

Clallam County Official Local

Voters' Pamphlet

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Message from Elections Division

Clallam County Voters,

Welcome to your 2023 August Primary Local Voters' Pamphlet!

This Local Voters' Pamphlet has been created to provide additional information about voting in Washington State and about the candidates that are appearing on the Primary ballot. By reading through the pages, you will gain insight into the candidates as you read their submitted statements and biographies.

When will my ballot arrive? Ballots will be mailed to all participating registered voters in Clallam County 20 days before the Primary. Watch for your ballot to arrive in your mailbox beginning July 12.

What will be on my ballot? We have over 50 county offices open for election. Nonpartisan races with less than two candidates will not appear on the Primary ballot but will appear on the General Election ballot. Partisan races, even if only one candidate is running, will always appear on your Primary ballot. Your ballot will reflect those races that are within the districts you reside in and that qualify for the Primary.

How should I return my ballot? Once you have voted your ballot, **sign your envelope!** Your signature is important. Our elections staff verifies that your signature matches the one on your voter registration record before they process your ballot. Return your ballot, either by mail or Official Ballot Drop Box, don't wait until Election Day!

Why Vote? By voting in the August Primary, you will help decide the top two candidates that will appear on the November 7, General Election ballot. We are counting on you to vote for what matters to you, your vote is your voice and will help shape Clallam County.

Our Elections staff is dedicated to serving our voters and we look forward to continuing to conduct Clallam County Elections!

“Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it.”

—Susan B. Anthony

Sincerely,

Clallam County Elections Division

Important Dates

Ballots mailed on: July 12

Register by mail, received by: July 24

Register online by: July 24

Register in person by: August 1, 8:00 p.m.

Election Day: August 1

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Local Jurisdictions Participating in this Election:

Clallam County Commissioner District No. 1

City of Port Angeles

Sequim School District No. 323



You will not be voting on every item in this voters' pamphlet. Use your ballot to identify the races to review.

To Register to Vote, You Must Be

- A citizen of the United States.
- A legal resident of Washington state for at least 30 days prior to election day.
- At least 18 years old.
If you are 16 or 17, you can sign up as a Future Voter and be automatically registered to vote when you qualify.
- Not disqualified from voting due to court order.
- Not currently serving a sentence of total confinement in prison under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections for a Washington felony conviction.
- Not currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction.

How to Register to Vote

Online: www.votewa.gov

- To register to vote
- To change your address
- To change your name
- To check your voting history
- To check your ballot status

Scan the QR code with your smartphone to visit VoteWA.



Paper Form

Complete and return a Washington State Voter Registration form. Forms must be received in the Elections and Voter Registration Office by July 24, 2023.

In Person

Come in to the Clallam County Elections and Voter Registration Office by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Registration Deadlines:

- Online (Washington I.D. required) and by mail through July 24, 2023.
- Elections and Voter Registration Office, in person through August 1, 2023 until 8:00 p.m.

Accessible Voting

Clallam County voters with disabilities have the option of voting independently and privately using an Accessible Voting Unit (AVU) at the Clallam County Elections and Voter Registration Office.



Available beginning July 12 - August 1, 2023.

Replacement Ballots

If your ballot is lost, spoiled or destroyed please contact the Elections and Voter Registration Office.

17-year old voters

Washington State Legislation passed in March of 2020 allows 17-year-olds who will be 18 by the November General Election to vote in the August Primary.



Sixteen and seventeen year-olds can pre-register and will automatically be registered when they are eligible to vote.

Pre-registering can be done through:

- Clallam County Elections and Voter Registration Office
- Department of Licensing
- Online at votewa.gov

#FutureVoter

Not sure if you've pre-registered?

Go to votewa.gov and find out! Make sure your physical and mailing address(es) are current so you receive your ballot!

For more information see Senate Bill 6313 – Washington State Legislature.

Felony Conviction & Voting Rights

Washington State Legislation went into effect January 1, 2022 regarding convicted felons and their right to vote.

When is my right to vote restored?

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

Registering to vote

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

You can register to vote at:

- Clallam County Elections and Voter Registration Office
- Department of Licensing
- Online at votewa.gov

For more information see Substitute House Bill 1078 - Washington State Legislature.



