



Kitsap County

Official Local Voters' Pamphlet



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Ballots will be mailed by October 21

General Election Local Voters' Pamphlet – November 8, 2022

Dear Kitsap County Voters:

To assist you in preparing for the November 8, 2022 General Election, we offer this pamphlet. Inside you'll find statements from 17 candidates and information about three ballot measures.

The State of Washington is sending you a separate pamphlet with information about candidates for federal and state offices and about statewide ballot issues.

On our website you will find even more ways to stay in-the-know about the election and about your ballot. At [Kitsap.gov/elections](https://www.kitsap.gov/elections) you will find:

- An online version of this pamphlet and a link to the state pamphlet.
- A link that shows you where your ballot is in the process, whether it was sent, received by us and accepted.
- Ballot return statistics that show the turnout for each jurisdiction in the election.
- A webcam that shows our main ballot processing room, allowing you to see election workers processing ballots in real time.
- Links to past election results, information for military and overseas voters, and information about voter registration.

General Election ballots will be mailed soon after this pamphlet hits Kitsap County mailboxes, so this is a good time for you to begin studying the statements candidates have written for this Local Voters' Pamphlet.

Thank you for taking seriously your role in our democracy.

Sincerely,

The staff members of the Kitsap County Auditor's Office, Elections Division

About the local and state pamphlets

The State of Washington produces a voters' pamphlet for the General Election, so candidate statements for federal and state positions appear there. The statements in this pamphlet are for races for county and Public Utility District positions, as well as arguments related to local measures. Both the state and local pamphlet are mailed about a week ahead of ballots, so if you haven't received your state pamphlet, it should be arriving soon.

Email us at auditor@kitsap.gov if you have any questions.

Ballots mailed by October 21

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About the Cover:

A view of the sunrise from the Agate Pass Bridge linking North Kitsap and Bainbridge Island.

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Additional Sources of Information

Facebook

www.facebook.com/kitsapcountyauditor

Twitter

www.twitter.com/kitsapauditor

YouTube

www.youtube.com/KitsapAuditor

Washington Secretary of State

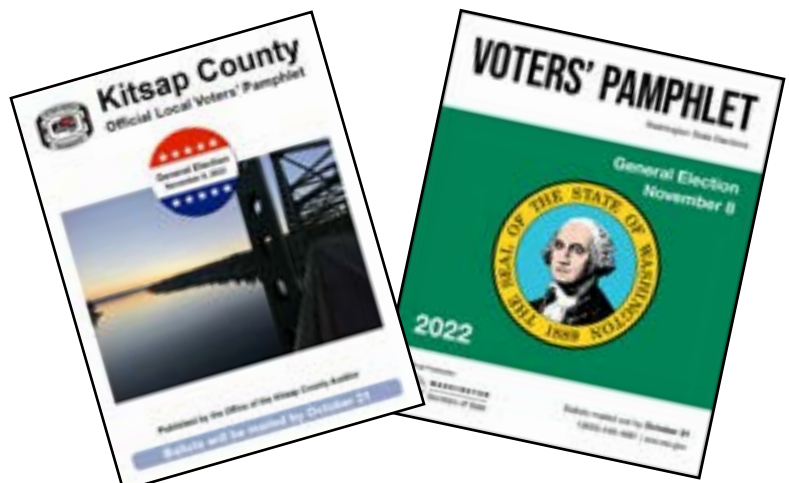
www.sos.wa.gov/elections

Federal Voting Assistance Program

www.fvap.gov

General Election 2022

- 2 Advisory Votes
- 2 Federal Races
- 1 Statewide Race
- 8 State Legislative Races
- 8 Local Races
- 8 Judicial Races
- 3 Local Measures
- 2 Pamphlets



Voter Information

State and Federal Candidates/Measures

The Secretary of State's Office publishes a voters' pamphlet with federal, state and judicial candidates, and statewide measures. That pamphlet will be delivered by the post office to all Kitsap County households and is online at: VoteWA.gov.

General Election Ballot

Statewide measures appear first on the ballot, followed by countywide measures, then federal, state, county, county judicial, and public utility district candidates. Local measures appear after offices for each district.

If a Primary Election was held, the two candidates that received the most votes and received at least 1 percent of the votes cast for that office appear on the General Election ballot. The candidate who received the most votes in the Primary is listed first. Candidates who did not appear in the Primary are listed in the order determined by lottery draw.

Participating Jurisdictions

Districts participating in this Local Voters' Pamphlet are Kitsap County, Kitsap County Public Utility District No. 1, Kitsap County Fire Protection District No. 18 (Poulsbo Fire Department), North Kitsap Fire & Rescue and South Kitsap Fire and Rescue.

Your Right to Privacy

Every voter has the right to vote his or her ballot in secret. Attempting to vote when not qualified, or falsely signing the Voter Declaration, is a felony punishable by up to five years of imprisonment or a maximum fine of \$10,000, or both imprisonment and fine.

Questions or Need a Replacement Ballot?

If you have not received your ballot by **October 27**, or if your ballot is damaged or lost, you may request a replacement ballot by contacting Kitsap County Elections.

Military, Overseas and Early Ballots

If you are a military or overseas voter or if you believe your ballot will not be received in time to vote, you may request to receive your ballot by email or request an early ballot up to 90 days before an election. Early ballots list only the contests known at the time of the request. To request an email ballot or early ballot, visit: kitsap.gov/elections or contact Kitsap County Elections.

Additional information for military and overseas voters is available from the Federal Voting Assistance Program at: www.fvap.gov.

Write-Ins – Which Votes Can Be Counted

General Election write-in votes can only be counted if:

- The candidate filed a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy, and;
- In a Primary there are enough write-in votes for a candidate to come in second, or in a General Election enough votes for a candidate to win.

Candidate and Committee Statements

The Local Voters' Pamphlet includes statements submitted by candidates running for offices and committees supporting or opposing ballot measures. Statements printed in this pamphlet are the opinions of the authors. Kitsap County Elections is not responsible for the content of statements or their factual and grammatical accuracy.

Register to Vote

Who May Vote

To be eligible to vote, one must register and be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- A legal Washington resident at the registration address for at least 30 days prior to the election day.
- At least 18 years old. In the August Primary a 17-year-old who will be 18 by the November General Election can vote in candidate races, except for PCO races.
- Not currently serving a sentence of total confinement in prison for a Washington felony conviction.
- Not currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction.
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order.

Options for Registering

- Online at www.VoteWA.gov.
- Complete a paper registration form, available at libraries, city halls, public schools, fire district offices and at the County Auditor's Office.
- When you renew your driver's license.

Update Your Voter Record if You Move

If you are already registered to vote in Kitsap County, update your voter record:

- online at: www.VoteWA.gov through October 31,
- by emailing the Kitsap County Auditor – Elections Division at auditor@kitsap.gov.
- by phone at 360-337-7128.

Address changes can be made in person until 8 p.m. on Election Day at the Kitsap County Auditor's Office and at the Vote Centers. Dates and locations follow. A new voter registration card will be mailed after your address change is processed.

When to Register

Individuals may register to vote at any time. To vote in the November 8 General Election, the deadlines are:

- **October 31:** Deadline for **mail and online** voter registrations, updates and changes.
- **November 8: In-person** deadline for voter registrations, updates and changes. Citizens may register until 8 p.m. on Election Day by appearing in person at the County Auditor's Office. Registration will also be available the Saturday and Monday before Election Day and on Election Day at the Vote Centers at the Kitsap County Administration Building in Port Orchard, the Marvin Williams Recreation Center in Bremerton, and the Poulsbo Fire Station.

To Cancel Your Voter Registration

You may sign a form requesting to cancel your registration. In the case of a deceased voter, a family member may sign a form authorizing a cancellation. The form is available by contacting the Kitsap County Auditor's Office or online at <https://www.kitsap.gov/auditor/Documents/CancellationForm.pdf>.

Name Change

If you have legally changed your name, you must complete a new voter registration application. Your new signature is used to validate your ballot.

Vote Centers and Accessible Voting

Federal law requires jurisdictions to provide vote centers with certified accessible voting devices, which enable voters with disabilities to cast their ballots independently and in private.

Accessible Voting Units provide all contests in audio and high-contrast text formats and are available beginning 18 days prior to the General Election.

Before Election Day

October 21 - November 4

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

Kitsap County Auditor's Office

619 Division St, Port Orchard, WA 98366

Vote Centers

**Saturday November 5, Monday, November 7,
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Election Day, Tuesday, November 8,
7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

Kitsap County Administration Building
619 Division Street, Port Orchard, WA 98366

Marvin Williams Recreation Center
725 Park Avenue, Bremerton, WA 98337

Poulsbo Fire Station
911 NE Liberty Road, Poulsbo, WA 98370

Online Ballot Access

The State of Washington provides an accessible online ballot and a Local Voters' Pamphlet.

