

# Chelan County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

November 4, 2025 General Election

**Voters should receive their General Election ballot by October 22.**





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**Voters will receive two pamphlets. This pamphlet will include local county issues/races. An additional pamphlet will be sent by the state and will include state issues/races.**

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



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## Chelan County Elections Voting Center

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Phone: 509-667-6808

Email: [elections@co.chelan.wa.us](mailto:elections@co.chelan.wa.us)

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Election Day, November 4 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### Voter Services:

- Register to vote
- Update voter registration
- Get a ballot and vote
- Replacement ballots for lost, damaged, or mismatched ballots
- Disability assistance - Large font, contrast, and audible ballot options
- Get a voters' pamphlet

## 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 8:00 p.m. 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.



## If I am a victim of a crime, can I vote safely?

### Keep your voting address confidential

You may be able to enroll in the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) and register as a Protected Records Voter if you are:

- A survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, stalking; or
- A criminal justice participant, election official, or protected health care worker who is a target for harassment.

To become a Protected Records Voter:

- You meet with a Certified Advocate who can assist with threat assessment, safety planning, and the program application.
- The best time to enroll is when you move or are planning to move to a location that is unknown to the offender and undocumented in public record.

Call 1 (800) 822-1065 or visit [sos.wa.gov/acp](https://sos.wa.gov/acp).



## Felony conviction?

Your right to vote is restored when you are no longer serving a sentence of total confinement in prison.



You must re-register to vote in order to receive a ballot.

You may re-register to vote by mail, in person, or online at [VoteWA.gov](https://VoteWA.gov).



## Ballot Drop Box Locations

Drop boxes are open 18 days before Election Day. They remain open 24 hours a day until 8:00 p.m. Election Night.

### Wenatchee - Library

Wenatchee Public Library

310 Douglas St

Wenatchee, WA

*Drive-thru access, next to book drop*

### Cashmere

Cashmere City Hall

101 Woodring St

Cashmere, WA

*Facing Mission Ave, walk-up*

### Leavenworth

Leavenworth City Hall

700 Hwy 2

Leavenworth, WA

*Drive-thru access*

### Chelan

Chelan City Hall

135 E Johnson Ave

Chelan, WA

*Drive-thru access, in alley next to payment box*

### Entiat

Entiat City Hall

14070 Kinzel St

Entiat, WA

*Drive-thru access*

### Manson

Manson Public Library

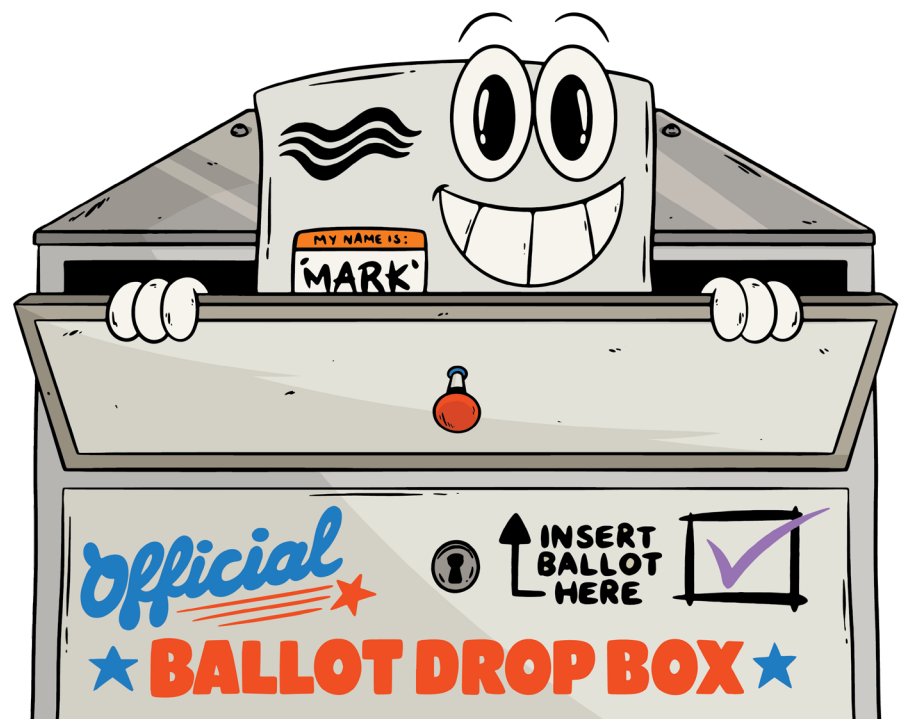
80 Wapato Way

Manson, WA

*Walk-up access*

**Return your ballot by mail, no stamp needed. If mailed, your ballot must be postmarked by November 4. Don't let a late postmark disqualify your ballot.**

**The USPS recommends that you mail a week before Election Day.**



You may also drop your ballot off in person at:

### Chelan County Auditor's Offices

350 Orondo Ave

Wenatchee, WA

(509) 667-6808

### Elections Department

Level 3, Ste 306

Open 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Week Days

9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Election Night

### Licensing & Recording Department

Level 2, Ste 202

Open 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Week Days



# Ballot Instructions

The following instructions are also found on your ballot.

## Instructions

### How to vote:

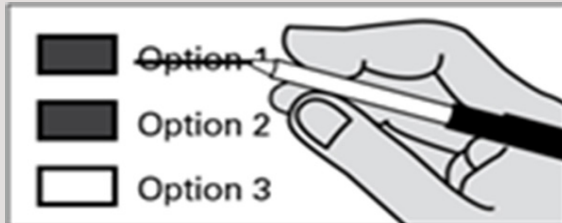


Use a black or blue ink pen to completely fill in the box to the left of your choice.

Vote for one in each race.

If you vote for more than one, no votes will be counted for that race.

### If you make a mistake:



Draw a line through the entire candidate name or measure response. Then make another choice.

**Do not use white-out.**

### Optional write-in:



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



#### Who donates to campaigns?

View financial contributors for state candidates and local measures:

**Public Disclosure Commission**

[www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov)

Toll Free 1-877-601-2828

## Vote your ballot . . .

Use a blue or black ink pen to mark your ballot.

You may leave a contest blank, your ballot will still count.

Put your voted ballot in the security sleeve.

Put the security sleeve in the return envelope.

Seal the return envelope.

Sign and date the declaration on the return envelope. If you are unable to sign, make your mark and have it witnessed by TWO people. *Ensure that both people sign the envelope.*

A power of attorney **cannot** be used to sign a ballot.

## Place your ballot in a ballot drop box . . .

Deposit your ballot in a drop box. Drop boxes are picked up by Elections department staff, not the USPS. See drop box locations on page 3.

Drop boxes are open 18 days before Election Day. They remain open 24 hours a day until 8:00 p.m. Election Night. Chelan County strongly encourages using drop boxes.

## Or return your ballot by mail . . .

**NO STAMP** required if mailed in the U.S.

Ballots sent by USPS **MUST** be postmarked no later than Election Day, November 4. The USPS recommends that you mail a week before Election Day.

## Contact Chelan County Elections . . .

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

**Phone:** 509-667-6808

**Email:** [elections@co.chelan.wa.us](mailto:elections@co.chelan.wa.us)

**Web:** [www.votewa.gov](http://www.votewa.gov)

**In person:** 350 Orondo Ave, Level 3 Ste 306  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

# Remember to sign your return envelope!

**Chelan County Port District  
Commissioner 1**  
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**Entiat School District No. 127  
School Board Member Director District 1**  
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**Entiat School District No. 127  
School Board Member Director District 2**  
Jamie E Cannon

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School Board Member Director District 1**  
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**Lake Chelan School District No. 129  
School Board Member Director District 3**  
Jennifer Puckett

**Manson School District No. 19  
School Board Member Director  
District 5 At-Large**  
Greg Neff  
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**Pateros School District No. 122-70J  
Director District 4 At Large**  
Grace Larsen

**Stehekin School District No. 69  
School Board Member Position 4**  
Jake Courtney

**Stehekin School District No. 69  
School Board Member Position 5**  
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Council Member 6**  
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**City of Entiat  
Council Member 2**  
Kat Haapapuro

**City of Leavenworth  
Council Member 6**  
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Commissioner 2**  
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**Fire District No. 8  
Commissioner 2**  
Randy Whitehall

**Fire District No. 9  
Commissioner 2**  
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Commissioner 1**  
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**Hospital District No. 1  
Commissioner 2**  
Cary Ecker

**Cemetery District No. 4  
Commissioner 3**  
David R. Hellyer

**Malaga Water District  
Commissioner 1**  
Jeremy Walker

**Three Lakes Water District  
Commissioner 2**  
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**Lake Chelan Sewer District  
Commissioner 1**  
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Commissioner Position 1**  
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**Manson Parks and Recreation District  
Commissioner 5**  
Jay Robinson  
  
Aniceto Guzman



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Elections does  
not correct  
punctuation,  
grammar, or fact  
check candidate  
and measure  
statements.**





Zachary Miller

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**Elected Experience**  
Current school board director for district 3 (appointed in 2019, elected in 2021)

**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**  
Having attended the outstanding schools in the Cascade School District, I’ve seen firsthand how they shape students in meaningful, lasting ways. As the current director for District 3, I’m committed to supporting the people and programs that make this district so special. I bring six years of experience in this role to the upcoming election. I care deeply about our communities and am grateful for the opportunities I’ve had to give back. I respectfully ask for your vote.



Trey Ising

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**Elected Experience**  
No Information Submitted.

**Other Professional Experience**  
No Information Submitted.

**Education**  
No Information Submitted.

**Community Service**  
No Information Submitted.

**Statement**  
I want to take this opportunity to thank the communities that make up the Cascade School District, I appreciate all that you have done to support our district. We are all part of a terrific school district, the opportunities that we can provide in our district are a direct reflection of our communities. Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve as a member of our School Board I appreciate the trust that is placed on me to serve our district. I will continue to strive to to serve you well.



Andrea Bixby-Brosi

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Elected Experience  
No Information Submitted.

Other Professional Experience  
Current: Pear grower and orchard owner/manager at Chumstick Creek Ranch LLC (Farming over 40 acres); Former: Research Scientist/Entomologist and Extension Specialist at WA State University’s Tree Fruit Research and Extension Center.