Election Day, August 1, 2023

Office hours: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., regular business, M-F

Office hours: 9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Election Day

Voters with Disabilities



As a voter with a disability, you can request a reasonable accommodation or assistance to vote. Clallam County Elections Division is committed to ensuring accessibility for our voters. For

each Primary and Election we offer an Accessible Voting Unit (AVU) in order to provide you with the opportunity to vote privately and independently.

AVUs are available starting 20 days before Election Day, until 8 p.m. on Election Day. AVUs must be wheelchair-accessible and screened from other voters to maintain privacy. An AVU presents your ballot on a monitor. You select choices by touching the screen, using a select wheel, or by using a tool. You can use headphones to listen to the text and prompts on your ballot.

OSOS Voters with Disabilities:

<https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/voters/Voters-with-Disabilities.aspx>

ACP Address Confidentiality Program

Washington State's Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) can help maintain the security of your home, work, or school address.

The ACP will:

- Provide you with a legal substitute address and forward your first-class mail to you.
- Help you register to vote without the records being available to the public.

To be eligible for the ACP you must:

- Be an adult or parent/guardian acting on behalf of a minor(s); and
- Be a victim of a crime; and
- Reside in Washington State

How to enroll:

You must meet in person with a Certified Advocate, located throughout the state.

Call: (360) 753-2972

Toll free (WA only): (800) 822-1065

Mailing address:

Washington State ACP
PO Box 257
Olympia, WA 98507-0257

For more information: www.sos.wa.gov/acp

FAQs: What Should I Do?

My spouse/roommate signed my return envelope.

If someone has mistakenly signed your return ballot envelope, ***draw a line through the incorrect signature and sign your name*** directly above the correction.

I forgot to put my ballot in the Secrecy Sleeve and sealed my Return Envelope.

The Secrecy Sleeve is optional and not required.

I received a Signature Update letter saying my signature on my return ballot envelope did not match the signature on my voter registration record.

Promptly return the completed, signed Signature Update letter to our office via mail, email, in person, or by Official Ballot Drop Box (boxes will close promptly at 8:00 p.m. on Election day). Signature Update letters can be returned until 4:30 p.m. the day before Certification, August 14, 2023.

I lost/misplaced/damaged my original ballot.

You have options to receive a replacement ballot:

- Call or email our office
- Visit us in person
- Print a replacement ballot online at www.votewa.gov

Track Your Ballot!



1. Scan the QR code, or
2. Visit Votewa.gov.
3. Enter your first name, last name, and date of birth.

4. On the left side of the screen you will see several options to click on.

5. Select Ballot Status.

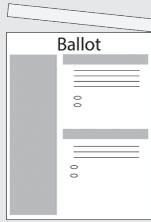
6. You will be directed to a page that will show your ballot status (Sent, Received, Accepted or Challenged).



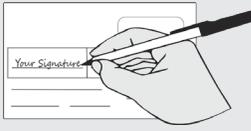
Voting Your Ballot

1 The ballot packet for the August 1 Primary will be mailed to you on July 12. This packet will include your official ballot, secrecy sleeve, and a postage-paid return envelope.

2  Fill in the oval to mark your vote as shown. You do not have to vote for every race or contest.

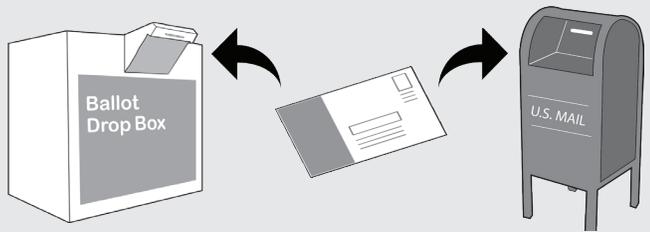
3 Remove and discard the top stub. 

4  Place your voted ballot into the secrecy sleeve. 
Place the secrecy sleeve into your return envelope. **(Secrecy sleeve is optional.)**

5  **Sign, date and seal your return envelope.** Your signature is **required** for your ballot to be counted. We check every signature.

6 Return your ballot:

- Official Ballot Drop Box – no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- Mail – postmarked on or before Election Day.



Returning Your Ballot

By Official Ballot Drop Box

Drop Boxes are open 20 days before Election Day, 24 hours a day until 8:00 p.m. on Election Night.

Returning your ballot to a drop box reduces the cost of postage for the election.

CENTRAL

Clallam County Courthouse

223 E 4th St, Port Angeles

- Courthouse circular drive
- Courthouse sidewalk, across from disabled parking
- Elections and Voter Registration Office (only available during business hours 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.)

