

Chelan County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

August 2, 2022 Primary Special Election



Voters should receive their Primary Special Election Ballot by July 20th.

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Notice to Voters

- * **Candidate statements are printed exactly as submitted. The Chelan County Elections Office does not make corrections of any kind or verify statements for truth or fact.**
- * **You may not be voting on every item in this voters’ pamphlet. Use your ballot to identify the races and measures to review.**



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View contributors for candidates and measures
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Voting in Washington State

Registering to vote

Registering only takes a few minutes, and you may do it by mail or online at www.VoteWA.gov.



A Washington driver's license or ID is required to register online.

The deadline to receive new voter registrations and voter updates to existing registrations online, by phone or by mail is 5 pm Monday, July 25, 2022.

You may still register and update existing voter registrations after July 25th, but you must do so in person by 8 pm Tuesday, August 2.

How to vote

Chelan County voters will receive their ballots by mail. If you are a registered voter in Chelan County, we will mail you a ballot for every election in which you are entitled to participate.

Page 3 in this pamphlet explains how to vote using the Chelan County voting process. Please read the instructions in this pamphlet. We want your vote to count.

Accessible voting

Chelan County Elections is committed to ensuring that all voters have the opportunity to vote a private and secure ballot.

Accessible Voting Units (AVU's) are available starting 18 days before an Election, until 8pm on Election Day.

An AVU is a voting assistance unit that enables voters with visual impairments, cognitive/learning disabilities, illiteracy, or limited mobility to vote independently and privately.

An AVU presents your ballot on a monitor, you select choices by touching a screen, using a select wheel, or by using a tool. You can use headphones to listen to the text and prompts on your ballot. AVU's can also be fitted with sip-and-puff tools. AVU's are wheelchair accessible and screened from others to maintain privacy.



Have you moved?



Have you changed your name?

Make sure you receive your ballot!

If any of the following has changed, you need to update your voter registration information:

- Moved within Chelan County
- Moved out of Chelan County
- Name change

You can update your information by calling our office at 509-667-6808, visiting www.VoteWA.gov, or come in person to our office at:

Chelan County Elections
350 Orondo Ave, STE 306
Wenatchee, WA 98801



How to vote

Here are a few important reminders to make sure your ballot is counted.

Mark your ballot by completely filling in the box to the left of your choice with a black or blue ink pen. If you want to vote for a candidate not appearing on the ballot, mark the box to the left of the dotted line provided to indicate your choice. Be sure to mark only one choice for each race on the ballot.

Example:

Candidate 2 has been chosen.

One candidate has been marked and the box is filled in completely.

LOCAL NONPARTISAN OFFICES

SAMPLE DISTRICT
Nonpartisan
Full Four Year Term
VOTE FOR ONE

Candidate 1

Candidate 2

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Check your ballot to be sure you have voted for the candidates you intended. Make sure you mark only one response box in each race. If you mark more than one, your vote in that race will not be counted. Your other votes will be counted if they are done correctly. Leaving an office blank will not invalidate your ballot.

If you make a mistake marking your ballot, draw a line through the incorrectly marked choice as shown. You then have the option of marking another choice.

VOTE FOR ONE

Candidate 1

Candidate 2

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To vote for a candidate not listed for that race, fill in the box to the left of the dashed line and print the name of the candidate.

write-in

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You must sign your return envelope in order for your ballot to be counted!

- Sign in the signature box that has your YOUR name printed on the envelope.
- If you registered to vote online, or when you obtained your driver’s license, the signature on your driver’s license is the signature in your voter registration record.
- If you are unsure about the signature in your voter registration record, we encourage you to call the Elections Office at 509-667-6808. We can provide a description of the signature you used when you registered to vote.
- Do NOT sign someone else’s name, even if you have power of attorney.
- Voting over the phone by having someone else fill out and sign your ballot is against the law. Voters can call us at 509-667-6808 to learn about the options for voting while they are out of town.
- Drop boxes are available if you don’t want your signature to go through the mail. See “Returning your ballot” in the next column for a list of ballot drop box locations.