Education  
Bachelor’s degree: Environmental Science; Master’s degree: Plant Sciences and Entomology; PhD: Entomology and Agricultural Science

Community Service  
Cashmere Food Bank board member, Cashmere Youth Soccer coach, parent volunteer at Vale Elementary and Cashmere Middle School, Cashmere Summer Swim League board member and volunteer coordinator.

Statement  
I am proud to live in Cashmere with my husband and three children, who all attend Cashmere Schools. Our schools are the heart of this community and the center of my family’s daily life. I am running for Cashmere School Board to support our exceptional school district by prioritizing student’s needs, delivering a high-quality education, and encouraging active involvement from both parents and community.  
I am a full-time mother and orchardist. Cashmere is, at its core, a farming town—rich with small-town values and traditions that I deeply respect and will work to uphold. My children enjoy the sports and extracurricular opportunities offered in Cashmere. My husband and I have volunteered many years coaching youth sports. I have expertise in grant writing and finding alternative sources of funding. I worked for WSU for several years, directly with fruit growers to troubleshoot current industry issues, and helped start perennial funding aimed at tackling cherry diseases. I am on the board of the Cashmere Food Bank and Swim Team. My experience raising funds for local non-profits, active volunteerism in the community, and professional experience at WSU, all speak to the value I would bring to the Cashmere School Board.  
Go, Bulldogs!!



Roger A. Perleberg

Contact  
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Elected Experience  
37 years - Cashmere School Board Member

Other Professional Experience  
Educator for 9 years  
Business Owner/Operator of Perly’s Welding in Cashmere

Education  
3 years in United States Air Force. Undergraduate from Central Washington State in Education. Graduate Studies in Education.

Community Service  
No Information Submitted

Statement  
With 37 years of service on the Cashmere School Board, I am proud to seek re-election to continue serving the students, families, and educators of our outstanding district. My commitment has always been – and will continue to be – centered on what’s best for our kids and our community.  
  
Cashmere has a strong tradition of educational excellence, and I’m honored to have played a role in shaping a district that people choose to be part of. From hiring and supporting top-notch staff, to overseeing school construction and renovations, to setting sound financial and disciplinary policies, I’ve worked to ensure that our schools remain a source of pride and opportunity.  
  
As a former teacher and small business owner, I bring a balanced, real-world perspective. I value transparency, fiscal responsibility, and above all, putting students first. While I recognize that growth and change are important, I believe they should be thoughtful and aligned with our shared values.  
  
Cashmere thrives because of our shared values, excellent schools, and the way we come together as a community. I’m committed to keeping that spirit strong—and I’d be honored to earn your vote.





Aaron Lowers

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**Elected Experience**  
No Information Submitted.

**Other Professional Experience**  
Aaron owns Timberwood Construction, a second-generation, locally rooted business. He has also provided consulting services to various nonprofit organizations on projects throughout the valley.

**Education**  
Aaron Lowers is a proud graduate of Cashmere High School and Whitworth University.

**Community Service**  
A committed member of the Cashmere community, Aaron is actively engaged in supporting youth sports, educational programs, outdoor recreation, and a variety of local events.

Statement

Aaron Lowers is a 4th-generation graduate of Cashmere High School, a local business owner, and a lifelong member of the Cashmere community. He and his wife, Jillian, are raising their two sons in the Cashmere School District, giving him a deep and personal investment in the future of local education.

Aaron’s values align with what Cashmere is—and has always been: rooted in family, responsibility, tradition, and pride in our schools. He’s running for school board to help ensure that local values, academic excellence, fiscal responsibility, and strong local leadership stay at the heart of the district.

As a business owner, parent, and the spouse of an educator, Aaron brings a steady, well-rounded perspective. He’s known for staying level-headed, listening respectfully, and staying at the table even when conversations are tough.

With a steady, common-sense approach, Aaron is committed to transparency, supporting our teachers, empowering parents, and keeping classrooms focused on learning. He’s ready to serve the community that has shaped him and help ensure Cashmere schools remain strong for generations to come.



Mike Ledbetter

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**Elected Experience**  
None

**Other Professional Experience**  
Currently employed at Chelan County PUD as Planner/Scheduler here in Wenatchee. I was enlisted in the U.S Army from 1996-2002 and ended my military career with an honorable discharge.

**Education**  
Wenatchee High School Graduate.  
Various leadership training for US Army.

Community Service

From 2011-2018, Commissioned Reserve Sheriff for Chelan County Sheriff’s Office ; 2018-Current, Cashmere Fire Department EMT/Firefighter Volunteer; For the past 7 years I have been a youth sports Coach here in Cashmere, coaching soccer and youth football; Volunteered in the past as a “Watchdog” at Vale Elementary and currently at Cashmere Middle School as classroom helper, and occasional field trip chaperone.

Statement

My name is Mike Ledbetter, and I am running for the Cashmere School Board because I believe every child deserves the best opportunity to succeed—not just in school, but in life too.

Education should empower students to think critically, sharpen their own understandings, and forge their own path with confidence. As a member of the school board, I will be committed to ensuring our schools provide a strong foundation for every student’s future.

Cashmere is more than just a town, it’s a community. My wife, Bree, and I knew early on in our marriage that this was the place we wanted to call home. We’re grateful to be raising our two sons here, in the same town where Bree grew up and graduated from.

As a school board member, I will listen to parents, teachers, and students to make thoughtful, fair decisions that strengthen our school district. Above all, I will work tirelessly to uphold the values that make Cashmere a wonderful place to live and learn. It would be an honor to earn your vote and serve this community as we work together to build a bright future for our children, our schools, and our town.



Amanda Zuluaga

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Elected Experience  
District #3 School Board Director.

Other Professional Experience  
Emerald City Naturopathic Clinic, Seattle, WA: Office Manager 2006-2015; Z Electrical Services, Manson, WA: Owner, office manager for electrical contracting company 2013-present; Foraged, Manson, WA: Owner and florist 2020-2023

Education  
Manson School District: K-7th grade; Wenatchee High School: Graduated 2000; University of Oregon, Robert D Clark Honors College: Graduated 2004 Bachelor of Science in Human Physiology and Minor in Spanish; University of Washington: Medical Management Certificate Program, 2011

Community Service  
Classroom parent volunteer: 2019-2023; Coached youth soccer and t-ball through local AAU program: 2019-2023; Co-chair for PTAC Auction in 2025: Raised well over \$50,000 for Manson School District

Statement  
My daughter’s first day of school at Manson Elementary was very emotional. Watching her walk through the same doors I had many years before made my heart swell. My husband and I have loved calling Manson our home since we were very young and raising our daughter (6th grade) and our son (4th) here has been a dream. Two years ago, I volunteered for the open MSD Director position; what better way to serve Manson than to be an advocate for our students? As a family business owner and manager, I provide a perspective that can evaluate many levels of district operations including budget, cash flow, policy, public relations, efficiency, growth, and risk. I hold as my highest priority the joy, success, and overall enrichment of our students.

I have learned so much serving on the board: the inner workings of the district, what it means to be part of a governance model, the time, energy, thoughtfulness, and heart that staff pour into our schools. I am honored to hold the responsibility of overseeing district processes. I value the trust of this community tremendously, and I look forward to continuing to serve as the District #3 director.



Krysta Westmoreland

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Elected Experience  
President, Chelan Chamber of Commerce (2024–2025); Vice President, Chelan Chamber of Commerce (2022–2024)

Other Professional Experience  
Small business owner and event marketing manager with 15+ years’ experience leading teams, managing budgets, and coordinating large-scale events in both business and nonprofit sectors.

Education  
B.S. in International Business, Southern New Hampshire University

Community Service  
Volunteer for multiple Chelan Valley nonprofits. Former Marketing & Events Director, Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce. Experienced board liaison and advocate for local engagement and outreach.

Statement  
I’ve proudly called Manson home for the past eight years. As a small business owner in the valley, I understand the importance of strong community connections, long-term planning, and sound decision-making. I’ve both served on boards and reported to them, which has given me a clear understanding of governance, accountability, and the value of listening to all voices at the table.  
As a parent of two young children, I have a deeply personal investment in the success of our schools. I want to ensure the Manson School District remains a top-performing district that meets the needs of every student—academically, socially, and emotionally.  
I’m committed to thoughtful, transparent leadership that represents the broad spectrum of our community. I believe in listening carefully, asking the right questions, and ensuring that no single interest—especially my own—outweighs the greater good.  
I’m running for the Manson School Board to support our students, teachers, and families, and to contribute to the continued excellence and growth of our district. I’d be honored to earn your vote.





Aurora Flores

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**Statement**  
*First a little bit about myself . . .* I am the oldest of nine siblings. All of my siblings with the exception of one have graduated from college and some have gone on to obtain graduate degrees and work in professional careers. Although I am proud of my siblings’ accomplishments, I don’t say this to boast but to reflect on the concept that public education opens doors to each and every student. I have four children (all of whom graduated from the Manson School District). My husband, Balentin, and I decided to make our home in Manson because of the quality of life and the small-rural community feeling. I have lived in Manson for thirty-seven years and have been in involved in education as a school board member and as a practitioner. I have also been involved in the following organizations: Manson School Board for twenty-four years and also served two years on the Parlier School Board in California for a total of twenty-eightyears; Appointed to serve on the Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB); Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) - Vice-president (2016); Washington State School Directors Association – President Elect (2017); Washington State School Directors Association – President (2018); Manson Apple

Blossom Chair; Lake Chelan Health and Wellness Foundation Board Member; Past member of the Business and Professional Women; Past Chair of the WSSDA Diversity and Multi-Cultural Advocacy Team; Served on the WSSDA Legislative, Nominating and Conference Committees; Most recently elected as the Associate Chair of the Washington School Counselor Association (WSCA)

**Education**  
Reedley College – AA degree; California State University, Fresno – BS – Business Administration – Accounting; Heritage University – M.Ed. – Counseling; Grand Canyon University – Doctoral program

**Experience**  
I have worked as a paraeducator, community liaison, a banking operations officer, a school district finance manager, and an auditor for the State of Washingotn. Currently, I am a school counselor for the Omak School District in the online, Washington Virtual Academy (WAVA) program.  
*Why I would like to serve*  
Serving on the Manson School District Board is an exciting opportunity to which I will bring many years of board experience. I am looking forward to becoming part of the current team of board members, administrators, teachers and para-educators who are working hard in a rapidly changing and challenging environment to provide the best path to fulfill ithe mission of “Continuous Student Learning.”