EAST END

Carlsborg – 261461 Hwy 101, near Sunny Farms, adjacent to Mill Rd

Sequim – 651 W Washington St, in the parking lot

WEST END

Clallam Bay – 16990 Hwy 112, in front of the Clallam Bay Branch Library

Forks – 500 E Division St, outside Forks City Hall

Neah Bay – 1450 Bayview Ave, in front of Washburn's General Store by the left Totem Pole

Sekiu – 15 Sekiu Airport Road, at the PUD in the drive-up lane

By Mail

No stamp is necessary if you use the return envelope that is provided with your ballot. Please make sure to have a postmark on or before August 1, 2023 when mailing your ballot. Check with your local Post Office for postmark cutoff times on Election Day.

Additional Resources

County Information

www.clallamcountywa.gov

State Election Information

www.sos.wa.gov

Campaign Finance Information

www.pdc.wa.gov

Get social with us

 twitter.com/clallamvotes

 facebook.com/clallamcountyAuditor/





**Mark
Ozias**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

Elected Experience

Two terms as District 1 Clallam County Commissioner

Other Professional Experience

Non-profit Executive Director and organizational consultant; Sequim-area small business owner 2005-2014

Education

BA in Politics and Government, University of Puget Sound

Community Service

Member of the Board of the Olympic View Community Foundation, the Sequim Food Bank, and the Olympic Peninsula Healthy Community Coalition

Statement

As your District 1 County Commissioner I am proud of the progress we've made toward building a more resilient and healthy community – but there is still much to be done and I will continue to work tirelessly for the needs of Clallam County.

A top priority is ensuring that everyone in our community has access to safe, affordable housing. We have made significant investments in infrastructure and organizations to increase housing availability, but we must do more; I will work to improve access to quality affordable housing options, particularly for those who are most vulnerable.

A healthy community is a strong community. I will continue to focus on energy, disaster and climate resilience. I will continue to fund public health as well as supporting investment in the parks and recreational facilities we all enjoy. We must continue investing in entrepreneurship and supporting our vibrant local businesses for a strong economy.

I work collaboratively and believe that by doing so we will continue to build a community that is truly resilient and healthy for all. It is an honor to serve you and I respectfully request your vote.

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**Stan
McClain**

(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience

Society of Camera Operators, President 1997-1999; Republican Party of Los Angeles County; Central Committee 41st A.D. 2012 - 2014; Republican Liberty Caucus of California, Director of L.A. County 2012 - 2014

Other Professional Experience

Film Industry Camera Department 1972- current. Resume IMDB.COM; Director's Guild 1985- current; Society of Camera Operators 1978- Retired 2020; Owner 52 bedroom Assisted Living Complex; London International Advertising Awards- Cinematography 1982

Education

De Anza College Film Major

Community Service

Ron Paul Campaign 2008 2012; Society of Camera Operators Lifetime Achievement Awards Distinguished Service

Statement

Clallam County is a smooth running community in contrast to other counties that don't punish crime, and allow violent protesters who disrespect law and order. On the State level Governor Inslee just passed SB 5599 which allows our government to conduct genital surgery on children without parental consent, and our county has been silent. In neighboring Jefferson County a female impersonator was caught in the YMCA girl's locker room and Port Townsend celebrated. Uncle Sam is now in our children's bedrooms and this needs to stop. All of my friends who are parents agree from both sides of the isle that we need governance that appeases the moderate left and moderate right. We need to nudge the social pendulum back towards normalcy by adding a moderate to our County Commission. I am running to restore Parent's rights to have the final word in their children's education, and both their mental and physical healthcare. If my goals agree with yours, let's dig in and restore our moral society together- you and me.

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Navarra Carr

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Port Angeles City Council, elected 2019 (Deputy Mayor, 2 years)

Other Professional Experience

Rule 9 Law Clerk, Clallam Public Defender; Law Clerk, Attorney General of Washington; Drop-In Center Coordinator, First Step Family Support Center; Office Manager, North Olympic Land Trust; Office Manager, AmeriCorps VISTA, Arcata House Partnership.

Education

Seattle University Law School, JD candidate 2024; Sacramento State University, BA 2014.

Community Service

I support the residents of Port Angeles through volunteering with North Olympic Development Council (Secretary); Port Angeles Fine Arts Center (Treasurer); Port Angeles Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (Chair); Clallam County Board of Health (Chair and Vice Chair); and Clallam County Homelessness Task Force.