Replacement ballot

If you lost, damaged or did not receive your ballot, a replacement ballot is available. To get a replacement ballot:

By email: elections@co.chelan.wa.us
Online: www.VoteWA.gov
By phone: 509-667-6808
In person: 350 Orondo Ave Level 3 Ste 306
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Returning your ballot

All drop box locations are closed promptly at 8pm on Election night. Drop box locations are also listed on the insert included with your ballot packet.

Chelan County Courthouse 350 Orondo Ave. Wenatchee, WA 98801	Indoor Boxes: M-F 9am-5pm Licensing Office - Level 2 Or Elections Office - Level 3
Wenatchee Public Library 310 Douglas St. Wenatchee, WA 98801	Outdoor box: 24 hrs a day Drive-thru access Next to book drop
Cashmere City Hall 101 Woodring St. Cashmere, WA 98815	Outdoor Box: 24 hrs a day Facing Mission Ave. Walk up
Chelan City Hall 135 E. Johnson Ave Chelan, WA 98816	Outdoor Box: 24 hrs a day Drive-thru access In alley next to payment box
Entiat City Hall 14070 Kinzel St. Entiat, WA 98822	Outdoor Box: 24 hrs a day Drive-thru access
Leavenworth City Hall 700 Hwy 2 Leavenworth, WA 98826	Outdoor Box: 24 hrs a day Drive-thru access
Manson Public Library 80 Wapato Way Manson, WA 98831	Outdoor Box: 24 hrs a day Walk-up access

Mailing your ballot

If you are mailing your ballot, no stamp is required.

Ballots dropped at the Post Office or blue postal bin on Election day, are not always date stamped the same day.

We strongly recommend returning your ballot as early as possible. Mailed ballots must be postmarked by August 2, 2022.

Washington State’s New Voting Rights

17-year-old voters

New Washington 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 starting this year.

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:

- Chelan County Elections’ Office
- Department of Licensing
- Online at www.VoteWA.gov

Not sure if you’ve pre-registered?

Go to www.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 and voting rights

New Washington 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:

- Chelan County Elections’ Office
- Department of Licensing
- Online at www.VoteWA.gov

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



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Skip Moore

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Elected Experience
Currently serving as Chelan County Auditor - third term, Prior positions: Cashmere City Council - 12 years.
Washington State Association of County Auditors – President

Occupation
Chelan County Auditor – November 2009 to present. 2002-2009 Chelan County Auditor’s office, 1982-2002 US Naval Officer.

Education
Central Washington University B.A. Political Science, Nationally Certified Elections/Registration Administrator.

Statement
It has been my honor to serve the citizens of Chelan County for the last 20 years. 8 of those as the Elections Director/Chief Deputy Auditor and the last 12 years as your County Auditor. The Auditor’s Office team has delivered and will continue to deliver outstanding customer service. Whether it is recording your documents, renewing your vehicle tabs, providing financial services to the county or ensuring fair, transparent and accurate elections, the Auditor’s Office team will continue to work for you, the citizens of Chelan County.

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Sandra Arechiga

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Biography
I am proud to call Chelan County home. In these valleys, I have raised my three amazing children: Omar, Anthony and Karisma, who have inspired me to be a dreamer and make a positive impact.

After immigrating to this country and becoming a naturalized citizen, I've gained a unique understanding of the diverse needs of our communities. As a proud Hispanic-American, and leveraging my eight years of experience in the Clerk's Office, I am committed to providing the best service to our diverse county.

Statement
Hello, My name is Sandra Arechiga and I am running for Chelan County Clerk.

Over the last eight years, I have gained essential experience by serving the Clerk's Office as Courtroom Clerk, Jury Administrator, Court Facilitator, Court Collections, Records Management, Front Desk Clerk, and Processing Passports.

