, Councilmembers Terry Lee and Calvin Goings, Retired Justice Vernon Pearson, Judge Elaine Houghton, Washington Council of Police Officers & Sheriffs, Pierce County Prosecuting Attorneys' Association, Representative Jan Shabro and Senator Rosa Franklin.**

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## Position No. 4

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**James R. Heller**  
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Tacoma, WA 98402  
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**Education:** BA University of Northern Iowa; JD University of Seattle

**Occupation:** District Court Judge

**Professional Qualifications:** I have been elected five terms as District Court Judge, I am a Jurist Member of the American Inns of Court. I have taught at the National Judicial College. I have previously served as a board member for the District and Municipal Court Judges Association.

**Personal Information:** Married with children and grandchildren

**Community Involvement:** Prior board member for the Tacoma Public Utilities.

**Personal Views:** It has been my privilege to serve the citizens of Pierce County. I have pursued the ideals set forth in our court's mission statement. I ask for your support so that I can continue to do so. *The mission of Pierce County District Court, as an independent and impartial branch of government, is to promote respect for law, society and individual rights; provide open, accessible and effective forums for dispute resolution; resolve legal matters in a just, efficient and timely manner and assure the dignified and fair treatment of all parties.*

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# District Court

## Position No. 5

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Judy Jasprica  
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**Education:** University of Puget Sound, BA, JD with honors

**Occupation:** Pierce County District Court Judge

**Professional Qualifications:** Pierce County District Court Judge, Pierce County District Court Commissioner, Pro Tem Judge, Attorney

**Personal Information:** Mother, one son

**Community Involvement:** Parent volunteer in numerous activities; public speaker; District & Municipal Court Judges Association; Assistant Dean, Washington State Judicial College

**Personal Views:** Our judges need to reflect the values of our community. We expect our judges to be fair, but firm when dispensing justice. And, that's exactly what we get every day from Judge Judy Jasprica. She is a judge we can always count on to be honest, tough and fair. When a coordinated response was needed to address the serious problem of domestic violence, Judge Jasprica was instrumental in the creation of the Domestic Violence Court—the first of it's kind in Pierce County. Judy is a life-long member of our community. Born and raised in Tacoma, she graduated from Mount Tahoma High School, the University of Puget Sound and UPS Law School. Judge Jasprica seeks to embody the mission of Pierce County District Court which promotes respect for the law, society and individual rights. Judge Jasprica is working to earn our support. Let's keep Judge Judy Jasprica working for us!

## Position No. 6

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Maggie Ross  
2522 N Proctor St #421  
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**Education:** University of Puget Sound School of Law; Western Washington University.

**Occupation:** Pierce County District Court Judge.

**Professional Qualifications:** Pierce County District Court Judge; District Court Commissioner; Ruston Municipal Court Judge; Deputy Prosecuting Attorney; Washington Traffic Safety Commission, Law & Justice Committee; Commission on Judicial Conduct, Alternate Member; Board of Court Education, Member; District & Municipal Court Judges Association, Judicial Ethics Instructor.

**Personal Information:** Married; two children.

**Community Involvement:** Paint Tacoma Beautiful; YMCA Soccer Club Volunteer; Foss & Stadium High School Booster Clubs; Tacoma City Club; St. Patrick Parish Member; "Ethics in the Judiciary" Speaker, Foss High School.

**Personal Views:** Judge Maggie Ross has nearly 25 years of experience making sound judgments on behalf of all the citizens in our community. Before her election to the District Court, Maggie was a Pierce County Commissioner and Deputy Prosecutor. Judge Ross has received support from leaders across the community because of her exceptional ability and willingness to listen, interpret and apply the law objectively. Maggie is endorsed in this election by the Tacoma Firefighters #31, County Prosecutor Gerry Horne, Pierce County Sheriffs' Guild, Washington Council of Police Officers & Sheriffs, and the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorneys' Association. Maggie Ross is a judge we can all depend upon to be fair and decisive.

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# District Court

## Position No. 7

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Karla Buttorff  
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**Education:** Juris Doctor, Seattle University; Bachelor of Arts in History, St. Louis University, St. Louis Missouri; Registered Nurse, St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri.

**Occupation:** Elected Judge, District Court.

**Professional Qualifications:** Judge, District Court, Attorney at Law, Licensed Registered Nurse.

**Personal Information:** Married to Bob with very strong ties to the community; successful ascent of Mt. Rainer; avid fly fisherman and birdwatcher.

**Community Involvement:** City Club, Washington Women Lawyers, Paint Tacoma.

**Personal Views:** I am honored to serve on the Pierce County District Court. I have proven my abilities as a judge and my commitment to enforce the laws that provide a safe community. My experience as a nurse enhances my ability to ensure that all parties are treated with respect, dignity and fairness. *Justice Vernon R. Pearson, Washington Supreme Court, Ret.* states "**Judge Buttorff has earned the trust placed in her by the electorate and is worthy of retention on the Pierce County District Court.**" Endorsed by: Firefighters #31, State Auditor Brian Sonntag, Senator Rosa Franklin, County Councilman Dick Muri, Port Commissioner Connie Bacon, Senator Lorraine Wojahn, Ret., Lucille Hurst, Dr. Douglas Buttorff, among many others. I thank you for your support and vote.

## Position No. 8

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Pat O'Malley  
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**Education:** University of Minnesota, BA; Gonzaga University, J.D.; Executive Programs at Stanford Business School, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; General Jurisdiction - National Judicial College.

**Occupation:** *District Court Judge* - heard civil and criminal misdemeanor trials, anti-harassment petitions, drunk driving actions and traffic infractions.

**Professional Qualifications:** *Practicing attorney* (25 years), representing parties in civil, criminal, and land use matters. *Port of Tacoma Commissioner* (16 years). *Pierce County Councilman* (6 years), chairing the Criminal Justice Task Force, which improved the efficiency of the courts, sheriff, jail and probation department, while reducing costs. Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, overseeing the performance audit of the Sheriff's Department and County Court System. Legislative Committee for the Municipal and District Court Judges Association.

**Personal Information:** My wife Enid and I have 3 boys ages 13-19. Retired navy officer awarded combat action medal.

**Community Involvement:** Current Member *Pierce County Developmental Disabilities Board*, formerly Board member *Washington Council of International Trade, Japan American Society; Clover Park and Bethel School Bond Levy Committees.*

**Personal Views:** My extensive experience in the fields of law, business, international trade, management, and public affairs provide me the ability to resolve contentious issues while listening and respecting all opinions.

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# Tacoma Municipal Court

## Position No. 1

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**David B. Ladenburg**  
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**Education:**

**Occupation:**

**Professional Qualifications:**

**Personal Information:**

**Community Involvement:**

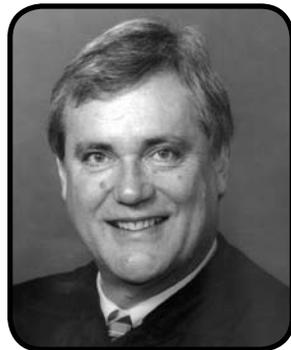
**Personal Views:** I have been privileged to serve the citizens of Tacoma as Municipal Court Judge for the past four years overseeing Tacoma's Domestic Violence Court. Through the efforts of the staff and attorneys we have delivered justice while helping to positively address the needs of those who come before the court. I see this position as a chance to effect positive change for the families confronted by issues of domestic violence. I believe individuals coming before the court must be held accountable for their actions and reminded of the responsibility they owe to themselves and their families. I ask for your consideration and support to continue in this important work and pledge my utmost effort on your behalf to stem this tide of violence.