Statement

I've been honored to serve the people of Port Angeles on City Council for the past four years and I'm running for reelection to keep building a Port Angeles where everyone can thrive - not just survive. As both the youngest member of City Council and the only renter, I have served as a voice for people otherwise not represented in our local government and I know firsthand how hard it can be to get by.

During my time on City Council, we have accomplished a lot including restarting the code enforcement program; removing barriers to housing; and expanding upstream and cost saving approaches to public safety through the Rediscovery, Community Paramedic, and Downtown Resource Officer programs. We have also increased accessibility for meetings and provided over \$800,000 in rental, mortgage, and utility support during the pandemic.

I love Port Angeles and work to make it better. Our community can be a place where everyone is treated with dignity and respect, where everyone has a safe and affordable place to live, and where everyone can enjoy the unparalleled natural beauty of our home.

I'd be honored to receive your vote and continue serving our community on City Council. Thank you.

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Mark Karjalainen

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

I was elected twice as President of IAFF Local 656

Other Professional Experience

Promoted to Company Officer

Education

I graduated from Oak Harbor High School and attended the IFSAC firefighter I academy with Oak Harbor Fire as well as my EMT from South Whidbey Fire in 1998. I attended Central Washington University for my Paramedic certificate and finished my Fire Science degree from Columbia Southern University.

Community Service

I was awarded the Outstanding Public Service award from the City of Port Angeles. I have worked with several groups including COTN, AGCI and IJM with a focus on preventing and combating human and sex trafficked individuals

Statement

This is my first venture into politics, and thank you for considering me to serve. I have lived in, and worked for, the City of Port Angeles for nearly 20 years. The two decades that I have publicly served within the City as a Firemen and Paramedic has granted me intimate access into the lives of the citizens of this beautiful and unique City. Within these interactions I have gleaned a unique perspective on what the city's citizens want and need from a servant leader. Although this is a nonpartisan race, I will unashamedly declare myself as both fiscally and socially conservative. I believe there is more than enough room in the conversation for multiple ways to attack a problem. I am willing and able to work with and for others that may have a different political view in order to solve problems that plague our city. I have seen the serious decline in the health, safety and security for our citizens and businesses within our city due to well-intended, but mistaken policies. With the right leadership, I foresee Port Angeles having the possibility for massive growth potential, and a return to the safe and thriving home it was.

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Nicholas
Merrigan

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

(5 years) Board of Directors of homeowners association.

Other Professional Experience

I work at Jamestown Excavating as a Project Estimator/ Project Manager (2019 - present). I've been a proud parent for 12 years and foster parent for 5 years. Previously a professor at Peninsula College (2013-2019).

Education

I graduated from Northwest Missouri State University in 2009 receiving a Bachelor of Science in Interactive Digital Media: New Media.

Community Service

Previous parent volunteer for game club at Franklin Elementary. I also helped with fundraising for Nancy's Knocking Out Cancer Journey. Received the Unsung Hero award for showing strength, courage, and empathy in the community.

Statement

I am thrilled to announce my candidacy for City Council. With a deep commitment to our community's growth and well-being, I am eager to serve the residents of Port Angeles to make our city an even better place to live, work, and thrive.

I believe in revitalizing downtown to increase tourism for revenue. Revenue that can help with our aging infrastructure, public safety, and homelessness. I believe in not only working as a team with the city council, but with the residents as well, in order to create a city my children want to call home.

I am dedicated to transparency, accountability, and effective decision-making that reflects the best interests of our city and its residents.

However, I cannot accomplish this alone. I humbly ask for your support, trust, and most importantly, your vote. Together, we can shape the future of our city, ensuring a bright and prosperous tomorrow for everyone.

Let's build a city that we can all be proud to call home. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to earning your support in the upcoming City Council elections.

Contact

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Jim Shepherd

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Jim is new to running for public office. He is a long time Sequim resident and is ready to be involved in the community.

Other Professional Experience

Served in The U.S. Navy as a Data Processing Technician, and has worked in the Sequim area for most of his life.

Education

Helen Haller Elementary, Sequim Middle School, Sequim High School, and NTC San Diego.

Community Service

Previously a member of the VFW and the Sequim Prairie Grange.