Through my work in the Clerk's Office I have learned the role and inner functions of the Clerk's position; additionally, I have leveraged my heritage, as a Spanish-speaking American, to serve and assist all citizens in Chelan County, ensuring they receive proper guidance to suit their individual needs.

Currently, I serve as a Family Law Court Facilitator, where I take pride in collaborating as a team player, being a quick learner, and being a detail-oriented person.

When elected as Chelan County Clerk, I aim to build bonds among the staff, judiciary, and administration. My commitment is to serve all citizens and treat each other with respect, courtesy, transparency, and professionalism. Additionally, I aspire to contribute unwavering time and efforts into making a positive impact on the Chelan County Clerk's Office and its residents.

I humbly ask for your support by voting for Sandra Arechiga as your next Chelan County Clerk.

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Brandi Buck

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Elected Experience
Managing my own business and accounts has opened up many opportunities for me. I was chosen to be Wenatchee's top 30 under 35 and captain of coaching teams in my business. I was always chosen to be the leader of teams growing up. This pattern shows me that I am a leader and not a follower. I love helping others succeed.

Other Professional Experience
Being top producer for my employers and growing my business portfolio shows that I can accomplish any job

Education
Diploma, court reporting, real estate

Community Service
I donate to Haven of Hope, serve at Lighthouse Ministries and volunteer at my children's schools.

Statement
I have lived in the Wenatchee Valley for 14 years and am active in the outdoors that our community provides. I am blessed with two children that are in sports and have two dogs that I have rescued. I am very grateful to have thrived throughout the years due to my family, community, and friendship support. I have a tremendous amount of appreciation for what this community has provided for me and my children over the years. My aim is to perform the duties of Court Clerk to the best of my ability, drawing on my personal and professional experiences. My purpose in executing my oath in office is to show my appreciation for my community. I will plan to support a positive environment for all who I work with everyday and serve the community of Wenatchee, which I love. I always return my shopping cart.

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Marty (Martin) Young

(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience
No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience
I have management and engineering experience using lean techniques for efficient operations. I'm currently employed at the Department of Social and Health Services as a WorkFirst Program Specialist using electronic records daily. I practice record confidentiality and record retention plus complete annual record training. I collected data, plus created and submitted confidential records with the Department of Commerce for the 2010 and 2020 Census..

Education
MBA, University of Oregon.
B.S. Metallurgical Engineering (cum laude), South Dakota School of Mines & Technology.

Community Service
Serve at Grace City church on Connect team, as Leavenworth Mosquito Control assistant and a Red Cross blood donor.

Statement
My wife, Jackie, and I have 9 children and moved to Blewett Pass over 24 years ago. My experience and leadership skills working as an Operations and Production Manager included administration, budgeting and quality control. I lead by example and manage by walking around to understand the front-line work and utilize subject matter experts. Teamwork is used to successfully build morale and lean efficiency. I look forward to serving Chelan county using all available resources for a seamless transition in the office. I am conservative and will continue to serve the public in a fiscally conservative manner. I understand this is a challenge for the County Clerk as we strive to improve employee salaries and reduce turnover. It is not feasible to train a team member for nearly two years only to have them leave the office for a better paying position. I worked well with unions in my previous management positions, and I am currently a union member myself serving on the statewide executive board. I'm a member of the union Conservative Caucus. I'm also the current secretary of the Chelan County Republican Central Committee. Compassionate conservatism will unite America again.