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## Position No. 2

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**Jack Emery**  
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**Education:** University of Washington School of Law; Gonzaga University, Bellarmine Preparatory

**Occupation:** Tacoma Municipal Court Judge

**Professional Qualifications:** Tacoma Municipal Court Judge; National Judicial College; Attorney, 27 years

**Personal Information:** Life-long resident of Pierce County; Vietnam Veteran

**Community Involvement:** St. John Bosco Church; Optimist Club; Kiwanis; Boys and Girls Club; King Center Board Member

**Personal Views:** Judge Jack Emery is working for us as the presiding judge on the Tacoma Municipal Court Bench. For the past eight years, Judge Emery has heard hundreds of cases in his Courtroom. Every citizen appearing before Judge Emery is guaranteed an impartial and fair hearing based upon the facts and the evidence presented. We can count on Judge Emery to continue dispensing fair and reasoned judgments. Born and raised in our community, Jack Emery graduated from Bellarmine Prep and the University of Washington School of Law. Jack is a Vietnam veteran and he has been extensively involved with service and charitable organizations in our community.

# Tacoma Municipal Court

## Position No. 3



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**Education:** Central Washington University, B.A., 1981, Magna Cum Laude; U.P.S. School of Law, J.D., 1984

**Occupation:** Tacoma Municipal Court Judge

**Professional Qualifications:** Managing Partner/Attorney: Griffin, Imperiale & Verhey P.S.; Court Commissioner, Pierce County District Court; Pierce County Superior Court Elected Pro Tem Judge; District & Municipal Court Judges Association: Board of Governors

**Personal Information:** Judge Betsy Verhey lives in Tacoma with her husband, Jim Leggett and their two sons.

**Community Involvement:** Children's Home Society: Past Chair & Board Member; Big Brothers Big Sisters of King & Pierce Counties: Past Advisory Council Member, Board Member, Officer, & President; Catholic Woman's Club: Member & Past President; Zonta Club of Tacoma: Board Member; American Association of University Women: Past Board Member

**Personal Views:** Judge Verhey works hard to maintain the highest personal & professional standards and increase the efficiency of the Court. Through her leadership as Presiding Judge, the Court received the 2002 Pierce County DUI & Traffic Safety Award for its re-licensing program and maintained the community service work crew, as an alternative to incarceration and fines, saving taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars. With your continued support, Judge Verhey will continue her dedication to public safety, judicial economy, and judicial fairness. It is important to us all to retain judges of her caliber – **Firm but Fair.**

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# City of Auburn

Special Election – Proposition No. 1  
Submitted by the City of Auburn  
CREATION OF REGIONAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE AUTHORITY

**Official Ballot Title:** The Regional Fire Protection Service Authority Planning Committee has submitted to the Cities of Auburn, Algona and Pacific a Regional Fire Service Plan to create a Regional Fire Protection Service Authority under chapter 52.26 RCW. If this measure is approved, it would approve the Plan to create a regional authority for fire protection and emergency services funded with fire benefit charges (not more than 60% of operating budget) and property taxes (not more than \$1.50/\$1,000 assessed value). The maximum City property tax rate would be reduced by the tax rate collected by the Authority. Fire benefit charges would be authorized for 2008 through 2013, during which time the Authority's maximum property tax would be reduced to \$1.00/\$1,000. Should the Plan for a Regional Fire Protection Service Authority be approved?

**Explanatory Statement:** Many cities have seen decreasing revenues, while public safety demands increase. One option that could help is a regional fire protection services authority, which allows several cities to consolidate fire departments to provide cost effective services. These authorities are distinct municipal entities with operations overseen by governing boards consisting of representatives of the participating entities. These authorities have separate funding sources; property taxes and benefit charges. The taxing authority of participating jurisdictions is reduced, but because cities often fund fire departments with more than the property tax dollars that would go to the authority, creating an authority could free up revenue to help fund police and other services.

Algona, Auburn and Pacific have developed a plan to be submitted to their voters which if approved would create a regional fire protection services authority with equal representation for each city, funded with fire benefit charges (not more than 60% of operating budget) and/or property taxes (limited at \$1.50/\$1,000 assessed value). City tax rate limits would be reduced by the tax rate collected by the authority. Fire benefit charges would also be authorized for 2008 - 2013, during which time the authority's tax rate limit would be reduced from \$1.50/\$1,000 to \$1.00/\$1,000.

## Statement For:

Approving Proposition One will consolidate the fire and medical response services for Auburn, Algona and Pacific. This is a common sense approach to keeping costs down by combining equipment and staff while maintaining the level of service we have grown to expect.

A fire benefit charge is a fair way to fund a Regional Fire Authority. The square footage of a business or home will determine the cost. The average cost for a \$250,000 home will be about \$5.00 per month to have the best available fire protection and medical response.

Having lived in the Auburn area for many years, we have enjoyed the benefits of good fire and medical response. We are willing to pay an additional \$5.00 per month to maintain that level of service and give us peace of mind. Please vote yes with us to keep our cities and families well protected.

*Committee Members: Bob Johnson, Dick Kammeyer, David Cook*

## Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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# City of Milton

Special Election – Proposition No. 1  
Submitted by the City of Milton

## TEMPORARY LEVY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AND SERVICES

**Official Ballot Title:** To continue to assist in the funding of emergency medical care and emergency medical services, shall the City of Milton be authorized to temporarily levy additional regular property taxes at a rate of up to fifty cents per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation, for collection in 2007 and every year thereafter in the years 2007 - 2012?

**Explanatory Statement:** The Milton City Council requests voter authorization of a temporary property tax levy to provide necessary funding for emergency medical services. This levy will be the City of Milton's primary source of funding for emergency medical services for Milton residents. The levy proceeds will be used by the City of Milton exclusively for emergency medical services. The Milton City Council request voter authorization in order to provide stable funding for emergency medical services when volunteer coverage is unavailable. If approved by the voters, this proposition will allow the City of Milton to establish the levy at the rate of 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and provide necessary funding for emergency medical services.

### Statement For:

#### *Vote yes for EMS*

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) accounts for 80% of your Fire Department's responses. The levy would increase staffing and ensure faster response times.

#### *This EMS Levy will help save more lives*

This EMS levy will provide for paid responders to be on duty during the high volume hours when our current volunteer staff is least likely to be available.

The levy is an "Excess" levy, meaning disabled and low income elderly are exempt. Citizens have been paying 26 cents per thousand on a fire engine bond that expires this year. The "new" additional cost is only 24 cents per thousand. The revenue generated may only be used for medical responses.

#### *Milton Firefighters Association needs your support.*

All Pierce County Cities and almost every Fire District have an EMS levy. Most of these Departments measure response time in seconds rather than minutes. Your "Yes" vote will enable us to provide the same level of service as neighboring Fire Departments.