Byron Schmidt

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**Elected Experience**  
No Information Submitted

**Other Professional Experience**  
Clinical Laboratory Manager  
Wenatchee Valley College Medical Laboratory Technician Clinical Instructor  
Professionally Published Research

**Education**  
Bachelor of Science University of Washington  
Medical Laboratory Scientist, professionally certified by the American Society for Clinical Pathology

**Community Service**  
No Information Submitted

**Statement**  
I am a father of 3 children in the Manson School district. My professional career has blended science, healthcare, critical analysis, and learning/teaching.

I believe that parent’s involvement in the decision making process for our children is vital. I believe that major decisions with long term consequences deserve significant dialog and input from stakeholders. I value transparency and equity. I believe in careful listening and asking questions to understand details.

I believe the Manson School Board decision to transition to a 4-day school week was premature and requires further discussion, parent involvement, and district justification.

If elected, I will seek to return the district to a 5-day school week until such time that a broad consensus of parents and community members can be reached along with clear, justifiable evidence that a 4-day week is necessary and in the best interest of the children in the school district.



**Frederick (Rick) Trocano**

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**Elected Experience**  
I am a current Pateros School Board Director. I have been on the board for 3 years.

**Other Professional Experience**  
I work in the electrical construction industry for 35 years. I am a retired electrical contractor and businessman.

**Education**  
I have a BA from the University of Pittsburgh.

**Community Service**  
Alta Lake State Park Spring cleanup crew member.

**Statement**  
I am running for the Pateros School Board to help the kids find their calling in life. To help them identify their “Life’s work” and not just settle for a job, but rather a career instead. I will help the school continue to establish quality opportunities for our students as they job-shadow or intern at area businesses with the hope that they better understand what career opportunities are out there for them. Finally, I support the Pateros Community, and the Methow Valley as a whole. Let’s make the Pateros school a wonderful experience for our kids together.

Wenatchee School District No. 246  
School Board Director District No. 4 | 2 Year Unexpired Term



**Mark Belton**

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**Elected Experience**  
Current Wenatchee School District board member, Position No. 4, appointed April 2025.

**Other Professional Experience**  
I currently serve as the Procurement & Contract Services Supervisor at Chelan PUD, where I’ve worked for over 14 years. My role centers on fiscal oversight, policy development, and transparent public service.

**Education**  
Eastmont High School graduate, and Wenatchee Valley College. Ongoing professional development in public procurement and leadership.

**Community Service**  
Board member and incoming President of Music Theatre of Wenatchee. Current board member with Small Miracles. Longtime producer of youth theater programs that support literacy, teamwork, and confidence for local students.

**Statement**  
As your board member, I believe every student deserves access to a high-quality education—one that supports their academic growth, reflects their potential, and equips them for the future. I’m running to continue advocating for equity in our schools, where all students have the resources they need to succeed in the classroom and beyond.

Strong academics are essential, as well as opportunities that help students grow as individuals—arts, athletics, clubs, and other programs that connect them to their peers and passions. Every student should feel a sense of belonging and pride in their school experience.

Wenatchee is a diverse, vibrant community, and our schools should reflect that. I’m committed to transparent, thoughtful leadership that listens, values fairness, and keeps students at the center of every conversation—while continuing to plan for the future with care and responsibility.

I’d be honored to continue serving you—and to help continuing to build a school district where every student can learn, grow, and thrive.





Caroline Siderius

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**Elected Experience**  
None.

**Other Professional Experience**  
English Language Arts & Washington State History teacher at Pioneer Middle School - 5 years; Program Coordinator at Chelan County Juvenile Detention Center - 1 year; Member of the Pioneer PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports) team - 2 years; Representative of the Wenatchee Teachers Union (WenEA) - 1 year; Coaching at Pioneer Middle School - 4 years; ASB (Associated Student Body) co-advisor - 1 year.

**Education**  
B.A. English Language Arts Teaching from Central Washington University; M.Ed. School Counseling from Grand Canyon University.

**Community Service**  
Volunteering at Pioneer Middle School community events; Coaching AAU basketball; Pioneer Middle School Parent-Teacher Organization Vice President.

**Statement**  
My experience teaching has given me an in-depth perspective on how the education system works, the thoughts, feelings, and actions of our current youth, and the needs of educators in our district. I believe that every student has the right to an education in their school and in their home. Parents are a child’s first teachers, and it is the responsibility of both parents and the schools to deliver that education.

My time within the Juvenile Detention Center has given me a unique opportunity to coordinate services for minority youth groups in our community including students with unstable housing and those drastically behind in graduation credits. It has allowed me to collaborate with community partners like Café and the Wenatchee Central Library to support our youth and get them on track for graduation.

These experiences have formed a strong belief in me that our education system needs more support from our parents and community members. We cannot rely solely on educators to carry all of the weight and responsibility when it comes to our young people. I would be a great school board leader who understands the needs of all parties involved in the world of education and our community.



David Elwood

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**Elected Experience**  
None

**Other Professional Experience**  
Senior Turbine/Generator Engineer - General Electric (GE Vernova) (2019 - Present); Managing Principal - Rebalance, LLC (2011 - Present); Project Mechanical Engineering - DCPUD (2014 - 2019); Project Manager and Engineer - HDR Engineering Inc. (2008 - 2014); Naval Architect - US Naval Sea Systems Command (2000 to 2004)

**Education**  
Master of Science, Oregon State University; Bachelor of Science, University of Michigan

**Community Service**  
Wenatchee School District - AVID Program Volunteer; Wenatchee Valley College – Industry Advisory Committee; Wenatchee Human Society - Volunteer Feral Cat Wrangler; Oregon State University - Volunteer Coach; University of Michigan - Detroit Area Pre-College Engineering Program Volunteer

**Statement**  
From my first job with the U. S. Navy until today, I have always felt a need to serve the public good. I want the Wenatchee School District (WSD) to be resilient and sustainable. I will bring 20+ years of experience as an engineer and project manager for multi-billion-dollar infrastructure projects to help develop a defensible Facility Master Plan for the WSD to better justify future bond measures.  
In addition to bringing an engineering mindset to support the Facility Master Plan, I believe I am the best choice for the WSD District #5 position for the following reasons:  
I will continue to support the AVID® Program and ensure that more students get access to the training/skills required in the 21st century job market.  
I can help the WSD to strengthen its focus on STEM at all levels by bringing industry experience to the CTE program.  
As a former Big 10 athlete and Pac 12 coach I strongly support sports in public schools and the leadership skills they teach students.  
I was raised by three amazing teachers/parents and have a deep respect for the profession. I will ensure that WSD staff are given the resources they need to succeed.



Shela Pistoresi

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**Elected Experience**  
I have proudly served on the Cashmere City Council for the past four years and am seeking re-election to continue supporting responsible governance and fiscal sustainability.

**Other Professional Experience**  
I bring over 20 years of experience helping businesses achieve their goals through cost reduction, process improvement, budgeting, and education initiatives. I'd like to see government operate more like businesses.

**Education**  
I am a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) with a Business degree from the University of Washington.

**Community Service**  
I am an active member of the Cashmere community, having served in various roles with the City Council, Parent Teacher Organization, youth soccer programs, and local electoral campaigns.

**Statement**  
I believe government functions best when it focuses on core responsibilities and limits its involvement in our daily lives. Essential services such as public safety, water, and roads are vital to a well-functioning city and should remain the primary focus of local government. Amenities such as parks, pools, and recreational facilities can add value to a community, but they also come with long-term financial commitments. Decisions to expand or fund these non-essential services should be driven by the will of the citizens—especially when additional taxes or fees are required to support them. I voted against the City of Cashmere's 2025 budget because it includes spending that goes beyond essential government functions. At a time when the cost of living continues to rise due to higher labor and material costs, I believe we must be especially cautious with public funds. My focus is on responsible fiscal management, limiting government overreach, and protecting the financial well-being of Cashmere residents. I remain committed to advocating for transparency, efficiency, and ensuring that government remains accountable to the people it serves.



Joyce Williams

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**Elected Experience**  
Board member: Rotary, ASK Network USA. Quail Lane HOA Secretary

**Other Professional Experience**  
Executive Secretary: WA Lung Association, Confluence Health, MasTec. Instructor: HS/College Applied Business. Customer Service: Heart to Heart Bookstore, Cashmere Valley Bank. Israel Tour Guide. Write on the River. Cashmere Writers' Group. Congregational Care/Certified Chaplain: Christ Center. Elder/Widows Care Coordinator: church network

**Education**  
Alumnus: ITT Peterson Business College, Northwest University, Berean Global University

**Community Service**  
Rotary (9 years): food bank, scholarship committee, highway cleanup, community dinner rotation, weekend student meal prep. FOOM/Pioneer Village docent (8 years). Chamber of Commerce Nominating Committee. StageKids volunteer. Lilies of the Valley (repurposing flowers for care facility residents)

**Statement**  
My late husband Paul and I lived in Cashmere from 1974-1976. After moving and living in 5 major US cities, we knew our hearts were here. We returned in 1988, bought a home, pastored Christ Center and raised our family (Devorah Nelson, Rachel Powers, Tim Williams). Now our grandchildren attend Cashmere schools. Because of family involvement in everything from StageKids to Confluence Health to Summer Theater/Riverside Playhouse to CrossFit to Young Life, I am in touch with many circles in our community, both local and valley, that have broadened my perspectives on issues. I love to read, to write (8 published historical fiction books), to travel (27 countries), to explore creative ideas that will benefit people. I'm fiercely loyal to people and places and care deeply about those who struggle; I oversee benevolence, counseling and family support at Christ Center. Cashmere has given so much to me and my family--your vote would give me an even greater opportunity to pay it forward. I LOVE this town!