The online access is compatible with commonly used accessibility software such as screen readers and screen magnifiers, and allows for navigation without the use of a mouse and without having to see the cursor on the screen. All candidate video statements are close captioned.

Through Online Ballot Access, you may verify that Kitsap County Elections has received your ballot using the Ballot Tracker feature.

Online Ballot Access is available beginning 18 days prior to the General Election at:

VoteWA.gov.



Go to VoteWA.gov to:

- Check your registration
- Change your address
- Check to see if your ballot has been mailed, or received by the Elections division and processed

Candidate and Political Committee Information

Candidates for Partisan Office

A candidate may state on the ballot a political party that he or she prefers. A candidate may choose to not state a party preference.

A candidate's party preference does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party or that the party approves of or associates with that candidate.

Major Political Parties

A political party qualifies as a "major" political party when it receives at least 5 percent of the total votes cast in the previous Presidential Election. In 2022 Washington state has two major political parties: Democratic and Republican.

Minor Political Parties

A "minor" political party is any political party in which no candidate for statewide office received at least 5 percent of the total votes cast at the preceding General Election during an even-numbered year.

Contributions to Candidates and Political Committees

- **Contribution Limits** – State law sets contribution limits on donations to legislative, judicial and county candidates as well as bona fide political party and caucus political committees.
- Anyone who donates more than \$25 in monetary and in-kind contributions must be identified by name and full address. For donations of more than \$100, occupation, employer name, city and state of his/her employer are also required.
- For a list of the people and organizations that donated to state and local candidates and ballot measure campaigns, visit **Public Disclosure Commission for Washington State** at www.pdc.wa.gov, or call (360) 753-1111. The PDC also explains filing requirements and contribution limits, laws and rules.
- For a list of the people and organizations that donated to federal candidates, visit www.fec.gov.

Political Party Contact Information

Washington State Democratic Party

P.O. Box 4027
Seattle, WA 98194
(206) 583-0664
www.wa-democrats.org/contact
www.wa-democrats.org

Kitsap County Democratic Central Committee

P.O. Box 27
Silverdale, WA 98383
(360) 698-6833
chair@kitsapdemocrats.org
www.kitsapdemocrats.org

Washington State Republican Party

11811 NE 1st St., Ste. A306
Bellevue, WA 98005
(425) 460-0570
info@wsrp.org
www.wsrp.org

Kitsap County Republican Party

6610 Kitsap Way, Ste. 102
Bremerton, WA 98312
info@kitsaprepublicans.com
www.kitsaprepublicans.com

Mark Your Ballot

How to vote

Use a dark blue or black ink pen to completely fill in the box to the left of your choice.

Do not use pencil.

Mark one choice in each contest.

If you mark more than one choice, no votes will be counted for that contest.



Secure

Place the voted ballot in the secrecy sleeve.

Place the secrecy sleeve inside the lavender return envelope.



Sign, Date and Seal

Read, sign and date the Voter Declaration on the lavender return envelope.

- You must sign the lavender return envelope in order for your ballot to be counted.
- Sign your name in dark ink.
- Seal the lavender return envelope.



Ballot Marking Tips and Reminders

Ballot marking errors require additional staff review, which slows down ballot processing. Help us improve efficiency by **avoiding** these common errors:

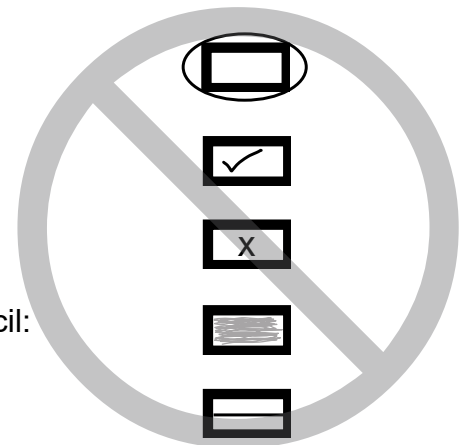
Do not circle:

Do not check:

Do not X:

Do not use pencil:

No single lines:



24-Hour Ballot Drop Boxes

Voters are encouraged to use a ballot drop box. Ballot drop boxes provide a safe, secure way for voters to deposit their ballots. Ballot drop boxes are available 24 hours a day beginning October 21, 2022 until 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 8, 2022.

Bainbridge Island School District

8489 Madison Avenue North
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Bremerton - Downtown

Norm Dicks Government Center
345 6th Street
Bremerton, WA 98337

Bremerton - East

Kitsap Regional Library, Sylvan Way Branch
1301 Sylvan Way
Bremerton, WA 98310

Bremerton - Marvin Williams Recreation Center

725 Park Avenue
Bremerton, WA 98337

Burley Store

14972 Bethel-Burley Road SE
Port Orchard, WA 98367

Hansville - Norwegian Point Park

38950 Hansville Road NE
Hansville, WA 98340

Indianola Tennis Courts

20761 Greenwood Street NE
Indianola, WA 98342

Keyport - Central Park

15378 Washington Avenue NE
Keyport, WA 98345

Kingston - North Kitsap Fire & Rescue

26642 Miller Bay Road NE
Kingston, WA 98346

Kingston - Village Green Park

10810 NE West Kingston Road
Kingston, WA 98346

Manchester Stormwater Park

2399 Colchester Drive E
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Naval Base Kitsap - Bangor

2500 Ohio Street
NSB Silverdale, WA 98315

Naval Base Kitsap - Bremerton

886 Barclay Street
Bremerton, WA 98314

Navy Yard City

West Side Improvement Club
4109 West E Street
Bremerton, WA 98312

Port Gamble - S'Klallam Tribal Center

31912 Little Boston Road NE
Kingston, WA 98346

Port Orchard

Kitsap County Auditor's Office
619 Division Street
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Port Orchard (East) - SKFR Station 8

1974 Fircrest Drive SE
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Port Orchard (Glenwood) - SKFR Station 17

7990 McCormick Woods Drive SW
Port Orchard, WA 98367

Poulsbo Fire Station

911 NE Liberty Road
Poulsbo, WA 98370

Poulsbo - Olympic College

1000 Olympic College Way NW
Poulsbo, WA 98370

Seabeck - Green Mountain Elementary School

3860 Boundary Trail NW
Bremerton, WA 98312

Silverdale - CK School District

(Jenne-Wright Building)
9210 Silverdale Way NW
Silverdale, WA 98383

Southworth WSF Terminal

11677 SE Southworth Ferry Drive
Port Orchard, WA 98366
(Near ferry terminal entrance.)

Suquamish Tribal Council Bldg.

18490 Suquamish Way NE
Suquamish, WA 98392

Tracyton - Bremerton Elks, Lodge 1181

4131 Pine Road NE
Bremerton, WA 98310

Sample Ballot

Sample Ballot
 General Election
 November 8, 2022
 Kitsap County, Washington

How to vote this ballot

Use dark blue or black ink to fill in the box to the left of your choice.



Mark **one** choice for a contest. If you mark more than one choice, no votes will be counted for that contest.

Do not use pencil



If you make a mistake



Draw a line through the entire measure response or candidate's name, then you may make another choice.

To vote for a candidate **not** listed on the ballot, write their name in the space provided and fill in the box.

Ballot drop locations, vote centers and accessible voting information is available online at kcowa.us/vote

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

This ballot contains all contests that will appear on the November 8, 2022 General Election ballot. Only the ballot issues that apply to the precinct where you are registered to vote will appear on your ballot.

State Measures

Advisory Vote No. 39 Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5974

The legislature increased, without a vote of the people, the tax on aircraft fuel from 11 cents to 18 cents per gallon, costing \$14 million in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

Repealed

Maintained

Advisory Vote No. 40 Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2076

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, premiums on "transportation network companies" to provide workers compensation to their drivers, costing an indeterminate amount in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

Repealed

Maintained

READ: Each candidate for partisan office may state a political party that he or she prefers. A candidate's preference does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with that candidate.