*Committee Members: Milton Loflin, Dave Lindenmuth, Walter Sterrenburg*

### Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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# City of Pacific

Special Election – Proposition No. 1  
Submitted by the City of Pacific  
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**Statement For:**

No statement was submitted for this issue.

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**Statement Against:**

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# City of Tacoma

Special Election – Proposition No. 1  
Submitted by the City of Tacoma  
RESIDENTIAL STREET MAINTENANCE LEVY

**Official Ballot Title:** The City of Tacoma’s Proposition No. 1 concerns a temporary property tax levy to fund residential street maintenance as proposed by Tacoma Resolution No. 36958. This Proposition would increase Tacoma’s regular property tax levy to increase funding for residential street maintenance by approximately \$8,000,000 annually from 2007 through 2012 by increasing the City’s regular property tax levy by \$0.48/\$1,000 of assessed value for six years commencing in 2007. The increase will remain at \$0.48/\$1,000 of assessed value in years two through six with no additional annual increase. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

**Explanatory Statement:** The City of Tacoma requests voters to approve a six year increase in their regular property tax levy for the purpose of funding residential street maintenance in Tacoma. Approximately 8,800 blocks of residential streets in the City require regular maintenance. The current level of funding for street maintenance in the City’s budget allows the City to maintain only 25 blocks of residential streets per year.

The levy would commence in 2007 and cease at the end of 2012. The levy would raise approximately \$8,000,000 annually by imposing an additional regular property tax levy in the amount of \$0.48 per \$1,000 of assessed value for a period of six years. All funds raised by this levy will be used exclusively to fund the City’s residential street maintenance program.

The maximum allowable dollar amount of the final annual levy in 2012 will not be used to compute the limitations on levy increases occurring after the expiration of the period.

Homeowners 61 years or older, or disabled, and who meet low-income requirements may qualify for a property tax exemption.

## Statement For:

### 75% of Tacoma’s Streets Need Repair

Proposition 1 is a cost efficient measure providing \$48 million over a six-year period for needed repair of our neighborhood streets.

Engineering reports show that of the 8,800 residential blocks in Tacoma, over three-fourths suffer various stages of disrepair. The current City budget only has enough money to fix 24 blocks this year. At that rate, it would take over 200 years to repair Tacoma’s streets.

### A Significant Return on Our Investment

The cost of Proposition 1 for a \$200,000 home is \$98 annually for six years. Every dollar raised will go directly to residential street repair in our neighborhoods.

Proposition 1 is a responsible use of our tax dollars and an important investment for Tacoma. Please vote yes for safer streets and a better quality of life for all of our Tacoma neighborhoods.

**Vote for Tacoma. Vote Yes for Proposition 1.**

*Committee Members: Mike Crowley, Nancy Davis, Patty Rose*

## Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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# City of University Place

Special Election – Proposition No. 1  
Submitted by the City of University Place  
LEVY LID LIFT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

**Official Ballot Title:** The City Council of the City of University Place passed Ordinance No. 476 concerning voter approval of a levy lid lift for capital improvements. If approved, this proposition would provide funds for constructing and maintaining capital improvements (such as sidewalks, streetlights, and purchase, conservation, and development of parks and trails). If approved, this proposition would authorize a maximum City regular property tax levy of \$1.60/\$1,000 assessed value for collection in 2007 (about 24.3¢ above the 2006 rate), all as provided in the ordinance. The 2007 levy would be used to compute the levy lid on future levies. Should this proposition be approved?

**Explanatory Statement:** Proposition No. 1 would provide funding for construction and maintenance of capital improvements, including but not limited to sidewalks, streetlights, and for the purchase, conservation and development and maintenance of parks and trails. The "levy lid" (ch. 84.55 RCW) limits annual property taxes to 101% of the City's previous highest levy amount, plus certain adjustments (e.g., new construction), unless voters approve a proposition for a greater increase. This proposition would authorize an increase of about \$0.243/\$1,000 over the 2006 levy rate, which was \$1.357/\$1,000 assessed value. If approved, the levy rate for collection in 2007 would be no greater than \$1.60/\$1,000 assessed value. The estimate of \$1.60/\$1,000 is based on 2006 assessed values. The 2007 levy would be used to compute the levy lid on future property tax levies.

## Statement For:

University Place is a great place to live, work, attend school and raise our families. Since incorporation, our city has made dramatic improvements to its look and safety. For a variety of reasons the funding sources that brought us many capital improvements including safer streets, street lights, sidewalks, parks, and land acquisition for conservation and public use has been dramatically reduced. This proposition will enable our community to continue a measured approach to build upon our previous successes. The Capital Strategies Task Force comprised of U.P. citizens, in concert with a consultant's survey of U.P. residents, found that the majority of our community wants to continue making improvements for sidewalks, street lights, park and trail land acquisition. Do we want to continue building on a future for a safer community for about \$158 a year on a home assessed at \$310,000. If so, please support your community and this proposition.

*Committee Members: Ed Smith and Janette Parent*

## Statement Against:

It is always easy to ask for more...more money for capital improvements, more money for operating funds, more money for libraries, more money for schools, more money for fire districts. The harsh reality is that government spending has continued to grow. Overall spending (\$50 million in 9 years) in University Place has gone up 27.3% in the past five years. Proposition 1 will increase University Place taxes by 46.8%, local school taxes will increase approximately 29.6%, library taxes will increase 48.6% if approved, fire district taxes are up 35.3% over the past 5 years. The voters have spoken repeatedly in the initiative process that they expect government officials to live within their means - Not simply raise taxes. Your no vote counts, a simple majority will approve this tax hike. Proposition 1 will simply sanction higher government spending, something we can ill afford.

**Vote No** on Proposition 1.

*Committee Members: Dennis Flann and Christopher Getchell*

## Rebuttal of Statement Against:

U.P. voters do respond to logical and clearly defined initiatives. Prop 1 clearly spells out an approach to continue safety improvements for sidewalks, street lights, trail and park land acquisition at a cost of about \$13.00 per month for a house assessed at \$310,000. U.P. has received over \$20 million in federal grants. Many grants require some local matching money – your \$13.00 a month may be the seed money for much larger funding.

*Committee Members: Ed Smith and Janette Parent*

## Rebuttal of Statement For:

Are you being told the whole truth? Is University Place a place you can afford to live and then retire in? Fixed incomes are in everyone's future, controlling taxation *now* benefits everyone later. The Capital Strategies task force advised the City Council to *wait on tax increases* and let Town Center mature. It is not just \$158, it is \$496 per year total on a \$310,000 house if Proposition 1 passes. **Please Vote No.**

*Committee Members: Dennis Flann and Christopher Getchell*

# Fire Protection District No. 13

## Browns Point - Dash Point Fire Department

Special Election – Proposition No. 1

Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 13 (Browns Point - Dash Point Fire Department)  
RE-AUTHORIZING PREVIOUSLY EXISTING PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE

**Official Ballot Title:** The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 13 passed Resolution No. 06-241 proposing to re-authorize the previously existing regular property tax levy rate. If passed, Proposition No. 1 would permit the District to levy for collection in 2007 the regular property tax at the rate of \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, which is the rate authorized previously by the voters, thereby lifting the revenue limitation in Chapter 84.55 RCW. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

**Explanatory Statement:** Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 13, a junior taxing district located in Pierce County, is placing a lid lift proposition on the November 7, 2006 ballot. This proposition will re-authorize the property tax levy rate to remain at \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The proposition is presented to provide voters the opportunity to exceed the limitation imposed by Initiative 747, which would otherwise limit total property tax revenue to 101% of the previous year's revenue, regardless of the previous voter-authorized dollar rate limitation of \$1.00. This proposition meets the requirement of Initiative 747, which was enacted by the voters of the State of Washington in November of 2001, mandating that any increase in revenue of more than 1%, over the previous year, be approved by the voters. Approval of this proposition would allow the maintaining of the current level of services. Rejection of this proposition would lead to the loss of approximately \$132,876.