Shane Collins

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**Elected Experience**  
Washington Winegrowers Association Board Member 2015-present. Chair 2020-2024, Vice Chair 2017-2020. Government Affairs Committee for 10 years, Education Committee for 8 years, and the Sustainable Washington Development Committee from 2020-2022. Lake Chelan Wine Alliance Board Member 2009-2019 serving all roles of the executive committee.

**Other Professional Experience**  
For the Last 22 years, I have worked in Viticulture and Enology.

**Education**  
WSU B.A. Communication, 2004. WWCC AAAS, 2007

**Community Service**  
Since 2017 I have served on various roles of the tech team, worship team, and community impact team of Real Life NCW. From 2017-2019 I was a Chelan High School Viticulture Class Mentor and Instructor.

**Statement**  
I have lived in the Chelan Valley my entire life and was raised on a 50-acre orchard. Agriculture and agritourism remain central to both my work and my values. My wife is a teacher at MOE, and our children attend Chelan public schools. Over the years, I’ve seen our community change significantly through shifts in our downtown, demographics, and local economy. As a parent with a young family, I understand how vital parks, lake access, recreation, and affordable housing are to our community’s quality of life.  
Since 2019, I’ve regularly attended City Council meetings and currently serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. These roles have provided me with a strong understanding of the city’s current infrastructure needs, including the East Chelan water project, public works upgrades, transportation, and issues related to park capacity, resident use, and funding.  
Representing our region, I have traveled to Washington, D.C., and Olympia to advocate for agricultural priorities.  
I care deeply about Chelan and I am committed to serving with dedication and knowledge. I’m running for City Council to advocate for thoughtful growth, to support local families and businesses, and to ensure Chelan’s agricultural heritage remains a vital part of our future.



Ben Laughlin

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**Elected Experience**  
No elected experience. That is a good thing

**Other Professional Experience**  
36 year Bering Sea Crabber and Captain. Strong Decisive Leadership

**Education**  
Sehome High School 1981 Bellingham

**Community Service**  
1995-2002 Rec Association volunteer.; 2011-2017 Co-founder Riverwalk Closet, a free clothing charity.; 2015-2016 Volunteer Firefighter.; 2018-2021 Co-founder Fresh Winds Restoration, providing work for the homeless then donating profits to local charities.; 2018 -2024 Asst Coach AAU basketball.; 2021 Citizens Advisory Group fire district 7.; 2024- 2025 Spent countless hours meeting with council members, department heads, School District, and most importantly, reaching out to voters for input concerning Chelan's future.

**Statement**  
I have lived in Chelan 29 years and had family here for 50+ years.  
In that time, I have seen the needs of the citizens pushed aside in favor of chasing tourism dollars. It’s time to focus on you.  
With 430 apartment units coming to Chelan, we can expect 600 more daily drivers on our roads and in front of our schools. Manson has experienced growth as well. Traffic flow and a two way bridge should be our number one infrastructure priority.  
The “lodging tax funds” should be used for our Parks/Golf Course repairs and maintenance. We do not need to create a “Parks Tax District”. The golf course will not be sold or leased, as has recently been discussed.  
With no ties to tourism or business, I offer impartial representation for the community as a whole. Constantly improving the quality of life for year round residents will be my main objective on City Council.  
A vote for Ben Laughlin is a vote for you.





Elaine Bandy

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**Elected Experience**  
No Information Submitted.

**Other Professional Experience**  
No Information Submitted.

**Education**  
No Information Submitted.

**Community Service**  
No Information Submitted.

Statement

I am a retired RN with many years in leadership and management positions. I also have a degree in Social Work and have worked with adolescents and the elderly. The skills I bring forward are critical thinking, problem solving, managing large budgets, working with government regulations, working with teams and diverse people, conflict resolution and handling difficult conversations with compassion. I am an active participant in our wonderful Entiat community. I volunteer with the school reading program. I started the Entiat Garden Group and attend many other groups and activities. I enjoy our local recreation through kayaking, hiking and camping.

It's important to listen to what people want and need and then act on it in a way that is fiscally responsible while preserving the uniqueness of our city. The Community Vision Plan meetings held for our residents were a good step in this direction. Our city council and mayor are doing a great job in promoting good quality of life and economic responsibility. I would like to be a part of moving our city towards these goals.



Marie C. Stenberg

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**Elected Experience**  
I have been on the city council for Entiat since 2015.

**Other Professional Experience**  
I am one of the owners of Stormin' Auto and Towing with my husband Norman. We have been in business since 1994.

**Education**  
I have 1 year of college towards my business degree.

Community Service

In my duties as Counsel person, I serve on the Solid Waste Council and as the cities representative to the Humane Society.

Statement

I have been and continue to be as fair and honest a council person as possible, and I will always put the needs and ideas of my constituents first.



John H. DeFrees

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Professional/Work Experience

Oct. 2015 to Apr. 2016 – Entiat Asst Planner P/T; Apr. 1983 to Oct. 2013 – Various Mtg. companies as Home Loan Underwriter; Feb. 1982 to Apr. 1983 – Fed Housing Admin. Underwriter; July 1971 to Feb. 1982 – Vets Administration Underwriter; Oct. 1971 to Oct. 1991 – US Naval Reserve; Sept. 1967 to July 1971 – US Navy

Education

June 2013 to Dec. 2016 – Fuller Theology Sem. Recovery Ministry Cert.; Jan. 2008 to June 2008 – Stephen Ministry Graduate; June 1981 – Bachelor Degree, Urban Planning Business

Community Service

Jan. 2017- to Present – Confluence Health Hospital, Chaplain - Hospice Chaplain

Statement

Entiat City Council is the legislative and policy & making branch for the city. It is the Council’s responsibility to develop and pass laws within the city finances and budget. City council members are elected at large and are elects to four- year terms. <https://www.entiatwa.us/>  
The office of city council is not a position you can retire from and collect a pension. It is pretty much a volunteer job (\$100 per meeting) you have to want to take on. I am applying for this position for three reasons:  
I would like to see Entiat grow the way the majority of people want it to grow. I don’t want to see development companies coming in using up all the spare land. Entiat has their fair share of low income housing.  
I believe in term limits. Twelve years should be the maximum. My incumbent has done a very good job but is in her twelfth year on council.  
My motto is to “Pursue Truth”. I do not want to see corruption in our suburban town. I believe in minimal government intervention and only when and where it is needed.



Mike Bedard

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Elected Experience

Currently appointed to finish out the last year of a vacated Leavenworth City Council seat.  
No elected experience.

Other Professional Experience

18 years - Professional Firefighter, 6 as a Fire Captain.; 6 years -Small business owner/operator in Leavenworth; 7 years - Commercial and Residential construction Project Manager.

Education

University of Washington - BS in Construction Management  
Many professional certifications in emergency management.

Community Service

4 years on Leavenworth Residential Advisory Committee / Parking Committee; Wenatchee River Institute - Volunteer/Donor; Upper Valley Mend - Donor; Head Coach - Icicle Bicycle Club; Assistant Coach - Upper Valley Lightning Soccer; Prolific neighbor helper

Statement

As a passionate member of the Leavenworth community, I bring a unique blend of leadership experience, small business ownership, and community involvement that makes me well-suited to serve our city with integrity, transparency.  
As a professional fire captain, I refined the values of calm leadership, decisive action, and teamwork under pressure. I continue my service as a local business owner, coach, and volunteer. Giving back to the community is not just something I believe in — it’s something I live every day.  
One of my greatest strengths is bringing people together, especially across differing perspectives. I believe respectful dialogue and shared goals are key to solving challenges and building a thriving future for all who call Leavenworth home. Whether it’s preserving the natural beauty and charm of our town, supporting local businesses, or planning for smart, sustainable growth, I will always put our community’s best interests first.  
This is a non-partisan position, and I am proudly independent. My focus is on listening, learning, and leading with a common-sense approach rooted in our shared values.  
I ask for your support and your vote to help shape a future for Leavenworth that honors our traditions while preparing for the opportunities ahead.

-Mike



Ron Duncan

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Elected Experience  
Ron served several years on the board of a 105 home HOA, including as HOA president.

Other Professional Experience  
Ron and his bride of 40 years, purchased their Leavenworth property in 2010. In 2022, Ron retired from 35 years at Boeing as an equipment maintenance technician to complete construction on his forever home in Leavenworth. He is currently working in town taking care of the Leavenworth Nutcracker Museum building.

Education  
No Information Submitted

Community Service  
After 6 years in the U.S. Navy as a 1st class electronics technician, Ron joined Boeing and served many years as a union steward, successfully representing members and ensuring they were fairly treated.

Statement  
Leavenworth has changed a lot recently and many long-time residents are frustrated. Ron has regularly attended city council meetings since January 2024 to understand the issues. He appreciates Sharon’s consistent leadership on budget oversight, Clint’s leadership against fear restricting public participation, Anne’s concern for city funding / leadership against politicization of the council, and Travis’s considered questioning on issues. Still, he believes there is room for more traditional perspective on the council.  
Drive through any city and you know the condition of the city and government by the condition of the roads, sidewalks and curbs. Have you noticed ours are crumbling?  
Have you seen the city’s focus on affordable housing that has dismantled traditional planning codes hoping for the best, but has instead resulted in huge, more expensive houses on small lots and no new low-income housing? We are blessed to have privately funded UV Mend in our community providing this housing option and should instead focus on encouraging their growth.  
Leavenworth is amazing, with more natural beauty, quality restaurants, festivals, culture and shopping than a city our size can support on its own. Let’s encourage that and maintain the quality of our residential areas too. We can do both.