Federal Partisan Offices

U.S. Senator

Patty Murray
 (Prefers Democratic Party)

Tiffany Smiley
 (Prefers Republican Party)

Congressional District 6 U.S. Representative

Derek Kilmer
 (Prefers Democratic Party)

Elizabeth Kreiselmaier
 (Prefers Republican Party)

State Partisan Offices

Secretary of State

2-year unexpired term

Steve Hobbs
 (Prefers Democratic Party)

Julie Anderson
 (Prefers Nonpartisan Party)

Legislative District 23 State Representative Position 1

Tarra Simmons
 (Prefers Democratic Party)

Janell Hulst
 (Prefers Republican Party)

Legislative District 23 State Representative Position 2

Drew Hansen
 (Prefers Democratic Party)

Paige A Jarquin
 (Prefers Republican Party)

Legislative District 26 State Senator

Emily Randall
 (Prefers Democratic Party)

Jesse L. Young
 (Prefers Republican Party)

Legislative District 26 State Representative Position 1

Adison Richards
 (Prefers Democratic Party)

Spencer Hutchins
 (Prefers Republican Party)

Legislative District 26 State Representative Position 2

Michelle Caldier
 (Prefers Republican Party)

Matt Macklin
 (Prefers Democratic Party)

Legislative District 35 State Senator

Drew C MacEwen
 (Prefers Republican Party)

Julianne Gale
 (Prefers Democratic Party)

Legislative District 35 State Representative Position 1

Daniel Griffey
 (Prefers Republican Party)

James DeHart
 (Prefers Democratic Party)

Legislative District 35 State Representative Position 2

Sandy Kaiser
 (Prefers Democratic Party)

Travis Couture
 (Prefers Republican Party)

Sample Ballot

Sample Ballot
 General Election
 November 8, 2022
 Kitsap County, Washington

County Partisan Offices
Kitsap County Commissioner District 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Katie Walters (Prefers Democratic Party)
<input type="checkbox"/> Josh Hinman (Prefers Republican Party)
<input type="checkbox"/>
Kitsap County Assessor
<input type="checkbox"/> Phil Cook (Prefers Republican Party)
<input type="checkbox"/>
Kitsap County Auditor
<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Andrews (Prefers Democrat Party)
<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Simpson (Prefers Republican Party)
<input type="checkbox"/>
Kitsap County Clerk
Short and full 4-year term
<input type="checkbox"/> David T Lewis III (Prefers Democrat Party)
<input type="checkbox"/>
Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney
<input type="checkbox"/> Chad M. Enright (Prefers Democratic Party)
<input type="checkbox"/>
Kitsap County Sheriff
Short and full 4-year term
<input type="checkbox"/> John Gese (Prefers Democratic Party)
<input type="checkbox"/> Rick Kuss (Prefers Republican Party)
<input type="checkbox"/>
Kitsap County Treasurer
<input type="checkbox"/> Pete Boissonneau (Prefers Democratic Party)
<input type="checkbox"/>

Judicial Nonpartisan Offices
Supreme Court Justice Position 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Mary I. Yu
<input type="checkbox"/>
Supreme Court Justice Position 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Barbara Madsen
<input type="checkbox"/>
Supreme Court Justice Position 6
<input type="checkbox"/> G. Helen Whitener
<input type="checkbox"/>
Court of Appeals, Division 2, District 2 Judge Position 1
4-year unexpired term
<input type="checkbox"/> Erik D. Price
<input type="checkbox"/>
Kitsap County District Court Judge Department 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Claire A. Bradley
<input type="checkbox"/>
Kitsap County District Court Judge Department 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Jeffrey J. Jahns
<input type="checkbox"/>
Kitsap County District Court Judge Department 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Shane R. Seaman
<input type="checkbox"/> Stan Glisson
<input type="checkbox"/>
Kitsap County District Court Judge Department 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Kevin P. Kelly
<input type="checkbox"/>

County Nonpartisan Office
Kitsap County Public Utility District No. 1 Commissioner District 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Alice Tawresey
<input type="checkbox"/> Debra Lester
<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Measures
Kitsap County Fire Protection District No. 18 (Poulsbo Fire Department) Proposition No. 1
Regular Property Tax Levy Lid Lift for Fire Protection & Emergency Medical Services
The Board of Commissioners of Kitsap County Fire Protection District No. 18 (Poulsbo Fire Department) adopted Resolution No. 22-05 (as amended on July 22, 2022) proposing an increase in the fire district's regular property tax levy. To fund fire protection and emergency medical services for six years, this proposition authorizes a maximum levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for collection in 2023 (and supersedes the lid lift currently in effect for collection years 2023 and 2024) and sets the limit factor for each subsequent year at 100% plus the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (as described in the Resolution) not to exceed 6%, or be less than 1%, whichever is greater. The final year's levy dollar amount would be used to compute limitations for subsequent levies.
Should this proposition be approved?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No

North Kitsap Fire and Rescue Proposition No. 1
Regular Property Tax Levy Lid Lift for Fire Protection & Emergency Medical Services
The Board of Commissioners of North Kitsap Fire and Rescue adopted Resolution No. 2022-13 proposing an increase in the fire district's regular property tax levy. To fund fire protection and emergency medical services for six years, this proposition authorizes a maximum levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for collection in 2023 and authorizes annual adjustments for the five succeeding years based on the greater of the statutory 1% or the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index referenced in the Resolution, not to exceed 6%. The final year's levy dollar amount would be used to compute limitations for subsequent levies.
Should this proposition be approved?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No
South Kitsap Fire and Rescue Proposition No. 1
Regular Property Tax Levy Lid Lift for Fire Protection & Emergency Medical Services
The Board of Commissioners of South Kitsap Fire and Rescue adopted Resolution No. 2022-07 proposing an increase in the fire district's regular property tax levy. To fund fire protection and emergency medical services for six years, this proposition authorizes a maximum levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for collection in 2023 (superseding the permanent lid lift currently in effect for that year) and sets the limit factor for each subsequent year at 100% plus the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (as described in the Resolution) or the amount authorized under RCW 84.55.0101, whichever is greater. The final year's levy dollar amount would be used to compute limitations for subsequent levies.
Should this proposition be approved?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No

Redistricting

If you live in or near the darkened areas on this Kitsap map, you may be in a different Legislative District next year. If so, your ballot will reflect that. Every 10 years district boundaries are moved to reflect population figures reported in the Federal Census.

If you are wondering what district you are in now and which one you will be in beginning next year, we have a short 2-minute video on our Elections website that will show you how to find out. Go to kitsap.gov/elections to find it.

When do district boundaries change?

Federal, state, county commissioner and public utility district boundaries were approved this year and take effect in 2023.

City, port, school district and utility district boundaries will be formally approved by 2023 and take effect in 2024.

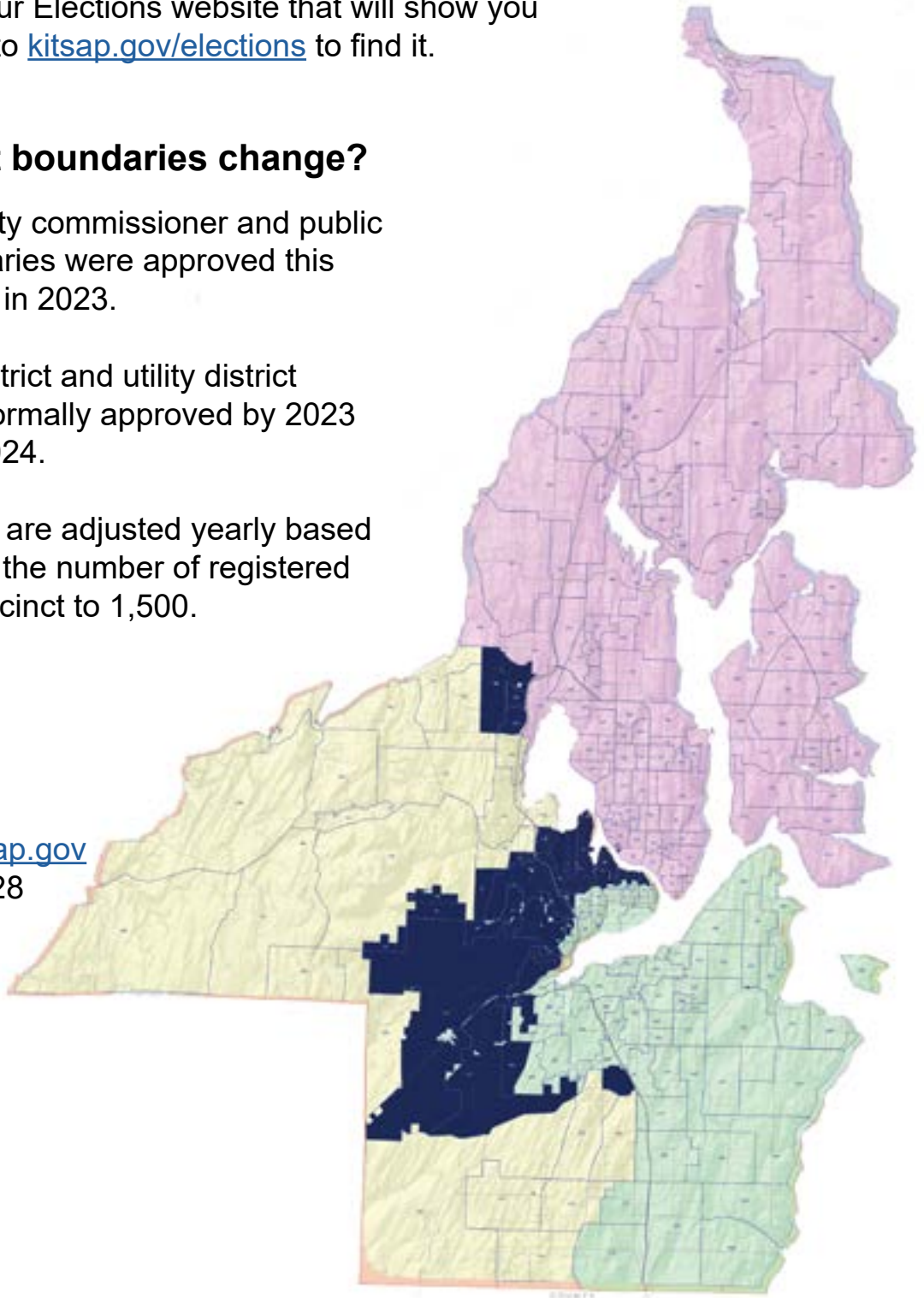
Precinct boundaries are adjusted yearly based on state law limiting the number of registered voters living in a precinct to 1,500.