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# Fire Protection District No. 18

Special Election – Proposition No. 1  
Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18  
RE-AUTHORIZING PREVIOUSLY EXISTING PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE

**Official Ballot Title:** The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18 passed Resolution No. 2006-008 proposing to re-authorize the previously existing regular property tax levy rate. If passed, Proposition No. 1 would permit the District to levy for collection in 2007 the regular property tax at the rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, which is the rate authorized previously by the voters, thereby lifting the revenue limitation in Chapter 84.55 RCW. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

**Explanatory Statement:** Pierce County Fire Protection District 18 is placing a lid lift proposition on the November 7th, 2006 ballot authorizing property tax levels for fire protection and emergency services over the 1% limitation imposed by Initiative 747. Approval of this proposition would allow the District to maintain the current service levels of fire protection and emergency medical services, meet the rapidly increasing numbers of fire and emergency service calls, cover increasing operating costs, and supplement existing services and fire and emergency response capabilities. Rejection of this proposition will limit the District's ability to meet the increasing fire protection and emergency medical service demands of our growing community. This proposition meets the requirement of Initiative 747 which mandates that any increase in revenue of more than 1%, over the previous year, be approved by the voters. Authorizing the district's legally recognized funding level of \$1.50 per \$1,000 assessed valuation would allow the District's elected Fire Commissioners to set an adequate levy rate to meet basic fire protection and emergency medical service needs by authorizing Commissioners to increase the current levy rate of \$.80 per \$1,000 to a rate not to exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000.

## Statement For:

Due to the increased demand for services and the rising cost of operations, Fire District 18 requests voters approve the collection of the allowed property tax rate. Approval will define the quality of our response and the resources we are able to provide for emergencies. This funding is critical for equipment improvement, apparatus repair and replacement, additional staffing and training, and facility development. Specifically, Fire District 18 will be able to enhance facilities and allow staffing around the clock at all stations.

Under new leadership Fire District 18 has reduced response times, increased staffing, improved training standards, improved relationships with adjacent communities and helped reduce insurance costs to many homeowners.

However, our ability to keep pace with current service delivery costs requires this levy approval. Without this funding we will go backwards and will need to decide which services will not be continued.

*Committee Members: Cole Kiphart, Dave Kiesig, Eric Carrol*

## Statement Against:

A few years ago the tax payers of Washington passed the 1% per year tax limit which would not permit the fire district to increase our property taxes above 1% per year. This year Fire district 18 is trying to convince the people that this extra money they want from the tax payers will improve fire services. Fire district 18 has not made a concentrated effort to conserve the present funding available. If you pass this levy you will be giving a significant amount of your money directly to the City of Orting, who has broken almost all of the previous agreements between the city and the fire district.

There are proven staffing alternatives such as using community based volunteers. Don't be misled by the promises and threats.

The fire chief was given the option of a gradual increase of the fire taxes which he rejected.

*Committee Members: Fred Hueneka Sr. and Darlene Chute*

## Rebuttal of Statement Against:

Fire District 18 is asking only to have voters re-approve previously authorized funding. PCFD 18 has been operating within a tightly balanced budget, but without this levy services will fall farther behind. This levy has nothing to do with funding the City of Orting. PCFD 18 already operates with mostly volunteers. It is our duty to inform citizens of their District's needs. You the voters establish service levels based on this funding. Please vote yes.

*Committee Members: Cole Kiphart, Dave Kiesig, Eric Carrol*

## Rebuttal of Statement For:

***Growth Should Pay for Itself.***

***Doesn't More Taxpayers Mean More Taxes?***

Sometimes the words **need** and **want** get confused. Approving this measure will just remove incentives for operational efficiency.

Much of the "increase" in call volume seems more due to a change in policy than more calls. This "mutual aid game" could put the community at risk during a disaster. We need to have more locally based volunteers.

***A No Vote Will Make Government More Accountable.***

*Committee Members: Fred Hueneka Sr. and Darlene Chute*

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Town Center at Browns Point  
1000 Town Center

### **Bonney Lake**

Century 21—Swarthout Realty  
19413 Hwy 410 E

### **Edgewood/Milton**

Surprise Lake Shopping Center  
900 Meridian E

### **Gig Harbor**

Purdy Fire Station—**New!**  
5210 144th Street NW

Safeway/Big 5  
4811 Point Fosdick Square

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Lakewood Towne Center  
6000 Main Street SW

### **Parkland/Spanaway**

Bethel Station Rite Aid  
22311 Mountain Hwy E

Sprinkler Recreation Center  
14824 South C Street

### **Puyallup**

Fred Meyer  
1100 N Meridian & River Road

### **South Hill**

Thun Field  
16715 Meridian E

### **Sumner**

Sumner Fred Meyer—**New!**  
1201 Valley Avenue

### **Tacoma**

Pierce County Annex  
2401 South 35th Street

### **Rite Aid**

1912 North Pearl Street

### **Oasis of Hope**

1926 South G Street

County-City Building (drop box)

2nd Floor Lobby

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### **University Place**

Green Firs Shopping Center  
40th & Bridgeport Way

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# Pierce County Polling Places