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Zachary Miller

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Elected Experience
Current Cascade School Board District Director #3 and Legislative Representative
Former Upper Valley MEND Board Member

Other Professional Experience
Executive Director - Tall Timber
Board of Equalization - Chelan County
Small Business Owner - Miller Stoneworks
Associate Pastor - Plain Community Church
Legislative Committee - Washington State School Directors Association

Education
Master's Degree - Liberty University (2013)
Bachelor's Degree - Central Washington University (2006)
High School Diploma - Cascade High School (2002)

Community Service
PUD Building Advisory Committee
Leavenworth Young Life Committee Member
Upper Valley Ministerial Association Coordinator
Plain Community Church Elder
Icicle Creek Youth Symphony Instructor

Statement
As a lifelong resident, school board director, and small business owner, I am invested in the betterment of Chelan County. As your commissioner, I will champion affordable housing, support sustainable tourism, and work hard to improve efficiency in our local government. Our successful future is dependent on us coming together as a community to solve hard problems, hear many voices, and find a way for everyone to live and work in our incredible County. I will put my full time, experience, and drive to work for the people of Chelan County.

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Anne Hessburg

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Elected Experience

Anne was elected to the Leavenworth City Council in 2019. Voted by the Council to Mayor Pro Tempore 2019-Present.

Other Professional Experience

Chelan County Community Development from 2007-2012: Code Enforcement Officer (2007-2008), Shoreline and Land Use Planner (2008-2012); Grette Associates 2012-Present: Environmental and Land Use Planner.

Education

Bachelor's degree in Speech Communication from the University of Washington (UW).

Community Service

Appointed to the Leavenworth Planning Commission 2009-2019. Chelan Douglas Land Trust Board of Directors (2010-2019), past and current member of the Lands, Governance, and Outreach committees, and current member of the Leadership Circle. Leavenworth Mountain Film Festival Board of Directors 2012-Present.

Statement

Raised in Wenatchee as the oldest of five, I've always been a strong, independent leader. While at UW, I competed on the Crew team, winning 3 national championships, and paid my way through college as a wildland firefighter.

My 15+ years of local government and professional experience have given me a deep understanding of permitting and development issues, and the financial consequences these issues have created for our citizens and the County.

As Commissioner my main priorities will be:

Collaborative Leadership - I will invest time building relationships, managing conflicts, and bringing people together to find common ground and understanding. Honest Dialogue - I will support open and honest conversations that encourage residents to engage, contribute, and share ideas. Two-way communication is the key to successful representation.

Restoring Confidence in Community Development - I will advocate for clear, consistent administration of regulations, and experienced staff who seek solutions in a professional manner.

Important issues: responsible growth and development, accountability, quality customer service, fair decision-making, collaborative solution finding, financial responsibility, strong economic development, new business opportunities, behavioral health, and housing affordability.

Chelan County is at a critical crossroads. I look forward to the opportunity to serve Chelan County as Commissioner.

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Shon D. Smith

(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience

This would be his first elected position outside of the numerous boards, past and present.

Professional Experience

Past employers include Idaho Timber Corp. Dovex Fruit. Owner of the Wok-About Grill since 1997

Education

Cashmere High School 1989
Northwest Nazarene University 1993 Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration, emphasis in Finance.

Community Service

Former Cub Scout Leader. Former Board Member of Wenatchee Downtown Association. Current Board Member of Town Toyota Center. Current Board Member of BNCW, Building North Central Washington.

Statement

The current state of our country motivates Shon to be part of solutions beginning right here at home. 47 years in Cashmere gives him the perspective and drive to promote Chelan County as "Open for Business!" without sacrificing our rights or our Eastern Washington identity. As Commissioner he will support businesses, encourage our children to establish lives and grow families of their own, with jobs and homes they can afford in Chelan County. He believes in providing the most current equipment and technology to Fire, Sheriff, EMS and First Responders so they can return home safe while protecting us. Defunding law enforcement puts them and us at risk. Women and men in Blue, he has your back. He believes in secure borders, and open pipelines that insure investments are protected and encouraged for generations to come. Shon's core beliefs are summed up in four words, Christian, Conservative, and Constitutional Capitalist, limited Government with individual freedoms, not mandates. Private Property Rights are nonnegotiable. Eastern Washington is a playground for the region, protecting our Orchards, Forests, Waters and Land from exploitation while still providing commerce and recreation is a delicate balance that he lives and commits to, for his children and yours.