Questions?

Contact us at:

Email: auditor@kitsap.gov

Phone: 360-337-7128



About Candidate and Measure Statements

Statements written by candidates and committees for and against ballot measures are not edited by the Auditor's Office for content, factual accuracy, grammar or punctuation.

Statements for candidates for federal or state offices are in a pamphlet provided by the State of Washington and mailed separately.

Felony Conviction and Voting Rights

New legislation went into effect January 1, 2022 regarding convicted felons and their right to vote.

If you were convicted of a felony, when can you vote again?

- If you were convicted of a felony in Washington, your right to vote is restored once you are no longer serving a sentence of total confinement in prison.
- If you were convicted of a felony in another state or federal court, your right to vote is restored once you are no longer serving a sentence of total confinement in prison.
- You do not lose your right to vote for a misdemeanor conviction or a conviction in juvenile court.

Do you need to register?

Once your right to vote is restored, you must register to vote even if you were registered before your conviction. You do not need a certificate of discharge to register to vote.

All prospective voters can register:

- at the Kitsap County Elections Office at 619 Division Street, Port Orchard, WA 98366
- at one of three Vote Centers (Dates and times are on Page 4.)
- where you get your driver's license
- online at VoteWa.gov

The online deadline for mail and electronic registration is October 31. In-person registration is available until 8 p.m. on Election Day at the elections office or the vote centers.

Kitsap County Commissioner District 3 – 4-year term



Katie Walters
(Prefers Democratic Party)

Professional Experience:
Executive Director Leadership
Kitsap Foundation, Marketing and
Community Relations Director
Bainbridge Island Museum of
Art, Adjunct Professor Olympic
College, Freelance Public Relations
Consultant.

Education: M.A. Communications,
Washington State University; B.A. Public Relations with
Political Science Minor, Gonzaga University; Museum
Studies Certificate, University of Washington.

Community Service: Bremerton Rotary, Kitsap Regional
Library Board of Trustees, Olympic College Organizational
Leadership and Resource Management Advisory
Committee, Bainbridge Island Museum of Art Education
Committee, Central Kitsap Montessori Parents Association
President, Parent Representative CKSD Advisory
Committees, Kitsap County Arts Board, BSA Troop 1506
Board Member (Proud mom of 3 Eagle Scouts), Holy
Trinity Parish Volunteer.

Statement: I am running for Kitsap County Commissioner
because I care deeply about our county, our families,
and our future. Over my last 30 years living in Kitsap,
I have raised a family, built a career, and worked with
leaders from the private, public, and non-profit sectors
to create positive change in our county. I am ready to
take that experience and tackle critical issues like public
safety, affordable housing, managed growth, increased
homelessness, and environmental stewardship.

Our strength is in our diversity. I am honored to receive
endorsements that represent many voices across Kitsap
including The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Sen. Christine
Rolfes, Sheriff John Gese, Bremerton Port Commissioner
and former Mayor Cary Bozeman, Bremerton School
District Board President Alyson Rotter, Central Kitsap
Community Council Chair Mark Hughes, Rev. Dr. Susie
Beil, Harriette Bryant, Tom Coleman, Lisa Stirrett, Jon
Rauch, and more.

I will provide clear, accessible, and transparent leadership
that is vital to a functioning, representative, local
government. I will be responsible with your tax dollars
and listen to your concerns. Together we can meet the
challenges facing Kitsap County. I humbly ask for your
vote.

For more information:

Email: info@electkatiwalters.com

Website: electkatiwalters.com

Facebook and Instagram: [@electkatiwalters](https://www.facebook.com/electkatiwalters)



Josh Hinman
(Prefers Republican Party)

Professional Experience:
Executive Director, newlife 2016–
present; Consultant, My Lion
Marketing (2018-2020); National
Field Director, YFC/USA (2014–
2016); Executive Director, West
Sound YFC (2009-2016); Area
Manager, Enterprise Holdings
(2000-2009)

Education: Master of Business Administration, Northwest
University, BA, Covenant College

Community Service: CKSD Levy Committee (2022);
Kitsap County Budget Committee (2019-2021); Gateway
Schools Foundation, Founding Boardmember; KBF
Homelessness Task Force; Washington Association
for Children and Families (2012-2014), Founding
Boardmember; Kitsap 40 under 40 (2011); Leadership
Kitsap Graduate (2010) – Project: 9/11 Memorial brought
to Evergreen Park; Kitsap Community Resources (KCR),
Past Boardmember; Former Rotarian; Covenant High
School, Past Boardmember; Former SK & Silverdale
Peewee Coach (baseball and football)

Statement: I believe people are like me ... they desire
a thriving community where individuals and families
feel safe. They want to preserve our parks, trails and
waterways. They long for real and actionable solutions
to homelessness and a system where fair and honest
law enforcement can uphold laws. We have enough
money. We don't need new taxes. I'll bring two decades
of experience in leading diverse teams that prioritize
spending, eliminate waste, and build trust.

As a foster parent and foster agency director, I helped
the most vulnerable find homes, jobs, education, and
support. On KCR's Executive and Head Start Committees,
I ensured children and families had the resources to
thrive – including affordable housing and jobs training. As
a business consultant, I've helped local small businesses
grow.

We want transparency, accountability, and communication.
We need a collaborative leader to navigate the challenges
facing us today. *I don't simply talk about change, I lead it.* I
believe people from different viewpoints can find common
ground and implement solutions to bring Kitsap together.

If you desire change and fresh perspectives, vote Hinman.
My experience isn't in politics, it's in getting things done ...
which is exactly what our community needs now.

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Kitsap County Assessor – 4-year term



Phil Cook

(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience: Kitsap County Assessor 2015 to present

Other Professional Experience: Property Manager in Kitsap County, 2004 – present; Retail Sales Manager and Mortgage Loan Originator, 2004 – 2014; Operations Manager 1999 - 2004

Education: Master of Public Administration, University of Southern California; M.Ed., Azusa Pacific University; B.A., University of Arkansas

Community Service: Adult volunteer, Scouts BSA, 2016 – present; Board Member, The United Way of Kitsap County, 2015 – 2018; Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America

Statement: It has been an honor to serve the people of Kitsap County. During the next four years as Assessor it is my intent to ensure that the office continues to prioritize that it is effectively and efficiently serving our community all while meeting the statutory requirements of the office. We will continue improving accessibility to available services through new and additional uses of technology and will continue our process improvement efforts in order to maintain fiscal responsibility with precious taxpayer dollars. This will be done all while maintaining the high levels of customer service that our community has come to expect from the office. I look forward to continue serving the people of Kitsap as Assessor for the next four years.

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Kitsap County Auditor – 4-year term



Paul Andrews
(Prefers Democratic Party)

Elected Experience: Elected Kitsap County Auditor in 2018.

Professional Experience: Along with being the chief election official for Kitsap County, Paul is Co-Chair of the State Licensing Committee, Secretary of the Kitsap County Finance Committee, and Board Member of the Washington State

Association of County Auditors. Paul's experience includes 29 years as an IT professional and Kitsap County Data Analyst.