2 1	FPD #17 - Roy.....	301 Highway 507, Roy	2 56	.....	Vote by Mail
2 2	River's Edge Church.....	101 Corrin Ave SW, Orting	2 57	.....	Vote by Mail
2 3	River's Edge Church.....	101 Corrin Ave SW, Orting	2 58	.....	Vote by Mail
2 4	Buckley Community Hall.....	127 N River Ave, Buckley	2 59	FPD #06 - Stn 69 - South Hill.....	17210 110th Ave E, Puyallup
2 5	Buckley Community Hall.....	127 N River Ave, Buckley	2 60	Sunrise Baptist Church.....	12115 Shaw Rd E, Puyallup
2 6	Eatonville Multi-Purpose Center.....	305 Center St. W., Eatonville	2 61	River's Edge Church.....	101 Corrin Ave SW, Orting
2 11	Thompson Elementary.....	303 159th St E, Tacoma	2 62	River's Edge Church.....	101 Corrin Ave SW, Orting
2 12	Evergreen Elementary - Spanaway.....	1311 172nd St E, Spanaway	2 63	South Prairie Community Center.....	354 SR 162 E, South Prairie
2 13	Thompson Elementary.....	303 159th St E, Tacoma	2 64	South Prairie Community Center.....	354 SR 162 E, South Prairie
2 14	Evergreen Elementary - Spanaway.....	1311 172nd St E, Spanaway	2 65	.....	Vote by Mail
2 15	Evergreen Elementary - Spanaway.....	1311 172nd St E, Spanaway	25 101	Puyallup Recreation Center.....	808 Valley Ave NW, Puyallup
2 16	Sound Life Church.....	3425 176th St E, Tacoma	25 102	Karshner Elementary.....	1328 8th Ave NW, Puyallup
2 17	Cedarcrest Jr High.....	19120 13th Ave Ct E, Spanaway	25 103	United Methodist Church.....	1919 W Pioneer Ave, Puyallup
2 18	Cedarcrest Jr High.....	19120 13th Ave Ct E, Spanaway	25 104	Puyallup Library.....	324 Meridian St S, Puyallup
2 19	Sound Life Church.....	3425 176th St E, Tacoma	25 105	Puyallup Library.....	324 Meridian St S, Puyallup
2 20	Sound Life Church.....	3425 176th St E, Tacoma	25 106	United Methodist Church.....	1919 W Pioneer Ave, Puyallup
2 21	Sound Life Church.....	3425 176th St E, Tacoma	25 107	Puyallup Library.....	324 Meridian St S, Puyallup
2 22	Brouillet Elementary.....	17207 94th Ave E, Puyallup	25 108	Shaw Road Elementary.....	1106 Shaw Rd E, Puyallup
2 23	Pioneer Valley Elementary.....	7315 Eustis Hunt Rd E, Spanaway	25 109	Sunrise Elementary.....	2323 39th Ave SE, Puyallup
2 24	Pioneer Valley Elementary.....	7315 Eustis Hunt Rd E, Spanaway	25 110	Sunrise Elementary.....	2323 39th Ave SE, Puyallup
2 25	Pioneer Valley Elementary.....	7315 Eustis Hunt Rd E, Spanaway	25 111	Sunrise Elementary.....	2323 39th Ave SE, Puyallup
2 26	Graham Elementary.....	10026 204th St E, Graham	25 112	Shaw Road Elementary.....	1106 Shaw Rd E, Puyallup
2 27	Elk Plain Elementary.....	22015 22nd Ave E, Spanaway	25 113	.....	Vote by Mail
2 28	Shining Mountain Elementary.....	21615 38th Ave E, Spanaway	25 114	.....	Vote by Mail
2 29	Shining Mountain Elementary.....	21615 38th Ave E, Spanaway	25 116	Fife Community Center.....	2111 54th Ave E, Fife
2 30	Elk Plain Elementary.....	22015 22nd Ave E, Spanaway	25 117	Fife Community Center.....	2111 54th Ave E, Fife
2 31	Elk Plain Elementary.....	22015 22nd Ave E, Spanaway	25 118	Fife Community Center.....	2111 54th Ave E, Fife
2 32	Shining Mountain Elementary.....	21615 38th Ave E, Spanaway	25 119	.....	Vote by Mail
2 33	Shining Mountain Elementary.....	21615 38th Ave E, Spanaway	25 121	Milton City Hall.....	1000 Laurel St, Milton
2 34	Rocky Ridge School - Gym.....	6514 260th St E, Graham	25 122	Milton City Hall.....	1000 Laurel St, Milton
2 35	Graham Elementary.....	10026 204th St E, Graham	25 123	Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church.....	2306 Milton Way, Milton
2 36	FPD #17 - Roy.....	301 Highway 507, Roy	25 124	Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church.....	2306 Milton Way, Milton
2 37	Lacamas Community Club.....	32113 8th Ave S, Roy	25 127	.....	Vote by Mail
2 38	Rocky Ridge School - Gym.....	6514 260th St E, Graham	25 128	Puyallup Recreation Center.....	808 Valley Ave NW, Puyallup
2 39	Rocky Ridge School - Gym.....	6514 260th St E, Graham	25 129	Puyallup Recreation Center.....	808 Valley Ave NW, Puyallup
2 40	FPD #17 - Roy.....	301 Highway 507, Roy	25 130	FPD #08 - Edgewood.....	10105 24th St E, Edgewood
2 41	Lacamas Community Club.....	32113 8th Ave S, Roy	25 131	FPD #08 - Edgewood.....	10105 24th St E, Edgewood
2 42	Lacamas Community Club.....	32113 8th Ave S, Roy	25 132	FPD #08 - Edgewood.....	10105 24th St E, Edgewood
2 43	Eatonville Multi-Purpose Center.....	305 Center St. W., Eatonville	25 135	Milton City Hall.....	1000 Laurel St, Milton
2 44	Brouillet Elementary.....	17207 94th Ave E, Puyallup	25 136	Puyallup Recreation Center.....	808 Valley Ave NW, Puyallup
2 45	Graham Elementary.....	10026 204th St E, Graham	25 137	Karshner Elementary.....	1328 8th Ave NW, Puyallup
2 46	River's Edge Church.....	101 Corrin Ave SW, Orting	25 138	Waller Road Grange.....	2708 64th St E, Tacoma
2 47	Graham Elementary.....	10026 204th St E, Graham	25 139	Waller Road Grange.....	2708 64th St E, Tacoma
2 48	Kapowsin Elementary.....	10412 264th St E, Graham	25 140	FPD #06 - Stn 67 - 81st & Canyon.....	8119 Canyon Rd E, Puyallup
2 49	River's Edge Church.....	101 Corrin Ave SW, Orting	25 141	Light and Life Christian Fellowship.....	611 E 82nd St, Tacoma
2 50	Kapowsin Elementary.....	10412 264th St E, Graham	25 142	FPD #06 - Stn 63 - Midland.....	9512 17th Ave E, Tacoma
2 51	.....	Vote by Mail	25 143	FPD #06 - Stn 63 - Midland.....	9512 17th Ave E, Tacoma
2 52	Rocky Ridge School - Gym.....	6514 260th St E, Graham	25 144	FPD #06 - Stn 63 - Midland.....	9512 17th Ave E, Tacoma
2 53	Eatonville Multi-Purpose Center.....	305 Center St. W., Eatonville	25 145	FPD #06 - Stn 67 - 81st & Canyon.....	8119 Canyon Rd E, Puyallup
2 54	Eatonville Multi-Purpose Center.....	305 Center St. W., Eatonville	25 146	Summit Library.....	5107 112th St E, Tacoma
2 55	.....	Vote by Mail			