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Wayne E.
Harris

(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience
Current Chelan County Coroner since 2006.

Other Professional Experience
Registered Diplomat with the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators.

Former Licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer for 25 years.

Education
Graduated from the University of Utah.

Graduated from Cypress College of Mortuary Science.

Community Service
Former 15 year member of Lion’s Club International.

Statement
As the incumbent Chelan County Coroner, I appreciate the trust that has been placed in me for the past 16 years as I have diligently served the citizens of the county in some of the most painful life moments.

I would appreciate your continued trust and support during these next 4 years as I continue to dedicate myself and my knowledge to aid the residents of the county.

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Robert W.
Sealby

(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience
On June 1, 2018, I joined the Chelan County Prosecutor’s Office as a Chelan County Deputy Prosecutor and on June 1, 2021 , the Chelan County Commissioners unanimously appointed me to be the Chelan County Prosecutor.

Other Professional Experience
I am licensed in all Washington State Courts, the Western and Eastern Washington U.S. District Courts and the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. I am former active duty U.S. Army and received an honorable discharge.

Education
Graduated University of Puget Sound School of Law May, 1991.

Community Service
Active in youth sports. Member of First United Methodist Church. Past President and member Wenatchee School Board.

Statement
As County Prosecutor, I am responsible for the the Criminal Division of the Chelan County Prosecutor’s Office which prosecutes criminal actions for Chelan County and for the State of Washington in all Chelan County Courts, the Washington State Court of Appeals, and the Washington State Supreme Court.

I am also responsible for the Civil Division of the Prosecutor’s Office which serves as legal advisor to the County Commissioners and County departments and represents and defends the County in all Federal and State courts. This division also prepares and reviews County resolutions, ordinances and contracts.

I am also responsible for the Support Enforcement Division of the Prosecutor’s Office which represents the children of Chelan County (and Douglas County by contract) in matters of parentage and child support.

I am also responsible for the Victim-Witness Assistance Division of the Prosecutor’s Office which provides assistance victims of crimes. This division provides assistance in applying for victim’s compensation, restitution in adult and juvenile felony cases and educates victims and witnesses about the criminal justice system.

I understand responsibilities the Chelan County Prosecutor has to the citizens of Chelan County and work hard to fulfill these responsibilities. I would be honored to receive your vote.

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Mike Morrison

(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience

Currently serving as Chelan County Deputy Sheriff’s Association President.
President Omak Police Guild.

Occupation

Deputy Sheriff – 16 year law enforcement veteran.

Education

Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (Peace Officer Certification), Central Washington University (B.A. – Law and Justice with a Minor in Sociology emphasizing in Native American Studies), Spokane Community College (A.A.S. – Administration of Justice) and Graduate of North Thurston High School (Diploma).

Community Service

Volunteer track and field coach Cascade High School (Leavenworth, WA), Okanogan High School and North Thurston High School. Volunteer girl’s basketball coach Cascade High School (Leavenworth, WA).

Statement

During my 16 year career, I have served in several capacities, police officer, deputy sheriff, special response team, search and rescue, high angle rope rescue team, swift water rescue, field training officer, school resource officer, and emergency vehicle operations instructor. In addition to these specialties I have served on numerous agency committees, been the recipient of two Life Saving Awards and completed the West Point Model Police Leadership program. This experience brings me an unparalleled depth and breadth of understanding. I will utilize this experience and understanding to improve the agency’s service to the citizens of Chelan County. I am running to restore integrity to the Chelan County Sheriff’s Office. We should not be spending our limited County budgets settling lawsuits and paying settlements; we should be demonstrating positive work environments that value all people. I am further committed to ensuring we fulfill our commitments to the organizations we partner with to ensure service to the community remains the highest priority. I promise to establish transparency and accountability. I will ensure all residents are treated with fairness, respect and dignity, while protecting constitutional rights. It is a privilege to serve and I ask for the honor of your vote.