Shane Thayer

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Elected Experience  
City Councilmember: 1/2024 to Present; Participated in regular council meetings, study sessions, and sub committees (PRSA, Finance Committee, Leavenworth Area Promotions); Worked collaboratively with other elected officials, stakeholders, and constituents to pass city ordinances/ zoning changes/resolutions

Other Professional Experience  
15+ years as an IT professional supporting various business in the Upper Valley; Member of Upper Valley Aquatic Boosters advocating for the city pool

Education  
AS in Network Administration - Wenatchee Valley College; Ethics in Public Office Training - City of Leavenworth, 2024

Community Service  
Current Commissioner for Bavarian Adult Mixed Softball league as of 2024; Helped serve food at City Block Party; Supported PRSA levy renewal

Statement  
My name is Shane Thayer, and I am proud to announce my candidacy for City Council in Leavenworth. As a lifelong resident of this community, I believe in the power of local government to create meaningful change, and I am committed to working hard for the people who call this city home.  
Our city is facing important decisions about growth, housing affordability, infrastructure, and sustainability. I’m running because I want to ensure that these decisions are made with transparency, equity, and long-term vision. Having served on City Council since January 2024 has taught me how to listen, collaborate, and take action — skills that are critical for this position.  
If elected, I will prioritize:  
Advocating for infrastructure improvements; Supporting local businesses and economic opportunities; Expanding access to affordable housing; Protecting our environment and green spaces; Ensuring responsible budgeting and accountability  
I believe in a city that works for everyone — where residents feel heard, included, and empowered. Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant Leavenworth. I look forward to earning your trust and your vote.  
Thank you for your support.





Marco Aurilio

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**Elected Experience**  
Point Roberts Parks - Recreation Commissioner (2010-2011), Leavenworth Community Farmers Market President, (2012-2015), Leavenworth City Council (2022, 2023)

**Other Professional Experience**  
Firewise / Snowplow contractor (2015-2021), Cascade School District Substitute Teacher (2019-2024), Wenatchee Valley College Part-Time Faculty(2017-Present), Professional Firefighter CCFD7 (2017-2018), Food /Pharmaceutical Chemist (2000-2013)

**Education**  
Metropolitan State University, Denver, BS Microbiology/ Chemistry (1998). WA State Firefighter I & II, Wildland Firefighter Type 1, WA EMT, BLS HP-CPR Instructor, Fire Instructor I / Investigator I, Swiftwater Rescue Technician

**Community Service**  
CSD Wellness, PRSA, Leavenworth FD Volunteer/ Lieutenant (2012-2017), CCSO Swiftwater Rescue (2013-Present), Ski Hill Patrol; Youth Coach: Leavenworth Soccer Club, Wenatchee Amateur Hockey Association, Icicle Bicycle

**Statement**  
My family and I have been part of this community since 2012. This city must create a more sustainable balance between the tourism, that fuels this economy, and the community that truly defines Leavenworth.  
Leavenworth is experiencing rapid change and growth. I seek to bring balance between community and tourism to guide this change toward positive sustainability and delivering community benefit from tourism with a keen focus on the well-being of our children, who will ultimately lead our future.  
As a previous City Council member, I advocated for better surveys to assess and deliver community needs. In response to those surveys, I cooperatively created the Leavenworth Aquatic Center vision and proposal to replace our obsolete outdoor pool. I worked to improve snow removal in the residential areas as well as proposed a free parking program for locals downtown. Together with the Leavenworth Swim Team we brought the community and council together for an improved contract for pool use. As a firefighter I helped educate the city on the clear and present danger of wildfire for our downtown and residential areas and advocated for proactive measures to reduce those risks.  
Leavenworth must prioritize kids and community.... supported by tourism!



Rob Eaton

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**Elected Experience**  
Council Member, City of Leavenworth; 2001-2007. Appointed to a vacated seat on, then elected to, City Council. Voted by the Council to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore.  
Mayor, City of Leavenworth; 2008-2011

**Other Professional Experience**  
Amtrak, Director of Government Affairs-West: 2010-2021; Amtrak, Senior Director, National Local and State Legislative Affairs: 2021-present

**Education**  
B.A. Biospsychology, SUNY at Buffalo-1987; Ph.D. Behavioral Neuroscience, SUNY at Buffalo-1993

**Community Service**  
Living in Leavenworth for almost 30 years, Rob has served the community with various organizations: Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce-Board Member; City of Leavenworth Planning Commission; Link Transit-Board Member; Icicle Creek Center for the Arts-Board Member; Leavenworth Ski Hill Heritage Foundation-Board Member.

**Statement**  
I am excited and eager for the opportunity to return to city council and represent and serve the residents of Leavenworth. I look forward to working collaboratively with the other members of city government, and community partners, on opportunities and issues that are before us, including: capital improvement projects (e.g., sidewalks, roads), housing, business opportunities-economic development, parking, streamlining and improving local government services, infrastructure improvements, and improving and augmenting recreational options in Leavenworth. I look forward to bringing my passion for Leavenworth, as well as my experience, skills, and leadership ability to meet the needs of our community.



Douglas Miller

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**Elected Experience**  
I have lived in the Wenatchee area most of my 60 years. During the 2000’s I have served in several Elected Offices with Chelan County and Wenatchee. I won election to The Wenatchee School District Board of Directors in 2001; City of Wenatchee Council in 2005; Chelan County Fire District #1 in 2017.

**Other Professional Experience**  
30 years of public service as a firefighter in East Wenatchee & Douglas County, where I retired as Assistant Fire Chief.

**Education**  
Graduated from Wenatchee High School; Associate Degree from Wenatchee Valley College; Bachelor Degree from Eastern Oregon University

**Community Service**  
Volunteer Firefighter; Volunteer Search and Rescue; Civil Air Patrol

**Statement**  
I am running for the open position on the City Council, to represent you and your family, with my primary focus on community safety. With the recent (2025) request for the tax increase by the City, I have transportation as a an area of spending that needs to be closely watched.



Top Rojanasthien

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**Elected Experience**  
I have proudly served as your City of Wenatchee District 3 Council Member since 2022.

**Other Professional Experience**  
I am the Executive Chef and Owner of restaurants in Wenatchee. I grew up here and attended Wenatchee Public Schools. After college, I led teams in restaurants in the U.S. and Thailand. I returned in 2011 to take over my family’s business, which has served the community since 1991. In 2020, I opened my second restaurant.

**Education**  
Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies

**Community Service**  
As a City Council Member, I serve on local and nonprofit boards. As a business owner, I donate to local nonprofits.

**Statement**  
It has been my honor to serve our community as your District 3 City Council Member for the past four years. I’ve learned a great deal during my time on the council, and I’m excited about the progress we’ve made and the future of our city. It would be my privilege to continue serving you.



Mayra Navarro Gomez

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**Elected Experience**  
Council member at Large B.

**Other Professional Experience**  
Over 16 years in education as a teacher, district director, administrator, and Spanish teacher.

**Education**  
Degrees in Administrative Leadership; Master’s in Elementary Education; Elementary Education Bachelors and English as a Second Language Endorsement.

Community Service

Over a decade of service as a Volunteer Youth Minister at Holy Apostles Catholic Church, mentoring youth in leadership and community engagement through initiatives supporting Lighthouse Ministries, senior care homes, and individuals experiencing homelessness. Serve as Board Member for Community Health Improvement (CHI), Chelan Douglas Volunteer Attorney Services (CDVAS), and Misawa Board member.

Statement

My family has deep roots in this beautiful Valley, and I’ve lived here my entire life. I’m seeking re-election for the Wenatchee City Council At-Large B position because I believe there’s more meaningful work to be done. With over 16 years working in the education field, I understand the importance of responding to the needs of our hardworking families and community. My community involvement includes volunteering with the Chelan Douglas Health Improvement Board, Chelan Douglas Volunteer Attorney Services, and serving as a youth minister for over 10 years. These experiences have honed my ability to collaborate with diverse groups and bring people together.

As a City Councilmember, my focus will be on continuing to bring people together across divides, ensuring all voices are heard, and making our home an even better place to live and work. I’m committed to enhancing community engagement, improving civic involvement, and building partnerships to better serve our residents. I’m particularly focused on advancing education, creating more pathways to success for our children and families, and ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all our neighbors.

I look forward to continuing to work with you to create a brighter future for Wenatchee. Thank you for your support.

Fire District No. 3

Commissioner No. 2 | 6 Year Short and Full Term



Mahala Murphy-Martin

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**Elected Experience**  
I have served as the Fire Commissioner Position 2 for the past year

**Other Professional Experience**  
Leavenworth Rotary Board, and Past-President, Board Member of the Dwelling Place, and past President/Board member of non-profit Organizations

**Education**  
BA Interior Design from Washington State University, with a focus on Architecture, and Master’s Degree in Public Administration

Community Service

History of lifetime Community Service

Statement

It has been an honor to serve in the capacity of Commissioner this past year for CCFD3. As wildfires in particular, are of major concern to our Upper Valley, it is critical that we have excellent communication between the Fire District and the Citizenry. It is also critical that we are supportive as possible to our exemplary Fire District. As Fire Commissioner, it is important to be one of the conduits of communication between the constituents and the Fire Department, and I would look forward to serving once again in this capacity. I appreciate the confidence you show to me with your vote.





Ray Schmitten

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**Elected Experience**  
No Political Office History

**Other Professional Experience**  
Blue Bird, Inc. CEO (Current); Washington Cherry Growers Managing Partner (Current; Schmitten Orchards, Inc. President/Owner (Current); Board Of Directors Pear Bureau Northwest (Current); Board of Directors Tree Top, Inc. (Current); Board of Directors Cashmere Museum (Past); Pear Bureau Employee Compensation Committee (Current Chair); Tree Top Audit and Finance Committee (Current)

**Education**  
Cashmere High School; WSU BS Horticulture/Tree Fruit Production

**Community Service**  
Cashmere Museum ; Mission Trip Honduras; Opened our home to countless Youth in need of family, shelter and a family farm lifestyle experience.

**Statement**  
I have been lifelong resident of the Wenatchee River Valley. I have had the privilege to work with and around the volunteers of district 6 for the past 40 years. I am very grateful for the men and women that provide emergency medical services to our friends and family. I am running for Fire Commissioner #6, Commissioner position #2 because I believe that our district needs leadership that will help them provide Fire and EMS services timely and professionally for our residents. Modern and safe equipment is necessary to ensure that our volunteers have the ability to respond rapidly and with confidence. I would appreciate your vote so that I may continue my service as Fire Commissioner position #2.



David C. Rinehart

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**Elected Experience**  
No Information Submitted

**Other Professional Experience**  
I have a 30-year professional Law Enforcement career within Chelan County. I've worked with District 7, DNR, and Forest Service personnel during the wildfires of the 90's, the 2015 Chelan Complex Fire, and other fires within Chelan County. I gained additional insight/perspective working the Tyee fire in Stehekin as a marine patrol deputy.