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25 147	Shepherd of the Hill Church.....	8401 112th St E, Puyallup	26 224	FPD #05 - Stn 09 - Artondale.....	3828 62nd Ave Ct NW, Gig Harbor
25 148	Shepherd of the Hill Church.....	8401 112th St E, Puyallup	26 225	FPD #05 - Stn 09 - Artondale.....	3828 62nd Ave Ct NW, Gig Harbor
25 149	Pierce County Library Admin Office.....	3005 112th St E, Tacoma	26 226	FPD #05 - Stn 09 - Artondale.....	3828 62nd Ave Ct NW, Gig Harbor
25 150	Pierce County Library Admin Office.....	3005 112th St E, Tacoma	26 227	Fox Island United Church of Christ.....	726 6th Ave Fl, Fox Island
25 151	Summit Library.....	5107 112th St E, Tacoma	26 228	Harbor Heights Assembly of God.....	4417 56th St NW, Gig Harbor
25 152	Shepherd of the Hill Church.....	8401 112th St E, Puyallup	26 229	Harbor Heights Assembly of God.....	4417 56th St NW, Gig Harbor
25 153	Shepherd of the Hill Church.....	8401 112th St E, Puyallup	26 230	Harbor Heights Assembly of God.....	4417 56th St NW, Gig Harbor
25 154	Summit Library.....	5107 112th St E, Tacoma	27 301	Pt Defiance Village - Activity Room.....	6414 N Park Way, Tacoma
25 155	Pierce County Library Admin Office.....	3005 112th St E, Tacoma	27 302	Skyline Presbyterian Church.....	6301 N Westgate Bvd, Tacoma
25 156	Faith Community Church.....	1014 152nd St E, Tacoma	27 303	Pt Defiance Village - Activity Room.....	6414 N Park Way, Tacoma
25 157	Faith Community Church.....	1014 152nd St E, Tacoma	27 304	Gonyea Boys and Girls Club.....	5136 N 26th St, Tacoma
25 158	Faith Community Church.....	1014 152nd St E, Tacoma	27 305	St. Luke's Parish Hall.....	3615 N. Gove St, Tacoma
25 159	Sound Life Church.....	3425 176th St E, Tacoma	27 306	Mason United Methodist Church.....	2710 N Madison St, Tacoma
25 160	Summit Library.....	5107 112th St E, Tacoma	27 307	Gonyea Boys and Girls Club.....	5136 N 26th St, Tacoma
25 161	South Hill Library.....	15420 Meridian Ave E, Puyallup	27 308	Mason United Methodist Church.....	2710 N Madison St, Tacoma
25 162	South Hill Library.....	15420 Meridian Ave E, Puyallup	27 309	Grant Elementary.....	1018 N Prospect St, Tacoma
25 163	South Hill Library.....	15420 Meridian Ave E, Puyallup	27 310	Landmark Convention Center.....	47 St Helens Ave, Tacoma
25 164	South Hill Library.....	15420 Meridian Ave E, Puyallup	27 311	UPS Student Union Bldg.....	1500 N Lawrence St, Tacoma
25 165	Brouillet Elementary.....	17207 94th Ave E, Puyallup	27 312	Zion Lutheran Church.....	3410 6th Ave, Tacoma
25 166	Brouillet Elementary.....	17207 94th Ave E, Puyallup	27 313	Grant Elementary.....	1018 N Prospect St, Tacoma
25 167	Brouillet Elementary.....	17207 94th Ave E, Puyallup	27 314	Immanuel Presbyterian Church.....	901N J St, Tacoma
25 168	FPD #06 - Stn 69 - South Hill.....	17210 110th Ave E, Puyallup	27 315	Immanuel Presbyterian Church.....	901N J St, Tacoma
25 169	FPD #06 - Stn 69 - South Hill.....	17210 110th Ave E, Puyallup	27 316	Landmark Convention Center.....	47 St Helens Ave, Tacoma
25 170	FPD #06 - Stn 69 - South Hill.....	17210 110th Ave E, Puyallup	27 317	First Christian Church.....	602 N Orchard, Tacoma
25 171	FPD #06 - Stn 69 - South Hill.....	17210 110th Ave E, Puyallup	27 318	First Christian Church.....	602 N Orchard, Tacoma
25 172	Sunrise Baptist Church.....	12115 Shaw Rd E, Puyallup	27 319	Zion Lutheran Church.....	3410 6th Ave, Tacoma
25 173	Sunrise Baptist Church.....	12115 Shaw Rd E, Puyallup	27 320	Zion Lutheran Church.....	3410 6th Ave, Tacoma
25 174	Sunrise Baptist Church.....	12115 Shaw Rd E, Puyallup	27 321	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.....	3315 S 19th St, Tacoma
25 175	.....	Vote by Mail	27 322	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.....	3315 S 19th St, Tacoma
25 176	.....	Vote by Mail	27 323	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.....	3315 S 19th St, Tacoma
25 177	.....	Vote by Mail	27 324	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.....	3315 S 19th St, Tacoma
25 178	.....	Vote by Mail	27 325	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.....	3315 S 19th St, Tacoma
25 179	.....	Vote by Mail	27 326	Bethlehem Lutheran Church.....	101 E 38th St, Tacoma
25 180	Puyallup Recreation Center.....	808 Valley Ave NW, Puyallup	27 327	Landmark Convention Center.....	47 St Helens Ave, Tacoma
25 181	Puyallup Recreation Center.....	808 Valley Ave NW, Puyallup	27 328	Landmark Convention Center.....	47 St Helens Ave, Tacoma
26 201	Agnus Dei Luth Church.....	10511 Peacock Hill Ave NW, Gig Harbor	27 329	Olympic View Friends Church.....	201 Browns Pt Bvd NE, Tacoma
26 202	Harbor Heights Assembly of God.....	4417 56th St NW, Gig Harbor	27 330	Olympic View Friends Church.....	201 Browns Pt Bvd NE, Tacoma
26 211	Key Center Fire Station.....	8911 Key Peninsula Hwy N, Lakebay	27 331	Olympic View Friends Church.....	201 Browns Pt Bvd NE, Tacoma
26 212	Key Center Fire Station.....	8911 Key Peninsula Hwy N, Lakebay	27 332	Olympic View Friends Church.....	201 Browns Pt Bvd NE, Tacoma
26 213	Key Center Fire Station.....	8911 Key Peninsula Hwy N, Lakebay	27 333	Browns Point Elementary.....	1526 51st St NE, Tacoma
26 214	Evergreen Elementary - Lakebay.....	1820 Key Peninsula Hwy KPS, Lakebay	27 334	Browns Point Elementary.....	1526 51st St NE, Tacoma
26 215	.....	Vote by Mail	27 335	Olympic View Friends Church.....	201 Browns Pt Bvd NE, Tacoma
26 216	Agnus Dei Luth Church.....	10511 Peacock Hill Ave NW, Gig Harbor	27 336	Olympic View Friends Church.....	201 Browns Pt Bvd NE, Tacoma
26 217	FPD #05 - Stn 58 - Swede Hill.....	10302 Bujacich Rd NW, Gig Harbor	27 337	Bethlehem Lutheran Church.....	101 E 38th St, Tacoma
26 218	Agnus Dei Luth Church.....	10511 Peacock Hill Ave NW, Gig Harbor	27 338	Bethlehem Lutheran Church.....	101 E 38th St, Tacoma
26 219	Agnus Dei Luth Church.....	10511 Peacock Hill Ave NW, Gig Harbor	27 339	Sacred Heart Parish Hall.....	4530 E McKinley Ave, Tacoma
26 220	Agnus Dei Luth Church.....	10511 Peacock Hill Ave NW, Gig Harbor	27 340	Sacred Heart Parish Hall.....	4530 E McKinley Ave, Tacoma
26 221	FPD #05 - Stn 58 - Swede Hill.....	10302 Bujacich Rd NW, Gig Harbor	27 341	Sacred Heart Parish Hall.....	4530 E McKinley Ave, Tacoma
26 222	FPD #05 - Stn 09 - Artondale.....	3828 62nd Ave Ct NW, Gig Harbor	27 342	Waller Road Grange.....	2708 64th St E, Tacoma
26 223	FPD #05 - Stn 09 - Artondale.....	3828 62nd Ave Ct NW, Gig Harbor	27 343	Waller Road Grange.....	2708 64th St E, Tacoma