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Brian Burnett

(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience

2011-2022 - 3 Term Chelan County Sheriff
2017-2018 - President, Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs
2022 - President, Washington State Sheriffs’ Association

Other Professional Experience

Over 23 years law enforcement
2018-2021 - Criminal Justice Training Commissioner (Appointed by Governor)
FBI National Academy
Drug Task Force Lead Agency
Patrol Corporal
Sergeant
2004 Chelan County Deputy of the Year
8 years Chelan County Regional SWAT
School Resource Officer
Field Training Officer

Community Service

Board Member, UV Cares (Mental Health Teletherapy Services)
Board Member, North Central Washington Chaplain Foundation
Royal Family Kids Camp Volunteer (Serving abused and/or neglected foster kids)

Statement

Born and raised in Chelan County, I started my career in Law Enforcement with the Chelan County Sheriff’s Office in 1998 and I’m honored to serve the citizens of the community I call home. As your three term Elected Sheriff, I have developed local relationships, built trust regionally and brought statewide resources together to build a safer Chelan County. These collaborations have helped enhance public safety and protect our quality of life. A Behavioral Health Unit, which is essential for our community and law enforcement teams. Regionalized Drug Task Force and SWAT Team offer greater efficiency and effectiveness during emergencies, and equipped School Resource Officers to protect what’s most important. I will continue to provide the best training and resources for our staff and continue to support law enforcement agencies statewide as the premiere regional training hub. As your Sheriff I will continue these partnerships that dramatically enhance public safety during these dangerous times. I have always valued the relationships with all citizens and local leaders. It is those relationships that have been foundational to our success. You can rely on my continued leadership to protect the quality of life and your Constitutional Rights.

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No Statement Submitted

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Local Measure - Fire District No. 1

CHELAN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
DOUGLAS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2
PROPOSITION 1

Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 1 and Douglas County Fire Protection District No. 2 have adopted a Joint Resolution approving the Wenatchee Valley Fire Department Plan (“Plan”) concerning the creation of a Regional Fire Authority.

This proposition would approve the Plan and create the Wenatchee Valley Fire Department, effective September 30, 2022 to provide fire protection and emergency medical services funded by a property tax not to exceed \$1.50 per thousand of assessed value to be levied in 2022.

Should the Plan to create the Wenatchee Valley Fire Department be approved?

YES []
NO []

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

If voters approve Proposition 1, Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 1 and Douglas County Fire Protection District N. 2 will create the Wenatchee Valley Fire Department “WVFD” as a regional fire protection service authority operating under chapter 52.26 RCW effective September 30, 2022. The WVFD will operate under a single governing board consisting of three elected commissioners from Chelan FPD 1 and three elected commissioners from Douglas FPD 2.

The WVFD will be funded by a property tax not to exceed \$1.50 per thousand of assessed valuation to be levied in 2022 and collected in 2023. The WVFD property tax will replace the regular property tax levies of Chelan FPD 1 and Douglas FPD 2.

The Board of Commissioners of Chelan FPD 1 and Douglas FPD 2 have determined that the formation of the WVFD will allow the entities to consolidate resources and more efficiently and cost effectively deliver fire protection and emergency medical services to their citizens. To view the complete Wenatchee Valley Fire Department Plan, please visit: www.chelancountyfire.com

Prepared by Brian K. Snure, Attorney

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Argument For

Our valleys Fire District’s, Douglas County Fire District 2 and Chelan County Fire District 1, have decades of history of responding to each District’s respective jurisdictions because neither District can provide sufficient resources alone. It takes a cooperation and collaboration.

Combining the two Fire Districts will allow for efficiencies in administration, facilities, response and specialty teams as well as efficiencies procuring apparatus and equipment.

However, this will not decrease the cost of operating the combined Fire District’s now or in the future.

The increased cost is due to the need to hire additional firefighters. Our volunteer firefighters have declined by 70% in the past 10 years. Both Districts have strategically located fire stations that need to be staffed to adequately serve our community. Our District’s are responding to over 5,200 incidents annually.