**Education**  
Graduate of Opheim High School in Montana. Associate of Arts Degree from Big Bend Community College.

**Community Service**  
Since moving to Chelan in 1982, I've been active in my church. I've been involved in various ministries, including community outreach and service projects, children and youth programs, and in leadership.

**Statement**  
I have lived in Chelan County Fire District No. 7 since I came to the Chelan Valley in 1982. By the Grace of God and fire district personnel, my family has survived several past wildfires within the District. I believe in honesty, speaking the truth, and transparency. I live out these standards in my personal life. If I am elected to the position of Fire Commissioner, I will bring these standards to the Commissioner position in my service to the residents of the District. If faced with a question or situation I do not have the answer for, I am willing to put in the work to find an answer and/or resolution. I believe it is the responsibility of the Commissioners to assure high-quality fire safety for the district residents and retain well-trained firefighters and volunteers. I am asking the residents of District No. 7 to give me the opportunity to serve them as Fire Commissioner for Chelan County District No. 7 - Position #2.



Ron Simmons

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**Elected Experience**  
None

**Other Professional Experience**  
Firefighter/EMT, Fire Marshal, Deputy Fire Chief, Fire Chief, Snohomish County Fire District #4, 1985 to 2020.

**Education**  
1978 Graduate of Eastmont High School. Spokane Community College Certificate in Fire Science, 1983. Edmonds Community College, Associates Degree, Fire Command Administration. Everett Community College. National Fire Academy.

Community Service

Chelan County Fire District #7, Volunteer Firefighter, 2021 to present. Douglas County Fire District #2, Volunteer Firefighter. Nick of Time Foundation, Volunteer. Citizens For Chelan Fire and Rescue, 2021, Committee President.

Statement

Since I first walked into a Fire Station to become a Volunteer Firefighter in 1981 I have been a Public Servant. I soon realized the satisfaction of living a life to serve the emergency needs of others. Then, over the years, learning about what it takes to provide this service to the tax-paying public.

With 44 years of experience in the Fire Service, I understand what it takes to meet the needs of the Chelan Valley, not only from an emergency standpoint, but also from the position of a Public Educator and as a former Fire Chief who knows that the taxes people pay can’t just fund emergency services. The Fire District must provide resources for the citizens to educate and assist them to provide a level of safety in and around their homes.

I believe in utilizing tax money to provide what the community needs. I was a Fire Department Administrator who was known for spending what was needed, not for what would be nice to have. The Fire District Employee’s, including the Commissioners work for you and I wish to work with the other Board Members and Staff to assure this occurs.



Chuck Westcott

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**Elected Experience**  
No Information Submitted

**Other Professional Experience**  
No Information Submitted

**Education**  
No Information Submitted

Community Service

Twelve years as an active volunteer firefighter, including present position as a Captain with Chelan County Fire District 8.

Statement

As a dedicated and community-focused individual, I am honored to present myself as a candidate for the District No. 8 Commissioner 1 position. With a strong commitment to public safety, including twelve years as an active volunteer with Chelan County Fire District 8 and thirty-one years as a resident of Entiat, I aim to bring collaborative ideas and innovative solutions to this vital role. My experience in problem solving and my passion for serving the community lay the foundation for ensuring the continued readiness and excellence of our fire services. Together, we can prioritize the safety and well-being of our community while supporting the brave individuals who protect it every day.



Jesse Knight

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Elected Experience

Other Professional Experience

Practicing diagnostic and interventional radiologist for past 15 years, current employers are Real Radiology and the University of Washington. Associate Professor of Radiology at the UW. I strive to provide excellent care for patients as well as foster high quality interactions with the clinicians I serve.

Education

Fellowships in Emergency Radiology and Interventional Radiology at the University of Washington. Residency in Diagnostic Radiology, Sacred Heart Medical Center, Spokane, WA. MD- University of Washington. BA- The Evergreen State College

Community Service

Volunteer at Upper Valley Mend. Volunteer for Mission Ridge Ski Team. Volunteer for Warm Currents.

Statement

As a diagnostic and interventional radiologist, I’m honored to run for Hospital Commissioner to support the continued success of Cascade Medical. With over 15 years of experience in public hospitals- including Harborview Medical Center and facilities on Maui and in Bremerton- I’ve seen how timely high-quality care can save lives. I now practice tele-radiology from home, serving hospitals across the country, and continue to teach at Harborview. My career is built on teamwork, communication, and service- skills I will bring to the board. I’ve worked closely with physicians, nurses, technicians and administrators to deliver critical care in high-pressure settings, and I understand the value of collaboration in achieving the best outcomes. As commissioner, I will work to keep our hospital fiscally sound, recruit and retain excellent providers, and help plan for the next generation of care in Leavenworth. I’m committed to making sure Cascade Medical remains a strong community-focused resource for years to come. Cascade Medical is one of the Upper Valley’s greatest assets. If elected, I look forward contributing my experience and perspective to help ensure its continued strength and sustainability.



Shari Day-Campbell

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Elected Experience

Currently serving as hospital commissioner, appointed in 2024.

Other Professional Experience

Leadership experience in healthcare marketing, branding, strategy and business development with organizations of all sizes, from small, rural hospitals to national, multi-state hospital systems. Previous small business owner of an advertising, branding and strategic communications agency with nonprofit, financial services, tourism and healthcare clients.

Education

Western Washington University, bachelor’s degree in journalism; Seattle University, master’s degree in public administration.

Community Service

Board member, Habitat for Humanity, Pierce County; Board member/Vice Chair, Cascade Medical Foundation; Board President, Western Washington University Alumni Association.

Statement

With years of leadership and management experience in the healthcare industry, I hope to continue to blend my business background with my desire to serve our community.

Since joining the hospital commission, I helped launch Cascade Medical’s Community Outreach & Awareness Committee. Our work focuses on finding out what’s important to residents and sharing what Cascade is doing to expand its access and services. I also obtained my Health Care Governance Certification in 2024, a testament to my commitment to continuing education and understanding the health care industry.

I was elected Board President in 2025, representing an even deeper commitment to lead and serve. I’d be honored to receive your support and to continue advocating for local, convenient access to the highest quality health care.





**Erin Peterson**

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**Elected Experience**  
No Information Submitted

**Other Professional Experience**  
Owner, Apple Cup Cafe, Apple Cup Too

**Education**  
Olympia High School Class of 2005  
University of Oregon Class of 2009, Bachelor of Science, Political Science

**Community Service**  
Historic Downtown Chelan Association, Secretary 2015-2019  
Morgen Ownings Elementary PTO Vice President 2024-current

**Statement**  
As an active member of this community since 2013 and someone who has utilized the hospital for the birth of all three of my children and on many other occasions, I am passionate about the care being given to our citizens and the ability we have to access that care. I want to make sure we are continuing to meet the needs of our growing and changing community and we that continue to allow anyone who wants access to care to have it, at top quality. As someone who talks with people from all segments of our valley’s population on a daily basis through work and through the elementary school, I want everyone to be represented in changes to our hospital moving forward. Please consider voting for me this fall for Hospital District 2, Commission seat 4, I would love your vote.



**Jordana LaPorte**

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**Elected Experience**  
Current Hospital Commissioner

**Other Professional Experience**  
35+ years as a Certified Public Accountant; 15 years as owner of LaPorte Financial Alliance in Chelan, providing tax compliance and business consulting to a wide variety of industries, individuals, and non-profit organizations.

**Education**  
BS Business (Accounting) University of Washington; MS(Tax) Golden Gate University  
Certified Counselor for Ramsey Solutions Financial Coaching

**Community Service**  
Member, WSHA Board Governance Committee; Speaker at schools on business finance and budgeting; Volunteer for 4H, FFA and FBLA programs; Past Board Member and Executive Director of the NCW Business Loan Fund; President of Lake Chelan Rotary 2015/16; Host for 5 students of the Rotary Exchange Program.

**Statement**  
Since my appointment in 2018, I have been honored to serve as a Hospital Commissioner for Lake Chelan Health. Along with the dedicated employees, the leadership team has made significant strides in improving both the financial health and quality of care at our hospital. Lake Chelan Health is a vital asset to our community, and while it continues to grow and evolve, it faces ongoing financial and complex challenges common in healthcare. To ensure the hospital’s sustainability, we must navigate these challenges while enhancing the services and quality of care available to our community. My training and experience in objectively analyzing data and financial information is relevant to focus on the strategic advancement of our hospital. In collaboration with the current administration and fellow board members, my experience as a commissioner, financial and business management expertise remains essential in guiding the hospitals strategic direction to support the mission of Lake Chelan Health – “To provide the highest quality healthcare with compassion and respect to the community we serve”. I am committed to this important work and respectfully ask for your vote to continue to serve our community. Thank you.



Richard Duoos

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**Elected Experience**  
No Information Submitted

**Other Professional Experience**  
No Information Submitted

**Education**  
No Information Submitted

**Community Service**  
No Information Submitted

Statement

I have been a resident of Chelan Falls since 1976. I have been a homeowner in Chelan Falls since 1986. I was a meter reader (water and electric) for Chelan County PUD from 1996 to 2008. I look forward to serving our community in this capacity as Chelan Falls Water District Commissioner.

Lake Wenatchee Water District  
Commissioner No. 1 | 6 Year Term



John Colvard

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**Elected Experience**  
LWWD Position #1 commissioner/secretary since 2022.

**Other Professional Experience**  
John has worked as a claims adjuster and consultant for 35 years including the last 12 years as a self-employed small business owner. He served in the US Army, National Guard and Army Reserves 1981 – 2001 as a Chinese linguist, artillery officer and intelligence officer.

**Education**  
AS Engineering - Caldwell Community College, BA Psychology - Chaminade University, MS Systems Management - University of Southern California. Adjunct instructor Embry-Riddle University and CPCU insurance professional education instructor.

Community Service

Des Moines, WA Planning Agency member 2002-2006. Volunteer Firefighter and EMT with Lake Wenatchee Fire & Rescue since 2021.