Education: Degree in Building Design. State Certified Elections Administrator. Leadership Kitsap graduate.

Community Service: Paul has served on the Board of Directors for several local non-profits, including KACE, KSBO, and SK Cheer Association. He has volunteered with Special Olympics, Relay for Life, United Way, and SKSD.

Statement: As your County Auditor I have spent the last three years fulfilling my campaign promises: ensuring the Auditor's Office remains accountable to taxpayers, local elections are conducted securely and transparently, and county resources are more widely accessible. I'm proud to say we have met these goals for our community.

The Auditor's Office was one of few government offices that maintained full services throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. By leveraging technology and secure drop boxes we continued to meet the needs of the community.

As our county's chief election official, I ensured our last 15 local elections – including the largest ever recorded – were conducted fairly and transparently. We added cameras to our ballot room and began live streaming every public meeting, allowing everyone to watch democracy in action. We added voting opportunities through a new vote center, additional days of availability (including Saturday), and installation of three new secure ballot drop boxes.

The Auditor's Office plays an important role in our county and requires hands-on experience to ensure its success. I am uniquely qualified to continue leading this vital part of our local government with accountability and integrity and I ask for your vote.

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Mike Simpson
(Prefers Republican Party)

Biography: Why am I the best choice? My managerial experience is extensive and the positions I've attained would never have materialized without competence, intelligence and fastidious attention to detail. Working for the Army in Iraq, well-honed skills and meticulous planning were essential

to the survival of our teams on the ground. As a senior non-commissioned officer, I oversaw several soldiers greater in rank while working directly for the Colonel. Having attained senior management positions with multiple Fortune 500 companies, I've managed corporate divisions with hundreds of employees, been accountable for safeguarding millions of dollars of equipment, and securing millions of documents.

Statement: Why am I running? *As a federal employee, I could either stay silent about egregious errors in the Auditor's office, and keep my job, or resign and run to correct them.*

Why is this race so important? Most people expect our elections to be run in a nonpartisan manner without intrusion from government. That is *not* what happened to me as the incumbent in the 2021 Bremerton City Council race; our County Auditor's office gerrymandered (moved, based on voting trends) hundreds of voters from my district months before Census data was available. I still won. Then, the Auditor's office petitioned to nullify *the will of the people, overturning the election*. Government should *never* put its thumb on the scale to favor one candidate over another. Additionally, significant managerial failings need correction: in my 2021 race, hundreds of ballots were sent to the wrong households and to rectify this error, voters were encouraged to *ask* for a new corrected ballot; individuals received multiple ballots; and it takes, on average, six months to record Commissioner Resolutions and Ordinances. This is unacceptable.

Together we can change the status quo, make the Auditor's office nonpartisan, and right these wrongs. *I'm asking for your vote.*

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Kitsap County Clerk – Short and full 4-year term



David T Lewis III
(Prefers Democratic Party)

Elected Experience: Appointed Kitsap County Clerk in 2021.

Other Professional Experience: County Clerk's Domestic Violence Specialist, Deputy County Clerk.

Community Service: Kitsap Legal Services, Board President; Volunteer for local youth and adult athletics.

Education: Bremerton High School, Olympic College, Professional Development Academy.

Statement: The Clerk's office is the official record keeper for Kitsap County Superior Court. My office also serves the public, lawyers, and judges by assisting those filing or defending lawsuits. We also process passport applications and take passport photos.

I am very proud of the reputation the Clerk's office has, and proud of the excellent public service that we provide. I have been fortunate to be a part of providing that service for over 37 years. I look forward to enhancing our services with new technologies while promoting access to justice.

As the County Clerk's Domestic Violence Specialist I have assisted many citizens through some of the most difficult times in their life. I have learned that the clerk's office is often a place where citizens come when looking for direction. I know that navigating the court system can be very difficult, and the people of my office are there to help. As Deputy Clerk, I have been at the forefront of this assistance, and I ask for your vote to continue to provide excellent service to our community.

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Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney – 4-year term



Chad M. Enright
(Prefers Democratic Party)

Elected Experience: Elected Kitsap County Prosecutor in 2018.

Other Professional Experience: Chad began practicing law in 2004 for Case & Hemstreet Law before joining the Prosecutor's Office as a felony trial attorney in 2008. He was previously the Chief Deputy Prosecutor for the Felony &

Juvenile Division.

Education: North Kitsap High School, BA in Political Science from the University of Washington, and JD from Seattle University.

Community Service: Chad currently serves as Immediate Past President of the Kitsap County Bar Association and as a Board Member of the American Red Cross (South Puget Sound and Olympics), Kitsap Community Resources, and The Arc of the Peninsulas.

Statement: I have dedicated my career to prosecuting criminals, fighting for justice, and keeping Kitsap County safe for all. In my first term, we endured the challenges of the pandemic and made meaningful improvements. I'm running for re-election to keep the prosecutor's office professional and efficient, while maintaining a focus on fairness and respect for everyone.

Over the last three years, we created new programs to keep Kitsap County safe, including the Domestic Violence Firearm, High Priority Offender, Financial Crime, and Felony Traffic Crimes programs. Through partnerships, we introduced the Welcome Home Project and Washington State's first Girls Court, reducing recidivism. We held Washington's first Legal Financial Obligations reconsideration day and National Expungement Week, giving those who have served their time the opportunity to move forward. Our employees participated in implicit bias training and we hired a dedicated Public Records Officer, ensuring everyone receives fair and timely responses from our office.

With my educational background, government experience, and commitment to our community, I'm uniquely qualified to continue leading the prosecutor's office. I will always strive to build a safer community and effectively manage resources, regardless of the challenges we may face. I look forward to earning your support again this year.

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Kitsap County Sheriff – Short and full 4-year term



John Gese
(Prefers Democratic Party)

Elected Experience: Appointed Kitsap County Sheriff in 2021.

Other Professional Experience: My 31+ year career with the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office has included many roles, such as interim sheriff, undersheriff, division chief, lieutenant, sergeant, traffic unit, patrol division, and field

training officer. I am a current member of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC), Western State Sheriffs Association, Auto Theft Prevention Authority, and Port Orchard Rotary.

Education: BA in Sociology from Western Washington University.

Community Service: I previously served as Board President of Leadership Kitsap, Board Member for our local American Red Cross and SKSD Community Facilities Advisory Committee, and advisor for WestSound Technical School.

Statement: Throughout my 31+ year career, I have helped our agency navigate the challenges of recessions, growth, strategic planning, COVID-19, and implementing criminal justice reform. I have built strong, collaborative relationships with our citizens, neighborhood groups, other law enforcement agencies, and community partners to provide the best possible services. I know what works and what doesn't within the Sheriff's Office.

Together with our dedicated employees and volunteers, I will continue to lead the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office towards the highest standards of law enforcement. I will face the challenges of our growing community and crime by advocating for the resources needed, addressing crime, and promoting public safety. I am dedicated to protecting our citizens and those victimized by crime.

My experience has included oversight of all operations of the Sheriff's Office, including the jail. I have significant training, unparalleled experience, and a proven track record to continue to serve as your Sheriff.

Kitsap County has been my home for more than three decades. With your support, I hope to continue holding the Sheriff's Office to the highest quality of service, while advocating for a future of Kitsap County that we can all share and enjoy. I humbly ask for your vote.

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Rick Kuss
(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience: Proudly running for the first time after serving in the United States Navy for 24 years.

Professional Experience: Strategic Weapons Officer. Experienced in Anti-terrorism training and tactics, Force Protection, and Security. Qualified

for command and nuclear engineer on a Ballistic Missile Submarine. Saline Police Cadet Lieutenant.

Education: Master of Science in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University with a 4.0 GPA.

Community Service: Serves with *Hope Worldwide* and *New Day Ministry* helping the homeless and providing interaction with elderly people at senior centers. Volunteer at *Central Kitsap Food Bank*. Sponsored homeless youth at my residence through *Coffee Oasis*.

Statement: As Kitsap County Sheriff, I will be a role model, leading the office through vision, motivation, and inspiration, as I did with those under me in the Navy. I knew those in my command by name, and quickly established the trust needed between us to protect each other's lives. The Sheriff's Office is no different. I will seek to unite everyone, regardless of rank, in areas of appearance, physical readiness, and continued education.

I am professionally trained in evidence-based policing methods that have resulted in a 50% crime reduction in Danville, VA and Walton County, FL. As Kitsap County Sheriff, I will establish these methods here, while partnering with other sheriffs to lower crime rates throughout WA. I will support and defend the Constitution, as I did in the military.