Statement

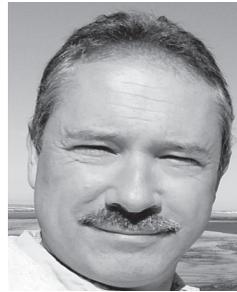
As a member of a Sequim pioneer family and the husband of a veteran educator, Jim is invested in Sequim and believes that education is the key to sustaining Sequim as a vibrant and thriving community. He would like to see the district headed in a direction where the people of the community are heard and represented, the children have a safe and inclusive place to learn and an experience in which students participate in a world class education.

The past few years have presented challenges that have not been experienced in generations. These challenges have impacted our children in ways that must be addressed. Jim believes that the school board is obligated to oversee that the vision of the community is implemented in order to benefit the students, our future community members. Developing and supporting programs that will enhance Sequim through future generations who are ready for the challenges they will face through using problem solving abilities, common sense, and learned skills will only elevate our community.

Now is the time to make your voice count. Jim asks for your vote so your voice can be heard.

Contact

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John Graham

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

4 years Treasurer of local Teamsters managers' union; 3 years Vice president of local Teamsters managers union

Other Professional Experience

Park Ranger since 1996 for State Parks and Clallam County Parks; Security and Loss Prevention for retail store chains.

Education

Bellevue College degree in Recreation Leadership; Lake Washington Vocational Technical Institute Certification in Security and Loss Prevention; EDGE Educator for Relationship & Leadership Education for Middle & High School Youth

Community Service

Volunteer Firefighter 1997 – 2001; Mentor for after school drop in center; Church youth group leader/volunteer

Statement

I've sat by long enough. I can no longer tolerate the failure to educate our children in core subjects like math & reading. I can't watch our children being indoctrinated by taxpayer funded schools that America and its core constitutional values are 'bad'. Our children are suffering the consequences of poor decisions in their public education – they deserve to be fully equipped to succeed in life.

Common sense and science get shelved, replaced by CRT and 'woke' policies. Why are we teaching our children to discriminate on the basis of skin color? Hard work matched by opportunity is how any kid gets ahead. I know the school board's authority is limited and Olympia dictates state curriculum. I, however, live in Sequim, not Olympia, so running for this school board position is what I can do to support solid education in the classroom. Reading, writing, math and history are what we need to teach – not sex-ed to children and who can use what bathroom. Parents have the right to be involved. Sadly, I have been the only parent at a school board meeting. I would like all Sequim school district parents emailed invites to each meeting, to increase participation.

Contact

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**Lawrence (Larry)
Jeffryes**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Sequim School Board Director, 2019-23

Other Professional Experience

Middle and high school biology, chemistry teacher, 35 years; Track and cross-country coach, 20 years; Certified Health and Safety Training Specialist, Los Alamos National Laboratory, worker radiation protection and Los Alamos Fire Department, 9 years; Curriculum developer and workshop leader, New Mexico State University. technology in classrooms, 10 years.

Education

Ed Spec and MS degrees, University of New Mexico; BS Degree, Adams State University (Colorado)

Community Service

Sequim Strategic Planning Committee, 2018 and 2023; District Community Truancy Board; Sequim Education Foundation Board; Meals for Sequim Kids Fund; Dream Catcher/Morning Star balloon crew; B&G Club summer meal distribution volunteer.

Statement

Excellent education for all students is essential for our American democracy. I believe that all students are capable of successfully achieving high academic and learning excellence. No exceptions! My promise is to continually promote improved educational outcomes and success for our students. I believe teachers and staff are capable of helping all students reach high levels of student academic and learning success. I believe our parents and community expect the Sequim Schools to achieve high standards and become schools of distinction. To do that we need an effective school board/superintendent/community/educational staff team to set a vision and implement strategies for improved learning experiences for all our students. That excellence not only influences our students' lives, the Sequim community deserves outstanding schools. Over the past 4 years I have been part of several changes that have moved the school district towards more positive outcomes. Are there areas still in need of improvement? Yes! If elected, I will continue to support strong and innovative initiatives that demonstrate improved student learning and to become a more effective board member. There is still much to be done. I promise to promote continuous improvement of student success and learning.

Contact

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Dean Christian

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

I am a former educator having taught in the Sequim School District and Palo Verde Unified School District.

Education

I hold a bachelor's degree in education.

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

I have two children that attend school in the Sequim School District, and I have a vested interest in the success of our schools. I believe that the school board has a duty to listen and respond to students, parents, teachers, staff, and other members of the community. I will support policies that attract and retain teachers and staff and make sure that they have the resources they need to succeed. Every child has the right to a quality education that prepares them for a successful future. My personal experience as a parent, community businessman, and education professional have prepared me well for this role.