Statement

John is seeking reelection as a water commissioner to continue serving in our community. He will work with the other commissioners and operations staff to maintain reliable quality water resources while balancing costs and expenses for operations and infrastructure upkeep. John strives to balance governmental mandates for operations of a public water system with a functional and effective water supply.



Erin Colwell

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**Elected Experience**  
I have served as an elected Commissioner of the Lake Wenatchee Water District since January 2023.

**Other Professional Experience**  
Served 20+ years on the Board of Directors of the Federal Way Chamber of Commerce  
Served 6 years on the Board of Directors of the Washington State Business Leadership Network  
Served 10+ years on the Board of Directors of the Society of Human Resource Managers, South King County chapter

**Education**  
Bachelor of Arts Degree, University of Missouri  
Certified Human Resource Professional

**Community Service**  
Active member of Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue.

**Statement**  
I have owned a home on Lake Wenatchee since 1984 and have lived there full time since 2017. I have served as a Lake Wenatchee Water District commissioner since 2023. I am committed to serving the members of the Lake Wenatchee Water district by upholding my oath of office: "...And will, to the best of my judgement, skill and ability, impartially perform the duties of the office of the Lake Wenatchee Water Commissioner."



Staci Shearer

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**Elected Experience**  
I was appointed to the commissioner position in 2022 and voted in for short term in 2023.

**Other Professional Experience**  
Certified Nursing Assistant for 17yrs, working with special education students.

**Education**  
AA in Coding & Billing, BS in Health Administration.

**Community Service**  
Many clubs growing up that helped others and also clean up wherever we go as a family.

**Statement**  
In the last 3 years we have helped with the developments in the area. We always have the customers best interests in mind when things come up. I want to continue to be a voice for the customers of Malaga Water District. I grew up in a small community like Malaga and love the closeness I have felt living out here the past 7 years. I want to help keep it that way for the future even with industrial businesses moving to our area. Malaga is home to me and my family.





Eric Musgrove

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(770) 617-1017

**Elected Experience**  
Served as the Greater Atlanta Navy Chief Petty Officer Association President for 2 terms 2009-2011

**Other Professional Experience**  
Retired from the US Navy after 26 years of service

**Education**  
BAS Degree in Business Administration from Trident University CA 2011  
ASS in Mechanical Maintenance from Thomas Edison State NJ 2006  
ASS in Firearms Technologies Sonoran Desert Institute AZ 2023  
Graduate of WHS Class of 1988

**Community Service**  
Washington State Park volunteer from 2016 to 2021 accumulating over 500 hours of volunteer hours working at multiple parks in the Chelan and Douglas county areas.

**Statement**  
As a Wenatchee native I left the area in 1988 to serve in the U.S. Military. As fate would have it I ended back in the area, living in my childhood neighborhood of Three Lakes after serving in the Navy for 26 years. During those 26 years I had many jobs, leadership roles, traveled and lived in many places across the country. Returning to Wenatchee in 2016 and Three Lakes in 2020 I have seen the growth the area has had, and is currently experiencing. I would like the opportunity to help the residents of Three Lakes maintain our quality, low cost supply of water as the outside community continues to grow around us. I believe my experience along with my education make myself a very capable candidate that will diligently serve as water board commissioner seat #2.

Manson Parks and Recreation District  
Commissioner No. 3 | 4 Year Term



Gary Westmoreland

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**Elected Experience**  
No Information Submitted

**Other Professional Experience**  
No Information Submitted

**Education**  
No Information Submitted

**Community Service**  
No Information Submitted

**Statement**  
I’m running for the Manson Parks & Recreation Board because I truly care about keeping our parks active, welcoming, and in great shape for everyone in the community.  
My family and I have lived in Manson for eight years, and we own a small business right here in the valley. Previously, I worked for the Parks & Rec Department in Lyons, Colorado, where I got hands-on experience with park planning, programming, and supporting community events.  
We spend a lot of time outdoors, and I see just how important our parks are—for relaxing, meeting up with neighbors, and letting kids run and play. I want to help make sure these spaces stay clean, safe, and available for everyone to enjoy.  
I’m running to be a voice for the community, to listen, and to help make thoughtful decisions that benefit us all. I believe in working together, staying practical, and doing what’s best for the long term.  
Thanks for considering me for your vote!



Robert Campbell

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**Elected Experience**  
From 2011 to 2023 I was a Commissioner on the Manson Park and Recreation District Board of Commissioners.

**Other Professional Experience**  
Manager of a 100 unit Mobile Home Park. Several years experience in construction building roads, public utilities and parks. 30 years experience in the operation and maintenance of Hydroelectric facilities in Chelan County.

**Education**  
Graduate of Wenatchee High School and attended Wenatchee Valley College. Completed a three-year Hydro Operator apprenticeship program.

**Community Service**  
Manson Music Booster’s supporting Manson School District’s Music programs. Manson Parks volunteer for Singleton Park Community Playground construction, along with numerous other maintenance and repair projects, including Old Swim Hole erosion repair.

**Statement**  
After 30 years as a Manson community member, my family and I have enjoyed recreation at all of the Manson Parks. I have worked on many of the projects and upgrades to these parks and would like to participate in their continuous improvement.



Kurt Sixel

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**Elected Experience**  
2021 – present: Manson Parks and Recreation Commissioner.

**Other Professional Experience**  
Manson Chamber of Commerce Treasurer. Over 30 years in mortgage financing and management. 5 years of design/drafting including land, civic and building projects.

**Education**  
Glendale Community College, AZ – focus on design and drafting

**Community Service**  
Manson Chamber of Commerce. Manson Parks and Rec.

**Statement**  
For the past 4 years I have enjoyed being part of the Parks and Rec board. The last two years I have served as Chairman of the Board. Prior to joining the board, I attended 3 years of meetings to support the activities of the parks and give public input. I have design experience and am passionate about several projects under way now. I have been instrumental in the overall layout and details of the Old Swim Hole renovation and the marina breakwater replacement. I want to stay with the board to further work on upgrading the waterfront, and to ensure the continued public use, and future development of Leffler Field. Manson is a very special place and keeping it special is very important to me. Our lifeguard program, free swimming lessons, amazing waterfront, beautiful campground, Singleton Park, and our other properties in our small community are a large part of what makes Manson special.



Kylie Schmitz

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**Elected Experience**  
None

**Other Professional Experience**  
With over 15 years of experience in healthcare and quality assurance, I specialize in building high-performing leadership teams that drive strategic outcomes and organizationally align leadership and operational goals to deliver measurable, sustainable results.

**Education**  
Bachelor of Science in Health Administration and AA of Liberal Arts

Community Service

I am an active community volunteer, serving as a youth coach for both Manson Parks and the Boys & Girls Club of the Lake Chelan Valley. I also contribute to local impact and development as a board member for Thrive Chelan Valley and the Community Foundation of North Central Washington.

Statement

Parks are essential to the health and vitality of our communities. I’m committed to ensuring their long-term stability and preservation, with a strong focus on maintaining safe, welcoming spaces where youth can grow, play, and thrive.



Jesse Howard

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**Elected Experience**  
None

**Other Professional Experience**  
29 years in technology development and leadership in a variety of industries, including software, healthcare, retail and manufacturing industries.

**Education**  
Cascade High School - Leavenworth, WA  
St. John’s College (BA) - Santa Fe, NM  
University of Washington (post-BA studies) - Seattle, WA

Community Service

Seattle Libraries community advisory (1998 - 2000)

Statement

I am running for the Manson Parks Department to ensure focus on community benefit, family-friendly access and long term sustainability. Ater graduating from college and working in cities around the world, I moved back to Eastern Washington in 2008 and relocated to Manson in 2015 with my wife, Kate, and our three children. My 29-year career includes roles as a technology consultant, entrepreneur, and engineering leader, with the past 18 years at Microsoft. I have experience delivering large, complex solutions for retail, manufacturing, and healthcare industries, and running high performing teams of professionals. Kate and I also own an orchard, connecting us to Manson’s agricultural roots. I value data-driven planning and accountability – values I aim to bring to the Parks Department. My passion for Manson, our beautiful outdoor environment and commitment to family-friendly spaces align with the Parks Department’s mission. My diverse background makes me a strong candidate to support Manson residents’ recreational and environmental needs.



**Bonds To Replace And Upgrade  
Deteriorating Schools And Improve Safety**

The Board of Directors of Lake Chelan School District No. 129 adopted Resolution No. 2025-03, concerning school improvements to provide safe facilities and enhance learning. This proposition would authorize the District to: build a new Morgen Owings Elementary School on property owned by the District; add ADA accessible health/fitness facilities and upgrade Career/Technical Education shops to industry standards at Lake Chelan Middle/High Schools; improve the Mountain Goat Field Complex for student/community use; issue \$73,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 2025-03. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

*The complete text of this measure is available online at [www.Elections.ChelanCountyWa.gov](http://www.Elections.ChelanCountyWa.gov)*

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**Explanatory Statement**

Passage of Proposition 1 will allow Lake Chelan School District to issue school construction bonds to replace and upgrade deteriorating schools, improve student and staff safety and security, enhance health, fitness and Career and Technical Education opportunities for all secondary students, and provide adequate outdoor athletic facilities for student and community use.

Specifically, the proposition will allow Lake Chelan School District to: (1) replace the 77-year-old Morgen Owings Elementary School on property already owned by the District; (2) improve Lake Chelan Middle and High Schools by, (a) providing industry-standard Career and Technical Education trades/shop facilities to prepare students for future careers and, (b) providing that ADA-accessible health and fitness facilities are available in order to increase student access and participation; and (3) improve the Mountain Goat Field Complex for student and community use by installing a regulation all-weather track and improved grass soccer field, locker rooms, public restrooms, seating, parking and concessions. Further information is available [www.chelanschools.org](http://www.chelanschools.org).

The \$73,000,000 of general obligation bonds will be repaid from annual excess property taxes sufficient to pay bond debt service over a maximum term of 20 years. Exemptions from taxes may be available. To determine if you qualify, contact your county assessor.