As Kitsap County Sheriff, I will serve and protect all citizens equally, while helping the vulnerable obtain a sense of community. I will enhance partnerships with external organizations that manage the mental health and drug issues that undermine public safety.

The Kitsap County Sheriff Office is currently understaffed. To bring the department to full staff, protecting our community and increasing public safety, I will personally help recruit new deputies.

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Kitsap County Treasurer – 4-year term



Pete Boissonneau
(Prefers Democratic Party)

Professional Experience: Chief Deputy Treasurer, Kitsap County (2022-Present), Investment Officer, Kitsap County (2019-2022), Institutional Fixed Income Broker, Multi-Bank Securities (2009-2018)

Education: MBA, University of South Carolina (2018-2019),

B.S. - International Business and Finance, University of South Carolina (2003-2007)

Community Service: Conference presenter with Washington State Association of County Treasurers and Washington Public Treasurers' Association, Snare Technician with REEF Independent Percussion (2014-2015), Battery instructor for Santaluces High School indoor drumline (2012-2013) and Clarkston High School drumline (2008-2011)

Statement: In the current challenging economic environment, experienced stewardship of government funds is more important than ever. The Kitsap County Treasurer functions as the bank for Kitsap County and its school, fire, port, water, and park districts. As Kitsap County Treasurer, I will continue providing these essential services to our community in a compassionate and fiscally responsible manner.

Since 2010, I have worked with cities, counties, and special purpose districts across the state of Washington to maximize investment portfolio interest earnings while maintaining safety and liquidity within state guidelines. During that time, I fell in love with the area, its welcoming people, and inspiring landscape. Completing my MBA in 2019, I jumped at the opportunity to live and serve in Kitsap County.

Leveraging my private industry experience, I have managed the 800-million-dollar Kitsap County Investment Pool. Working as the Banking and Settlement project lead and Banking Administrator during our successful Workday implementation has allowed me to collaborate with departments and districts across the county. I am proud to be endorsed by Meredith Green who decided to retire after 12 successful years as Kitsap County Treasurer. I look forward to the honor of continuing to serve the residents of Kitsap County.

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Kitsap County District Court Judge, Department 1 – 4-year term (Nonpartisan)



Claire A. Bradley

Legal Experience: Current Kitsap County District Court Judge, elected in 2014. Former Kitsap County Chief Deputy Prosecutor, District/Municipal Court Division; deputy prosecutor (1997-2014) focusing on crimes against children, sexual assault and domestic violence cases. Past Special Assistant United States Attorney prosecuting violent felons in Federal Court.

Chair of the Kitsap District and Municipal Court Practice and Procedure Committee.

Community Service: Past Chair of Kitsap SAIVS (Special Assault Investigations and Victim's Services) 2000-2014, past board member of Kitsap County DV Task Force, United Way Board Past President, Leadership Kitsap Alumnus, Past President of South Kitsap Rotary, YWCA "Woman of Achievement."

Statement: I am so grateful to have been elected to this position in 2014 and feel fortunate to be able to serve the people of Kitsap County. In every case I hear, I strive to dispense justice by considering all parties' rights, by listening carefully to every litigant and by presiding over every case fairly and impartially.

As a 17-year prosecutor, I was a voice for our community's most vulnerable, and tried every type of case from parking infractions to aggravated first degree murder. As a Judge, I have used this substantial legal experience to preside over every type of proceeding in District Court. Since taking the bench seven years ago, I helped to create and now preside over the first mental health court in the county. The Behavioral Health Court has now helped dozens of people afflicted with mental health issues by identifying crucial resources, providing much needed structure and ordering appropriate treatment and education to correct behavior and reduce recidivism.

I am honored to serve our community and will continue to respect the rights of all parties, while fairly and impartially applying the law.

I live in Port Orchard with my husband, our two sons and two dogs.

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Kitsap County District Court Judge, Department 2 – 4-year term (Nonpartisan)



Jeffrey J. Jahns

Legal/Judicial Experience:

Appointed to the Kitsap County District Court in 2009, and elected in 2010, 2014, and 2018. Served as a Kitsap County chief deputy prosecuting attorney from 1995 until being appointed to the bench in 2009, and as a criminal defense attorney from 1981 to 1994.

Admitted to the Washington State Bar Association in 1981.

Education: Graduate of Wilson High School, Tacoma, WA. 1974. Graduate of the University of Puget Sound. 1978. Law degree from the University of Puget Sound School of Law. 1981.

Statement: A judge must be humble and treat all with dignity and respect. Judge Jahns is honored and grateful to have been given the opportunity to serve the public as a judge.

Judge Jahns was a Dean for the 2014 Washington Judicial College, a mandatory one week conference all new Washington judicial officers are required to attend. He is a past member of the District and Municipal Court Judges Association Board of Governors.

Judge Jahns has authored 17 professional articles and publications, and presented 115 training sessions for judges, lawyers, law enforcement and various government agencies. His *Traffic Stops in Washington State Bench Book* (2013) is a comprehensive textbook on Washington search and seizure law from a traffic stop perspective.

In 2021, Judge Jahns received the Kitsap County Bar Association Trustee's Award along with Kitsap County Superior Court Presiding Judge Kevin D. Hull for their successful efforts in keeping Kitsap County's judicial branch open throughout the pandemic. In 2004, Judge Jahns received the Washington State Bar Association Professionalism Award for his work as a prosecutor. In 1995, he received the Kitsap County Bar Association Professionalism Award for his work as a criminal defense attorney.

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Kitsap County District Court Judge, Department 3 – 4-year term (Nonpartisan)



Shane R. Seaman

Legal/Judicial Experience:

Current Court Commissioner for Bremerton Municipal Court 9 years; Judge Pro Tem 15 years, sits currently for Kitsap County District Court, Bainbridge Island, Bremerton, and Poulsbo Municipal Courts. Trial Lawyer 18 years.

Other Professional Experience:

U.S. Coast Guard, Joined 1996,

District 13/Seattle Legal Office, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, Enlisted Person of Quarter.

Education: South Kitsap High School, Olympic College, Excelsior College BA, Business, Gonzaga University Law (2004) Graduated Cum Laude.

Community Service: North Kitsap Poulsbo Rotary, Morrow Manor Domestic Violence Shelter, Poulsbo Chamber, “OlyCap” Board, Kitsap Children’s Musical Theater, North Kitsap High School Band, North Kitsap Soccer Club Coach, Kitsap Dispute Resolution Center, local/state bar associations.

Statement: With so many institutions distrusted, I have one passion: to serve the people of Kitsap County with a trusted commitment to justice. I have served as Judge Pro Tem for 15 years and have established a reputation for giving every person before me their day in court that’s fair, respectful, impartial and follows established law.

I’m from here, raised in Port Orchard in a diverse family of different cultures – making inclusive life and equality part of my life. I’ve presided over thousands of cases from Bainbridge, Bremerton, Poulsbo, and Port Orchard, and I’ve litigated every type of case that could arise in District Court. I’m a former felony prosecutor, conflict public defender and experienced trial lawyer in private practice handling civil litigation. I’ve argued cases at every level from Municipal Court all the way to the State Supreme Court. I’ve attended Washington Judicial College, and also annual judicial training for nine years.

Truly understanding what it takes to justly and equitably hear a litigant’s case requires experience, time on the job, constant training and love of the community you serve. I have that experience and offer my story and lifelong reputation for delivering justice-and ask for your vote.

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Stan Glisson

Legal/Judicial Experience: I’ve spent my entire career as a trial lawyer handling criminal and civil cases in Kitsap County. Starting in 1999, I worked first as a Public Defender and then as a Deputy Prosecutor. For the past 17 years I have served as Gig Harbor’s City Prosecutor. I am currently a partner at Glisson & Morris in Port Orchard, the town where my wife and I live

and raised our children. I have been serving regularly as Judge Pro Tem in Kitsap District and Municipal Courts since 2004.

Education: JD, University of Washington School of Law. BA, Philosophy, University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Statement: I’m running for District Court to improve our community’s access to justice and make Kitsap County a better place to live. By making our judicial process more transparent and less intimidating, we can ensure everyone receives fair treatment under the law.

As your Judge, I will always hear all litigants equally, respect the rights of defendants and victims alike, and hold offenders accountable. I will ensure all feel welcome in court, embrace the use of technology, and apply my decades of litigation experience to every case before me.

My extensive courtroom experience includes 100+ jury trials, numerous appeals, and countless contested criminal motions and administrative hearings. I have appeared as counsel in 20+ different courts in Washington and served extensively as Judge Pro Tem in this court. I am proud to have the highest rating from all four judicial evaluation committees in Washington: the Asian Bar Association, Latino/a Bar Association, QLaw (LGBT Bar Association), and Washington Women Lawyers.