Dean Christian, "A voice for our community"

Contact

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Derek Huntington

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

I ran for the Sequim school board in 2022.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

I graduated from Sequim High school in 2004.

Community Service

Attended all eight of the strategic planning committee meetings for the school. I also help with my daughter's 4-H. Her auction and at the fair.

Statement

As a candidate for the Sequim school board, I understand that recent decisions made by the board have not been well received by the community. It's important to have a board that is responsive to the needs of students, parents, and community members. If elected, I will work collaboratively with my fellow board members to ensure that all voices are heard and that decisions are made with the best interests of our students in mind. I am committed to transparency, accountability, and open communication. I am also committed to ensuring the success and thriving of every student in our community. Especially with the changes that are starting this fall. I believe that the foundation of a strong and successful school district is a supportive and engaged community that values education and invests in our children's future. As a board member, I will work to foster a culture of academic excellence, provide resources and support for our teachers and staff, and collaborate with families, community organizations, and local businesses to ensure that our students have the skills, knowledge, and opportunities to succeed in college, career, and life. Together, we can build a brighter future for all students in Sequim. Thank you.

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<https://facebook.com/groups/623633272738385/?ref=share&mibextid=SDPely>
Derek Huntington facebook



**Maren
Halvorsen**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Appointed to the Sequim School Board in 2022.

Other Professional Experience

Principal and Director, Saturday and Summer Programs (grades K-8), Robinson Center for Young Scholars, University of Washington; Instructor, Writing Across the Curriculum, University of Washington; Lecturer, History Department, University of Washington; Instructor and Principal, Transition School, Robinson Center (college prep); Curriculum writer, Educurious (National Geographic project).

Education

B.A., University of Oregon; Ph.D., University of Washington (History)

Community Service

Parent Volunteer, Seattle Public Schools; Civics Education Committee, Clallam County League of Women Voters; Volunteer, Sequim Boys & Girls Club, Summer Lunch Program; Member, Family & Parent Advisory Group, Sequim Public Schools

Statement

I believe in public schools. My father was president of our small town's school board, and my mother was a school nurse. All the kids in our family went to public K12 and state universities. I am convinced that public schools can help heal the polarization that is devastating our public discourse. Education is the key to our future on this planet.

We need to make sure that we equip our students for the challenges they will face. We must hold ourselves accountable for achievement: are our students finishing high school with a solid set of core skills, and a flexible mindset to navigate the challenges ahead? Are our teachers provided with support and resources to teach effectively? Are our schools connected to our community, with a recognition that we should invest the time and money it takes to have good schools? Let's build on our successes and work together for our students' futures.

As a Board member, I will continue to see to the best interests of our students. From the moment they arrive at our doors as kindergartners to that final walk across the stage as senior graduates, they are our responsibility first and foremost.

Contact

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Hunter Gilliam

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Sequim High School Junior Class Treasurer 2008. Sequim High School Executive Treasurer 2009.

Other Professional Experience

Owner of pest control companies located in Washington, Oregon and Alabama.

Education

Sequim High School. Brigham Young University.

Community Service

Service Mission Naga, Philippines 2010-2012.

Statement

From a young age I have been invested in the success of the Sequim School District. As a young man I knocked on doors to encourage people to vote for a school levy. While a student at Sequim High School, I participated in student government as the Executive Treasurer. Growing from a student into a parent has only deepened my enthusiasm for the success of our schools. I am running for the position of School Board Director because after attending and participating in recent school board meetings I believe there are many things in our district that need to be improved upon. I will be an advocate for parents and teachers. I will ensure transparency and open dialogue. I will work to find common sense solutions that protect and support our students, teachers, parents, and community.

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Sandra Kellso

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

First Time School Board Candidate

Other Professional Experience

Registered Nurse, Jefferson Healthcare, Port Townsend, WA; Air Force Flight Medic, 446 Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, United States Air Force Reserve, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA

Education

Bachelor's Degree in Nursing (BSN) Concordia University, Portland, OR

Community Service

"Gallon Club" Blood Donor; Toys for Tots Volunteer; "Be the Match" Donor; Wreathes across America

Statement

As a community, we have navigated many changes both during and post-pandemic. As a healthcare provider, military member, and mother, these challenges were daunting. I learned a lot about what it meant to be operating at maximum capacity. I also watched a community come together over shared experiences and hardships.