The increase in funding will allow a minimum of 2 firefighters at 7 fire stations.

Argument prepared by Buell Hawkins | buellhawkins@gmail.com

Argument Against

Existing fire department mutual aid agreements are working great. Inflation and property taxes in today’s environment make this proposal very expensive.

As stated in the ballot measure and news media fire chief interviews; the fire district county property tax rates are increased; up to \$1.50 per thousand dollars. Non voted increases of 6% each year are also authorized in the measure.

A new fire department is proposed, sharing all debts and operating costs across two counties. Local control through our fire commissioners is replaced by a new fire authority board structure.

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CHECK YOUR BALLOT STATUS:

www.VoteWA.gov

During an election, track your ballot at www.VoteWA.gov. The ballot status will update as your ballot is received and processed. Please allow 3-5 business days for your ballot to be posted as received.

Ballot Status Categories:

Sent - Ballot has been marked as sent by the county (date may be in the future).

Accepted - Signature review has been completed, the voter has been credited with voting, and the ballot is accepted.

Rejection/Challenged + Challenged Reason - Signature or ballot has been challenged. The Chelan County Elections Office will contact the voter.

Challenge Reasons:

These challenge codes require action by the voter. The voter will be contacted by the Chelan County Elections Office.

Unsigned - The voter did not sign the declaration on the outside of the return envelope.

Signature Does Not Match - The signature on the return envelope does not match signature on file.

ID Required - The voter registration has failed the ID check and must provide ID before the ballot can be counted.

Power of Attorney - A Power of Attorney has signed the declaration on behalf of the voter. This is not allowed for voting purposes.

The status for this code could change during processing.

Hold - Voter returned a previously issued ballot that has been superseded. If the ballot returned is the same ballot style as the current ballot, it will be counted. If different ballot style, the ballot must be held until 7 days after Election Day.



Did you know that you can access your ballot online?

Lost or damaged ballots happen. There's an easy way to access and print your ballot right from home.

- Visit www.VoteWA.gov and enter required information to access your ballot.
- Make your selections on the computer or print out a blank ballot and fill it in by hand. If you choose to make your selections online, please double check those selections before and after printing your ballot.
- Return via mail or secure drop box, just like you normally would. No postage is required if using one of our ballot drop boxes.

Any registered voter can use the online ballot marking program to access and print their ballot.

Voters with disabilities can mark their choices on the ballot online. The online ballot marking program has been designed specifically to enable voters who are blind or have low vision to cast a private ballot.



Other voting options

If one of the above options doesn't work for you, please contact our office for further assistance.



Track your ballot online!

All voters are able to track their ballot online to make sure it was received by Chelan County Elections and track it through the process of being counted. Visit www.VoteWA.gov.

If there is an issue with your signature, the ballot tracker will point you in the right direction to get that fixed so your vote can be counted. If there are no issues with your ballot you'll be able to rest easy on Election Day knowing that your voice was heard.

Do your part!

While the Elections Office is continually updating the voter rolls with information from the Department of Licensing, the post office, local obituaries and a monthly public health deceased list, you can do your part by following these simple steps:

- Update your address with the Elections Office whenever it changes. Address changes can be made online through www.VoteWA.gov, by email, mail or phone until 5 pm July 25. You may update your registration in-person until 8 pm on Election Day.
- If you are a snowbird or a college student, email or call to set up a seasonal or temporary mailing address.
- Return to Sender! If you receive a ballot for a person who does not live at your residence, write "Does not live here" on the unopened envelope and put it back in the mail.
- If you receive a ballot for a recently deceased voter, write "Deceased" on the unopened envelope and put it back in the mail. We will research and follow up.

Keeping up-to-date with the Elections Office is quick and easy!

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We recommend dropping your ballot in the mail by the Friday before Election Day to make sure it gets postmarked in time to be counted.

Mailed ballots must be postmarked by August 2.