I am endorsed by over 100 judges, attorneys, and community members who recognize that my broad range of experience uniquely qualifies me to carry on our court’s standard of excellence. I would be honored to serve and I ask for your vote.

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Kitsap County District Court Judge, Department 4 – 4-year term (Nonpartisan)



Kevin P. Kelly

Legal/Judicial Experience:

Current Kitsap County District Court Judge, appointed June 30, 2017. Twenty-seven year Kitsap County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. Chief Deputy Prosecutor, District/Municipal Court Division (2015-2017), Senior Deputy Prosecutor, Administration Unit (2010-2015), and Felony Drug Unit (2006-2010).

Education: BA Kent State University (1984). JD Cleveland-Marshall College of Law (1988).

Community Service: Current 25+ year active member of Rotary International, Past President of Rotary Club of South Kitsap. Former Executive Board member of Kitsap Humane Society. Graduate of Leadership Kitsap.

Statement: It has been my pleasure to serve the citizens of Kitsap County for over 30 years as a Deputy Prosecutor and currently as a Kitsap County District Court Judge. I have had the good fortune over my career to appear before many outstanding judges, in cases ranging from simple assault and DUI to aggravated murder. I have learned what it means to be a fair and unbiased judge and how to listen with understanding and compassion.

I served for many years as the Drug Court Prosecutor and participated in the creation of the Veterans Treatment Court and the Behavioral Health Court. I currently preside over the Human Trafficking Court (THRIVE Court) and serve on the Executive Board of the Kitsap Human Trafficking Committee. In 2009 I volunteered to become a certified dog handler in order to bring the first Courthouse Dog, Kerris, to Kitsap County to ease the trauma experienced by some, often children, appearing in court.

I am grateful to have been appointed to the bench and will continue to serve with integrity and distinction.

I am the proud father of three daughters and reside with my wife in South Kitsap.

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Kitsap County Public Utility District 1, Commissioner District 1 – 6-year term (Nonpartisan)



Alice Tawresey

Elected Experience:

Councilmember, City of Winslow-2 years; Elected Mayor, City of Winslow-12 years

Other Professional Experience:

WSDOT Board of Directors, Chair; Ferry Tariff Policy Committee, Chair; Olympic College Board of Trustees, Chair

Education: BA, BS University of Washington; MPA University of Washington

Community Service: Bloedel Reserve Board, Volunteer; American Marine Bank Board; MTAK, Kitsap Fast Ferry Committee; Kitsap Community Foundation, Chair; The Arc of the Peninsulas, Chair; Bainbridge Shoreline Plan Committee; Music Director, Eagle Harbor Church; Interfaith Council Spring Concert, Baccalaureate, chair; Lifeguard, BIMPD

Statement: Having lived and worked in Kitsap County for over 50 years, I know that change is inevitable. But, managing change takes organization, ideas, leadership and most importantly, listening to voters. My considerable non-partisan experience has prepared me to ask the voters to trust me as the next KPUD District 1 Commissioner.

Water and connectivity are the lifeblood of family and community success, especially as more people work from home. Expanding the fiber optic system in areas of the county and reservation lands with limited telecommunications access is the goal so that we can connect even the remote parts of the county as effectively as in the centers.

Leadership, not management is what makes a board effective. This requires expertise that I've refined over many years and in many roles. Knowing when to ask for voter input, how to use it, and putting it into practice is the heart of public service.

Property owners, renters and voters of Kitsap County are the owners of the water and communication systems under the control of the PUD. As your KPUD commissioner, I will conserve these resources, both natural and monetary, and work for you in every decision. That is my pledge to you.

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Debra Lester

Elected Experience:

KPUD Commissioner (2017-2022), Washington PUD Association Education Committee Co-Chair (2019-2022), Bainbridge City Council (2010-2013), Bainbridge Mayor (2012), Housing Kitsap Board (2010-2013), Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council (KRCC), KRCC Transportation Committee, and Puget Sound Regional Council

Other Experience: Founder/publisher of Art Access, a print and online magazine serving Washington and Oregon.

Education: Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, BFA

Community Service: Co-founder, Ferry Community Partnership—coordinating Puget Sound lobbying efforts in Olympia to keep ferry fares affordable and service dependable; former board member, Community Energy Solutions—promoting renewable energy and conservation; former member, Bainbridge Island Public Art Committee; and a volunteer creating community gardens for affordable housing.

Statement: In my first term, common sense solutions to environmental challenges have been accomplished. Replacing the Port Gamble sewer with a Membrane Bioreactor returns treated/clean water into our freshwater systems and reopens 90 acres of shellfish beds—a model for all communities with more to come!

When COVID moved school and work online, we provided WiFi sites for students and citizens. Working with legislators, Public Broadband became state law qualifying PUDs for federal funding. KPUD is receiving \$11 million for internet projects. KPUD went from 200 to almost 800 internet miles connecting over 1350 residences, 350 businesses, and counting!

We hired the first woman KPUD general manager, moved to biennial budgeting, and created an in-house construction team that works collaboratively with public and private agencies—saving ratepayers money! Whether responding to your concerns, attending meetings, or testifying at the State Capitol, I will ensure that Kitsap PUD customers have clean water, affordable/reliable utility services, and fast internet connections. I have kept my campaign promises and would be honored to earn your vote to continue this essential work.

Endorsements: National Women's Political Caucus of Washington, Washington Conservation Voters, Suquamish Tribe, Senator Christine Rolfes, Representative Drew Hansen, and Poulsbo Mayor Becky Erickson.

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Proposition No. 1

Regular Property Tax Levy Lid Lift for Fire Protection & Emergency Medical Services

Official Ballot Title

The Board of Commissioners of Kitsap County Fire Protection District No. 18 (Poulsbo Fire Department) adopted Resolution No. 22-05 (as amended on July 22, 2022) proposing an increase in the fire district's regular property tax levy. To fund fire protection and emergency medical services for six years, this proposition authorizes a maximum levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for collection in 2023 (and supersedes the lid lift currently in effect for collection years 2023 and 2024) and sets the limit factor for each subsequent year at 100% plus the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (as described in the Resolution) not to exceed 6%, or be less than 1%, whichever is greater. The final year's levy dollar amount would be used to compute limitations for subsequent levies.

Should this proposition be approved?

- Yes**
- No**

Explanatory Statement

(Prepared by the attorney for the district as prescribed by law.)

Kitsap County Fire District #18 (Poulsbo Fire Department) provides emergency medical, rescue, and fire protection services to its citizens. This proposition authorizes the District to restore the regular property tax levy rate (which is currently \$1.33/\$1,000 of assessed valuation) back to the rate of \$1.50/\$1,000 of assessed valuation and will establish a limit factor for the following five years that shall be at 100% plus the annual percentage change in the consumer price index (as described in Resolution 20-05), or 1%, whichever is greater, but not to exceed 6%.

The District's Board of Commissioners has determined that this proposition is necessary to maintain an effective level of services, emergency response staffing, equipment, and facilities in light of increasing service demands and rising costs. Approval of this measure will allow the District to maintain and improve the level of fire protection and emergency medical services provided to its citizens by adding and training firefighter-emergency medical technicians and firefighter-paramedics.

Argument For the Measure

Maintain Excellent Service

Poulsbo Fire Department (PFD) has a long-standing history of providing excellent emergency services to the citizens of Poulsbo and North Kitsap. This service is managed with the PFD's decades-long commitment to prudent spending practices, which have continually demonstrated its responsible stewardship of taxpayer funds. Therefore, as the taxpaying citizens who rely on these services, we can be confident these practices will prevail.

Methodical Spending

Guided by comprehensive and data-driven planning efforts, PFD has successfully sought many innovative and cost-efficient strategies to both maintain and enhance service levels. The Department's spending strategies originate from thoughtful assessment of service level needs and performance metrics. This effort establishes credible benchmarks to methodically indicate when and how to invest in service sustaining resources. This prudent approach also considers how to most efficiently do so while maintaining equity among the taxpayers who must fund it.

Keeping Pace

As our community has grown, so too, have the demands for the life-saving services provided by Poulsbo Fire Department. With forward-looking vision and our continued support as taxpayers, Poulsbo Fire Department has admirably kept pace without extravagant spending. However, our community has reached the point where increased demand has created service level gaps. As community members, and voters who rely on PFD services, this is our opportunity to close these gaps and maintain essential emergency service levels.

A yes vote for this measure will maintain and further improve the excellent quality of life-saving service we all rely on.

Rebuttal to the Argument Against

No "Against" committee formed for rebuttal.