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27	344	Waller Road Grange .....	2708 64th St E, Tacoma	28	460	Redeemer Lutheran Church .....	1001 Princeton Ave, Fircrest
27	345	Waller Road Grange .....	2708 64th St E, Tacoma	28	461	.....	Vote by Mail
27	346	Waller Road Grange .....	2708 64th St E, Tacoma	28	462	.....	Vote by Mail
27	351	Pt Defiance Village - Activity Room.....	6414 N Park Way, Tacoma	28	463	.....	Vote by Mail
27	352	Olympic View Friends Church.....	201 Browns Pt Bvd NE, Tacoma	28	464	Steilacoom Public Safety Bldg.....	601 Main St, Steilacoom
27	353	Olympic View Friends Church.....	201 Browns Pt Bvd NE, Tacoma	28	465	Chloe Clark Elementary School.....	1700 Palisades Blvd, Dupont
27	354	.....	Vote by Mail	28	467	Tillicum/American Lk Gardens Comm Center.....	14916 Washington Ave SW, Lakewood
27	356	Browns Point Clubhouse.....	201 Ton A Wan Da Ave NE, Tacoma	28	469	Tillicum/American Lk Gardens Comm Center.....	14916 Washington Ave SW, Lakewood
27	357	Olympic View Friends Church.....	201 Browns Pt Bvd NE, Tacoma	28	470	Chloe Clark Elementary School.....	1700 Palisades Blvd, Dupont
27	358	Olympic View Friends Church.....	201 Browns Pt Bvd NE, Tacoma	29	500	.....	Vote by Mail
27	359	Waller Road Grange .....	2708 64th St E, Tacoma	29	501	Praise Covenant Church.....	3501 S Orchard St, Tacoma
27	360	.....	Vote by Mail	29	502	Madison Elementary .....	3102 S 43rd St, Tacoma
28	401	Skyline Presbyterian Church.....	6301 N Westgate Bvd, Tacoma	29	503	Reed Elementary .....	1802 S 36th St, Tacoma
28	402	Skyline Presbyterian Church.....	6301 N Westgate Bvd, Tacoma	29	504	Reed Elementary .....	1802 S 36th St, Tacoma
28	403	University Place Primary School.....	2708 Grandview Dr. W, University Place	29	505	Bethlehem Lutheran Church.....	101 E 38th St, Tacoma
28	404	Redeemer Lutheran Church .....	1001 Princeton Ave, Fircrest	29	506	Reed Elementary.....	1802 S 36th St, Tacoma
28	405	University Place Primary School.....	2708 Grandview Dr. W, University Place	29	507	Calvary Baptist Church.....	6511 S C St, Tacoma
28	411	Redeemer Lutheran Church .....	1001 Princeton Ave, Fircrest	29	508	Hope Lutheran Church.....	7209 S Puget Sound Ave, Tacoma
28	412	Redeemer Lutheran Church .....	1001 Princeton Ave, Fircrest	29	509	Praise Covenant Church.....	3501 S Orchard St, Tacoma
28	413	Redeemer Lutheran Church .....	1001 Princeton Ave, Fircrest	29	510	Hope Lutheran Church.....	7209 S Puget Sound Ave, Tacoma
28	416	United Church University Place.....	3912 Grandview Dr W, University Place	29	511	Calvary Baptist Church .....	6511 S C St, Tacoma
28	417	University Place Primary School.....	2708 Grandview Dr. W, University Place	29	512	Calvary Baptist Church .....	6511 S C St, Tacoma
28	418	University Place Primary School.....	2708 Grandview Dr. W, University Place	29	513	Calvary Baptist Church.....	6511 S C St, Tacoma
28	419	United Church University Place.....	3912 Grandview Dr W, University Place	29	514	Dower Elementary .....	7817 John Dower Rd W, Lakewood
28	420	United Church University Place.....	3912 Grandview Dr W, University Place	29	515	Hope Lutheran Church.....	7209 S Puget Sound Ave, Tacoma
28	421	Olympic View Baptist Church.....	4707 Elwood Dr W, University Place	29	516	Hope Lutheran Church.....	7209 S Puget Sound Ave, Tacoma
28	422	Olympic View Baptist Church.....	4707 Elwood Dr W, University Place	29	517	Baker Middle School.....	8320 S I St, Tacoma
28	423	Olympic View Baptist Church.....	4707 Elwood Dr W, University Place	29	518	Light and Life Christian Fellowship .....	611 E 82nd St, Tacoma
28	424	Olympic View Baptist Church.....	4707 Elwood Dr W, University Place	29	519	Baker Middle School.....	8320 S I St, Tacoma
28	425	Olympic View Baptist Church.....	4707 Elwood Dr W, University Place	29	520	Baker Middle School.....	8320 S I St, Tacoma
28	426	Olympic View Baptist Church.....	4707 Elwood Dr W, University Place	29	521	Baker Middle School.....	8320 S I St, Tacoma
28	430	Huddloff Jr High.....	7702 Phillips Rd SW, Lakewood	29	522	Light and Life Christian Fellowship .....	611 E 82nd St, Tacoma
28	431	Dower Elementary .....	7817 John Dower Rd W, Lakewood	29	523	By His Word Christian Center .....	10110 Aqueduct Dr E, Tacoma
28	432	Huddloff Jr High.....	7702 Phillips Rd SW, Lakewood	29	530	Praise Covenant Church.....	3501 S Orchard St, Tacoma
28	433	Huddloff Jr High.....	7702 Phillips Rd SW, Lakewood	29	531	Dower Elementary .....	7817 John Dower Rd W, Lakewood
28	434	Lakewood Presbyterian Church.....	8601 104th St SW, Lakewood	29	532	Dower Elementary .....	7817 John Dower Rd W, Lakewood
28	435	Lakewood Presbyterian Church.....	8601 104th St SW, Lakewood	29	533	Hope Lutheran Church.....	7209 S Puget Sound Ave, Tacoma
28	436	Lakewood Presbyterian Church.....	8601 104th St SW, Lakewood	29	534	Lakewood Community Center.....	9112 Lakewood Dr SW, Lakewood
28	437	Lakewood Community Center.....	9112 Lakewood Dr SW, Lakewood	29	535	Lakewood Community Center.....	9112 Lakewood Dr SW, Lakewood
28	438	Lake City Community Church.....	8810 Lawndale Ave SW, Lakewood	29	536	Lakewood Community Center.....	9112 Lakewood Dr SW, Lakewood
28	439	Lake City Community Church.....	8810 Lawndale Ave SW, Lakewood	29	537	Lakewood Community Center.....	9112 Lakewood Dr SW, Lakewood
28	440	Lakewood Community Center.....	9112 Lakewood Dr SW, Lakewood	29	538	Lakeview Church Of Christ .....	1709 112th St S, Tacoma
28	441	Lakewood Community Center.....	9112 Lakewood Dr SW, Lakewood	29	545	Dower Elementary .....	7817 John Dower Rd W, Lakewood
28	442	Lakewood Community Center.....	9112 Lakewood Dr SW, Lakewood	29	546	Hope Lutheran Church.....	7209 S Puget Sound Ave, Tacoma
28	443	Lake City Community Church.....	8810 Lawndale Ave SW, Lakewood	29	547	Lakeview Church Of Christ .....	1709 112th St S, Tacoma
28	444	Tillicum/American Lk Gardens Comm Center.....	14916 Washington Ave SW, Lakewood	29	548	Lakeview Church Of Christ .....	1709 112th St S, Tacoma
28	451	Steilacoom Public Safety Bldg.....	601 Main St, Steilacoom	29	549	Lakeview Church Of Christ .....	1709 112th St S, Tacoma
28	452	Steilacoom Public Safety Bldg.....	601 Main St, Steilacoom	29	550	By His Word Christian Center .....	10110 Aqueduct Dr E, Tacoma
28	453	Steilacoom Public Safety Bldg.....	601 Main St, Steilacoom	29	551	By His Word Christian Center .....	10110 Aqueduct Dr E, Tacoma
28	457	Chloe Clark Elementary School.....	1700 Palisades Blvd, Dupont	29	552	By His Word Christian Center .....	10110 Aqueduct Dr E, Tacoma
28	458	Chloe Clark Elementary School.....	1700 Palisades Blvd, Dupont	29	553	By His Word Christian Center .....	10110 Aqueduct Dr E, Tacoma