Another shared experience recently impacted our community in the form of the school realignment. I did my due diligence to keep up with the fast-moving proposal, despite the lack of transparency in the public discussions. I found it increasingly difficult to get simple answers to the reasoning/solutions behind this proposal. The most dubious of all was how this realignment was used as a solution to a budget shortfall which was then abandoned.

As a parent and community member, I understand the importance of trust in our schools. I have seen the impact that it can have on student achievement and overall school culture. When students, parents, and teachers trust each other, they are more likely to work together to create a supportive and inclusive learning environment.

We deserve to *trust* our elected leaders.

Vote Sandra for Sequim.

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**Michael
Rocha**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Incumbent School Board

Other Professional Experience

Local business owner

Education

Criminal Justice degree from Chaminade University of Honolulu

Community Service

Vice President of Sequim Graduation Party 2021; Sequim Junior Soccer coach; Sequim Youth Basketball coach

Statement

As an incumbent candidate for the Sequim School Board, I am deeply committed to our district's success. With gratitude, I've had the privilege of serving on the board, witnessing the progress we've made. As a local business owner, veteran, and parent with children currently in elementary, middle, and high school within the district, I bring a unique and comprehensive perspective to the table.

Understanding the diverse needs of our students at different stages of education is key. I have firsthand experience as a parent, navigating the elementary, middle, and high school years. This perspective allows me to advocate for the resources and programs that will foster their growth, ensuring each student receives the support they deserve.

One area of particular importance to me is easing the burden on families. That is why I am motivated to reintroduce drivers education within our high school curriculum. By offering this course on-site, we can alleviate the logistical and financial challenges families face when seeking external options. Ensuring accessibility and convenience will benefit our students and their families.

Transparency and accountability are paramount to me. As a board member, I believe in open communication, fostering trust between parents and the district.

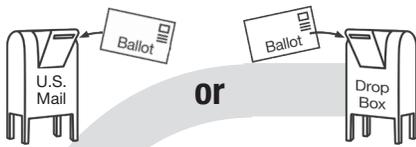
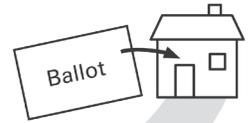
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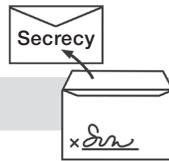
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Vote by Mail in Clallam County

At least 20 days before the election all eligible voters are sent a ballot.



or



Ballot can be returned by U.S. mail (prepaid postage) or deposited in an official ballot drop box. Mailed ballots must be postmarked by election day. Ballots can be deposited at drop boxes until 8 p.m. Election Day.

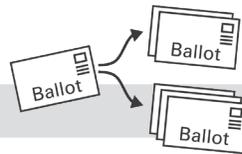
Voter places secrecy sleeve into the return envelope.

The return envelope must be **signed**. Voter may add phone number in case the county needs to contact them.

Voter places marked ballot into a secrecy sleeve.



Drop boxes are regularly emptied by teams of trained election staff. Ballots are secured and tracked from collection through processing.



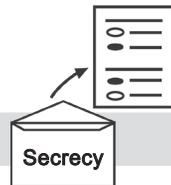
Processing facility sorts ballots. Voter's signature is captured for verification.



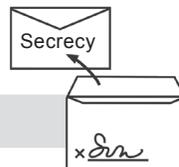
Signature is checked against voter registration record. Voter is contacted to "cure" status of ballot if signature is missing or doesn't match the voter registration record.



Ballot is reviewed to eliminate scanning issues like torn corners, then scanned and securely stored.



Once return envelopes are secured and removed from processing table, ballots are removed from secrecy sleeve.



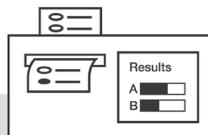
"Accepted Ballot" is ready to be processed. Return envelope is opened. Secrecy sleeve is removed.

After signature verification, the ballot is marked as "Accepted" in the VoteWA system and voter is credited for voting. This ensures that if more than one ballot is returned, only one is counted.

Voters can check their ballot status online. Allow 3-4 days for ballot status updates.



Scanners are not connected to any form of network or internet.



At 8 p.m. on election night, scanned ballots are tabulated and results reported.



Ballots are processed, cured, and tabulated until 4:30 p.m. the day before certification.

This election is complete. The next election cycle begins.

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