Argument prepared by Eric Quitslund, chair; Chris Quinn and Bill Whiteley, committee members, committee for the measure. For more information, email CitizensforPFD@gmail.com.

Argument Against the Measure

No "Against" committee formed.

Rebuttal to the Argument For

No "Against" committee formed.

No "Against" committee formed.

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Regular Property Tax Levy Lid Lift for Fire Protection & Emergency Medical Services

Official Ballot Title

The Board of Commissioners of North Kitsap Fire and Rescue adopted Resolution No. 2022-13 proposing an increase in the fire district's regular property tax levy. To fund fire protection and emergency medical services for six years, this proposition authorizes a maximum levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for collection in 2023 and authorizes annual adjustments for the five succeeding years based on the greater of the statutory 1% or the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index referenced in the Resolution, not to exceed 6%. The final year's levy dollar amount would be used to compute limitations for subsequent levies.

Should this proposition be approved?

- Yes**
- No**

Explanatory Statement

(Prepared by the attorney for the district as prescribed by law.)

North Kitsap Fire & Rescue provides emergency fire protection and medical services to its citizens. The District's Board of Commissioners has determined that this proposition is necessary to maintain an effective level of service, fire fighter staffing, equipment and facilities in light of rising costs and increasing service demands. The taxes levied pursuant to this measure will allow the District to maintain the level of fire protection and emergency medical services provided to its citizens.

If approved by the voters, this proposition will authorize the District to restore its regular real property tax levy rate to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2023 (the current levy is approximately \$.97 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation). For the five subsequent years, the proposition authorizes annual adjustments of the greater of one percent or the annual CPI-W for Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue for the period from August to August as reported in the levy year, not to exceed six percent. The amount levied in 2027 and collected in 2028 shall serve as the District's tax levy base and, in 2028, absent further voter approval, the tax levy will be subject to the statutory one percent limit.

This lid lift will replace the District's \$.35 per thousand of assessed valuation maintenance and operation levy which expires in 2022. When combined in the statutory reduction of the EMS levy rate (estimated to be \$.07 per thousand) this will result in a net change to the overall levy rate of \$.11 cents per thousand of assessed valuation.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements.

Argument For the Measure

Proposition 1 replaces funding from an expiring special levy.

Replacement funding is needed to maintain North Kitsap Fire & Rescue’s current levels of service, help the district meet the demands of coming growth and more.

Proposition 1 provides the resources necessary to rebuild an outdated fire station.

Constructed more than 60 years ago, the Suquamish station is the oldest of NKF&R’s four staffed stations and the only one that doesn’t meet current earthquake and safety standards. No matter where you live or travel in the district, every station is an integral part of an interdependent system that provides emergency medical, fire and rescue service for the entire North Kitsap area. Passage of this measure helps NKF&R finance the new station’s estimated \$7 million construction cost, and ensure that the system remains strong.

Proposition 1 helps those who help us.

NKF&R consistently delivers professional and compassionate emergency response when we need it. The measure also supports their efforts to maintain this service by funding additional firefighter positions and replacing aging equipment. Because the special levy is expiring and the EMS levy rate is falling as property values rise, supporting NKF&R with approval of Proposition 1 only adds \$0.11 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to the total fire tax rate for 2023.

Vote “Yes” on NKF&R’s Proposition 1.

Approve the funding that protects the safety of our firefighters, strengthens our system of stations and preserves our excellent levels of service into the future.

Rebuttal to the Argument Against

No “Against” committee formed for rebuttal.

Argument prepared by John Huntington, chair; Betty A. Cooper and Chuck Strahm, committee members, committee for the measure. For more information, email restorenklevy@gmail.com.

Argument Against the Measure

No “Against” committee formed.

Rebuttal to the Argument For

No “Against” committee formed.

No “Against” committee formed.

Proposition No. 1

Regular Property Tax Levy Lid Lift for Fire Protection & Emergency Medical Services

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The Board of Commissioners of South Kitsap Fire and Rescue adopted Resolution No. 2022-07 proposing an increase in the fire district's regular property tax levy. To fund fire protection and emergency medical services for six years, this proposition authorizes a maximum levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for collection in 2023 (superseding the permanent lid lift currently in effect for that year) and sets the limit factor for each subsequent year at 100% plus the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (as described in the Resolution) or the amount authorized under RCW 84.55.0101, whichever is greater. The final year's levy dollar amount would be used to compute limitations for subsequent levies.

Should this proposition be approved?

- Yes**
- No**

Explanatory Statement

(Prepared by the attorney for the district as prescribed by law.)

South Kitsap Fire and Rescue provides emergency medical, rescue and fire protection services to its citizens. This proposition authorizes the District to renew its levy and restore the District's property tax levy rate (which is currently approximately \$1.21 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation) to a levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation and will establish a limit factor for the following five years that shall be 100% of the first-half to first-half Consumer Price Index for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue area. This results in an approximate \$0.29 increase in the levy with an impact of approximately \$130.00 increase-per-year on a median assessed valued home within the District in 2023.

The District's Board of Commissioners has determined that this proposition is necessary to maintain an effective level of services, firefighter staffing, equipment and facilities. Approval of this measure will allow the District to address its increasing call volume and maintain and improve the level of fire protection and emergency medical services provided to its citizens by adding and training additional career and volunteer firefighters, paramedics and emergency medical technicians.

Argument For the Measure

The South Kitsap community continues to experience significant growth, evidenced, in part, by the incredible call volume growth experienced by South Kitsap Fire and Rescue (SKFR). The growth of the South Kitsap community has caused 911 calls to increase 47.5% in the last 10 years, and 10.7% in the last year alone! SKFR serves over 79,000 citizens in the 117 square mile jurisdiction. In 2011, SKFR responded to 7,795 incidents. That number has increased to 12,005 calls in 2021, an average of 32 calls per day, 1.3 calls every hour, making SKFR the busiest fire district in Kitsap County.

SKFR is seeking to restore this levy lid to \$1.50. The Fire Levy accounts for nearly 60% of the fire district's budget. The fire district does not receive any funding from the county, sales tax, state or federal taxes. In Washington, levies are the primary source of revenue for fire districts and support the overall operations of the agency. The funds generated by agreeing to support SKFR's lid lift will allow SKFR to increase firefighter staffing and buy the necessary equipment to meet its increased demands while improving its level of service for the citizens it serves. SKFR will be able to increase daily staffing levels and add an additional twenty-four hour staffed fire engine and ambulance.

SKFR has a proven track record of being responsible with the public's funds. SKFR is a vital resource for the safety of SK citizens. Please vote to restore the Fire Levy this November

Rebuttal to the Argument Against

SKFR needs this Levy lid lift due to the rising costs of providing emergency services. . The levy will help maintain and improve service. SKFR does collaborate with neighboring fire agencies and has realized cost efficiencies. But, operational costs are outpacing current funding. SKFR citizens can't afford service interruptions. SKFR has used its resources wisely. Buying property now reduces future costs. SKFR's efforts to plan ahead should be applauded. Please vote yes!

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Argument Against the Measure

The SKFR Levy Lift is a Want, not a Need- Consider This

SKFR states 12,000 calls which equates to 2 calls per hour. Neighbors in our area haven't seen or heard a Fire/ Paramedic vehicle in months. The SKFR always mentions this just before they ask for a levy lift. The 24% increase is indeed a tax increase for 10 years, not 4 years.

Tired of "Burn is your Beds" scare tactic due to response times? Response times are constantly cited yet fire vehicles can't speed though roundabouts, fly over speed bumps, speed down narrow winding roads or even manage most dirt roads. More stations and employees won't change the physics. South Kitsap has one sheriff, but the three-fire district has never consolidated so three fire chiefs make hundreds of thousands in salaries. SKFR firefighters and paramedics make more than \$100K.

SKFR purchased five properties all above market value in cash; costing taxpayers over \$1.5 M. At least two properties have possible environmental concerns and potential remediation could cost taxpayers millions. This levy is for increasing the payroll and additional personal. What about future bonds coming for the new stations and fire equipment?

How old is your home? Why should we believe SKFR fire stations (some less than 30 years old) are in such disrepair? Many of our school district's facilities are older than 75 years, used extensively, and still in good repair. Please Vote "No" on the SKFR Levy Resolution 2022- 07. No Fire District Fiefdoms.

Rebuttal to the Argument For

This not a restoration levy but a substantial taxes increase to last 10 years. Local taxes are but one source of SKFR funding as evidenced by employees qualifying for state retirement and other state benefits. More stuff means more taxes to maintain, fund, and newer doesn't mean better service. How does more growth mean more fires? How much will the levy/bond request be to build and equip new stations? Vote "No" pending a viable plan.

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