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29	553	By His Word Christian Center.....	10110 Aqueduct Dr E, Tacoma
29	554	Lakeview Church Of Christ.....	1709 112th St S, Tacoma
29	555	Lakeview Church Of Christ.....	1709 112th St S, Tacoma
29	556	Trinity Lutheran Church.....	12115 Park Ave S, Tacoma
29	557	Trinity Lutheran Church.....	12115 Park Ave S, Tacoma
29	558	Trinity Lutheran Church.....	12115 Park Ave S, Tacoma
29	559	Franklin Pierce School Dist Office.....	315 129th St S, Tacoma
29	560	Franklin Pierce School Dist Office.....	315 129th St S, Tacoma
29	561	Franklin Pierce School Dist Office.....	315 129th St S, Tacoma
29	562	Franklin Pierce School Dist Office.....	315 129th St S, Tacoma
29	563	Franklin Pierce School Dist Office.....	315 129th St S, Tacoma
29	564	Thompson Elementary.....	303 159th St E, Tacoma
29	565	Thompson Elementary.....	303 159th St E, Tacoma
29	566	.....	Vote by Mail
31	601	Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church.....	2306 Milton Way, Milton
31	602	FPD #08 - Edgewood.....	10105 24th St E, Edgewood
31	603	FPD #08 - Edgewood.....	10105 24th St E, Edgewood
31	604	FPD #08 - Edgewood.....	10105 24th St E, Edgewood
31	608	.....	Vote by Mail
31	611	.....	Vote by Mail
31	612	.....	Vote by Mail
31	613	.....	Vote by Mail
31	614	Sumner Presbyterian Church.....	1915 Washington St, Sumner
31	615	Sumner Presbyterian Church.....	1915 Washington St, Sumner
31	616	Sumner Presbyterian Church.....	1915 Washington St, Sumner
31	617	.....	Vote by Mail
31	618	.....	Vote by Mail
31	619	Lake Tapps Elementary.....	1320 178th Ave E, Sumner
31	621	Bonney Lake Senior Center.....	19304 Bonney Lake Blvd, Bonney Lake
31	622	Bonney Lake Elem - Multi Room.....	18715 80th St E, Bonney Lake
31	623	Bonney Lake Elem - Multi Room.....	18715 80th St E, Bonney Lake
31	624	Bonney Lake Elem - Multi Room.....	18715 80th St E, Bonney Lake
31	625	Bonney Lake Senior Center.....	19304 Bonney Lake Blvd, Bonney Lake
31	626	Bonney Lake Senior Center.....	19304 Bonney Lake Blvd, Bonney Lake
31	627	Buckley Community Hall.....	127 N River Ave, Buckley
31	628	Buckley Community Hall.....	127 N River Ave, Buckley
31	629	South Prairie Community Center.....	354 SR 162 E, South Prairie
31	630	Buckley Community Hall.....	127 N River Ave, Buckley
31	631	Shaw Road Elementary.....	1106 Shaw Rd E, Puyallup
31	636	.....	Vote by Mail
31	638	Lake Tapps Elementary.....	1320 178th Ave E, Sumner
31	639	Lake Tapps Elementary.....	1320 178th Ave E, Sumner
31	640	Lakeridge Jr High.....	5909 Myers Rd E, Sumner
31	641	Lakeridge Jr High.....	5909 Myers Rd E, Sumner
31	642	Lakeridge Jr High.....	5909 Myers Rd E, Sumner
31	643	Shaw Road Elementary.....	1106 Shaw Rd E, Puyallup
31	644	Shaw Road Elementary.....	1106 Shaw Rd E, Puyallup
31	645	Shaw Road Elementary.....	1106 Shaw Rd E, Puyallup
31	646	Sumner Presbyterian Church.....	1915 Washington St, Sumner
31	647	Shaw Road Elementary.....	1106 Shaw Rd E, Puyallup
31	648	Shaw Road Elementary.....	1106 Shaw Rd E, Puyallup
31	649	Shaw Road Elementary.....	1106 Shaw Rd E, Puyallup
31	650	FPD #22 - Lake Tapps.....	1605 210th Ave E, Lake Tapps
31	651	FPD #22 - Lake Tapps.....	1605 210th Ave E, Lake Tapps
31	652	FPD #22 - Lake Tapps.....	1605 210th Ave E, Lake Tapps
31	653	Bonney Lake Senior Center.....	19304 Bonney Lake Blvd, Bonney Lake
31	654	FPD #22 - Buckley.....	27723 Sumner-Buckley Hwy E, Buckley
31	655	FPD #22 - Buckley.....	27723 Sumner-Buckley Hwy E, Buckley
31	656	Bonney Lake Senior Center.....	19304 Bonney Lake Blvd, Bonney Lake
31	657	FPD #22 - Buckley.....	27723 Sumner-Buckley Hwy E, Buckley
31	658	South Prairie Community Center.....	354 SR 162 E, South Prairie
31	659	South Prairie Community Center.....	354 SR 162 E, South Prairie
31	660	South Prairie Community Center.....	354 SR 162 E, South Prairie
31	661	FPD #22 - Buckley.....	27723 Sumner-Buckley Hwy E, Buckley
31	662	South Prairie Community Center.....	354 SR 162 E, South Prairie
31	663	South Prairie Community Center.....	354 SR 162 E, South Prairie
31	664	South Prairie Community Center.....	354 SR 162 E, South Prairie
31	665	FPD #22 - Buckley.....	27723 Sumner-Buckley Hwy E, Buckley
31	666	South Prairie Community Center.....	354 SR 162 E, South Prairie
31	667	FPD #22 - Buckley.....	27723 Sumner-Buckley Hwy E, Buckley
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