**For questions about this measure, contact:**

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Superintendent  
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(509) 682-3515

Statement in favor

Jenna Paglia, Ray Wilson

*Building Bright Beginnings: Elementary School Rebuild for a Safe, Modern Learning Environment*

Our children deserve safe learning environments to thrive. Voting Yes rebuilds our 77 year-old elementary school; consolidating buildings, providing modern facilities and enhancing safety. This investment includes preschool, ensuring equal access for young learners!

*Building Future Leaders: Middle and High School Trades Upgrade and Accessible Environments for All*

Our students deserve facilities to prepare for their future. Voting Yes finances overdue renovations including code complaint vocational training spaces and accessibility improvements. These necessities equip our teens with options for success!

*Building for Our Community: Athletic Facility Upgrades Light Up Competition*

Physical health and community pride matter! Voting Yes to upgrade fields and create a track allows our community to host events and generate repeatable revenue. These improvements develop competitive environments for students and visitors while providing functional facilities for our community.

*Building Wisely: Investing in a Legacy for Generations of Future Goats and the Chelan Community*

Cost concerns are valid, but this bond is a fiscally responsible investment to avoid steeper future expenses. Voting Yes maintains the lowest assessment cost in our region and funds critical upgrades, delivering decades of benefits for students and our community. *Vote Yes!*

Jenna Paglia | LCSD Committee for the Bond  
<https://www.chelanschools.org/bond2025/>

Rebuttal of statement of opposition

Imagine school days interrupted by collapsing ceilings, brown water, poorly ventilated shop class, and precious instruction time lost shuffling children between buildings. LCSD students don't have to imagine. This bond isn't for luxuries - it's for our entire community to grow in a safe, healthy environment.

The *facts*:

Bond costs calculated by construction experts; Cost to *just overhaul* MOE~\$50M; Graduation rate 95% (state 83%)!; Math scores rising!; Award winning programs; New venues, new community revenue

Statement in opposition

Jerrid Higgins, Maggie Higgins, Hailey Layfield  
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The proposed \$73 million bond for Lake Chelan School District raises serious financial and community concerns. While the district claims the funds are necessary, the reality is that local taxpayers will bear a heavy burden. For many homeowners, this bond would mean hundreds of dollars more per year in taxes, a tough hit for families already struggling with rising costs.

Even more troubling is that the bond is being requested despite weak academic results. State statistics show Lake Chelan schools perform below the state average in math and have seen graduation rates stagnate. A new building will not solve these issues. Academics should be the primary focus of schools. According to industry-standard and national school construction data, the most pressing needs at Morgen Owings Elementary could be addressed for far less, and historic value preserved. Roof and plumbing repairs, a new track, soccer field drainage, ADA upgrades, shop renovations, and other updates could all be completed at a fraction of the district's \$73 million price tag. Given the facts, it is difficult to justify such a massive tax increase. The district should focus on academics and budgeting, and citizens deserve accountability before committing to higher taxes.

Jerrid Higgins

Rebuttal of statement in favor

We all want safe schools and strong programs, but this *\$73M bond is too much, too fast*. It would *More Than Double* from \$0.86 to about \$1.79 per \$1,000 assessed, adding ~\$500/year for 20 years for many homeowners. With housing, food, and living costs at *Record Highs*, families can't afford this burden. Voting *No* demands a realistic, affordable plan that prioritizes safety and learning without overtaxing our community. Protect families. *Vote No*.



## 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:

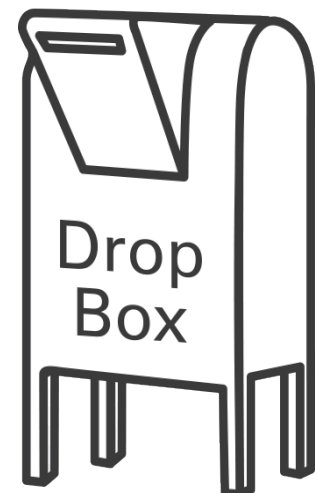
- Update your address with the Elections Office whenever it changes. Address changes can be made online through [www.VoteWA.gov](http://www.VoteWA.gov), by email, mail or phone until 5:00 p.m. October 27. You may update your registration in-person until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are a snowbird 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!

[www.Elections.ChelanCountyWa.gov](http://www.Elections.ChelanCountyWa.gov)  
[elections@co.chelan.wa.us](mailto:elections@co.chelan.wa.us)  
 350 Orondo Ave, Level 3 Ste 306  
 Wenatchee, WA 98801  
 509-667-6808

## *Tips to Ensure Your Ballot is Counted*

1. Sign in the signature box that has **your name** printed on the envelope.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. **Do not** sign someone else's name, even if you have power of attorney.
5. Voting over the phone by having someone else fill out and sign your ballot **is against the law**. Voters can call at (509) 667-6808 to learn about the options for voting while they are out of town.
6. Drop boxes are available if you don't want your signature to go through the mail. See "Ballot Drop Box Locations" on page 3 for a list of open drop boxes.





## Signature Verification Requirement and Cure Process

Sometimes signatures change. If that is the case, don't worry! We will send you a form to update your signature. If we have a phone number on file for you, we will also call you to remind you to return your form. Need a reminder of what signature we have for you? Take a look at your Driver's License. Many people register to vote when they apply/renew their Driver's License, so that is the signature we would have on file for you.

\*\*\*\*\*

YOUR

*Signature*



MATTERS

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Chelan County Elections employees are trained in signature verification. They compare your signature on the return envelope to the signature we have on file for you.

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Signature challenges occur when a voter does not sign the back of the ballot return envelope or when the signature on the return envelope does not match the signature(s) in their voter registration record. Any voter with a signature challenge can fix the issue and have their ballot counted by filling out and returning a form to Chelan County Elections before the day the election results are certified.

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If you would like to update your signature for future elections, simply scan the QR Code to print a voter registration form. You can mail the form back to us at the address listed on the form.





CHECK YOUR BALLOT STATUS: [www.VoteWA.gov](http://www.VoteWA.gov)

During an election, track your ballot at [www.VoteWA.gov](http://www.VoteWA.gov). The ballot status will update as your ballot is received. Please allow 3-5 business days for your ballot status to be posted.

**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.

**Has my ballot been counted?**

**Tracking your ballot is easier than ever!**

Sign up for text notifications when you register or update your info at **VoteWA.gov**.

## How are ballots processed?

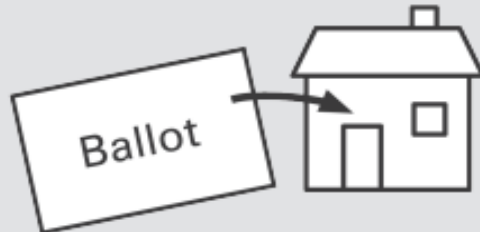
- Ballots sent through the US Postal Service are delivered from the post office by postal worker and brought directly to the Elections Office.
- Ballot drop boxes are emptied by two elections staff. Ballots are placed in sealed containers and brought to the Elections Office.
- Ballot envelopes are scanned and signatures are verified.
- The signature on each envelope is matched to the signature in the voter's registration record.
- If the signature matches it is marked as "accepted."
- If the signature is missing or doesn't match it is marked as "rejected." Voters are mailed a letter with a ballot declaration to cure the issue. This declaration must be returned with a signature matching to the signature on the ballot envelope for the ballot to move forward in the process.
- Ballots with verified signatures are then forwarded to an election team for extraction.
- The secrecy sleeves are removed from the outer envelope, separating the ballot from the voter's information on the envelope.
- Ballots are then removed from the secrecy sleeves.
- Ballots are inspected for physical damage or other potential scanning issues, such as white-out or tears.
- If a ballot is unable to be scanned, an election team will duplicate the ballot. An audit of all duplicated ballots is performed by a different election team.
- Ballots are scanned, prepared for tabulation and securely stored.
- A Random Batch Audit is completed within 48 hours after Election Day. Up to 6 batches are randomly selected and a race is chosen. All batches are hand counted and compared to the results tabulated by the machine to ensure the equipment is tabulating properly.
- Vote totals are calculated beginning at 8 p.m. on Election Night. Ballots with valid postmarks will continue to be processed and tabulated up until the day before certification.



## How do I cast a ballot?

1

Your ballot will be mailed no later than 18-20 days before the election to the address you provided in your voter registration. If you need a replacement ballot, contact your county elections office.



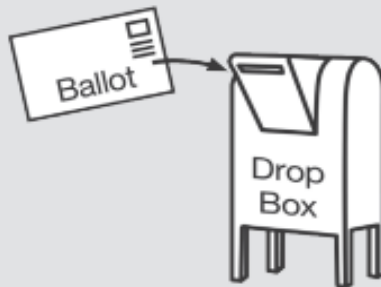
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Vote your ballot and sign your return envelope. You are not required to vote every race on your ballot. We encourage using this pamphlet to help you decide.

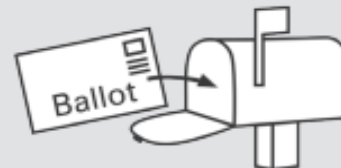


3

Return your ballot to an official ballot drop box. Drop boxes are open until 8 p.m. on election night.



Or



Or return your ballot by mail, no stamp needed. If mailed, your ballot must be postmarked by election day. A late postmark could disqualify your ballot. The USPS recommends that you mail a week before Election Day.



If you cannot personally return your ballot, only let people you trust deliver it for you.

4

Check the status of your ballot on **VoteWA.gov** to see if it has been received by your county elections office.



Election staff will contact you before your ballot is processed if:

- Your signature is missing
- Your signature doesn't match your voter registration record

### View election results online

After 8 p.m. on election night, tallied results from each county are posted at **[sos.wa.gov/elections](https://sos.wa.gov/elections)**

Results are updated as counties report and are unofficial until certification

# REGISTER TO VOTE

## THREE WAYS TO REGISTER TO VOTE:



### Online

You can register online, **24 hours a day**, at [VoteWA.gov](http://VoteWA.gov). To register in time to vote in the General Election, register online by **October 27**.



### By mail

Download and print a registration form from [VoteWA.gov](http://VoteWA.gov) and mail to Chelan County Elections. It must be received by **October 27**.



### In-person

You can register to vote in-person at the Chelan County Elections Office through **Election Day, November 4**. More information about our office hours and location can be found on page 3 of this pamphlet.

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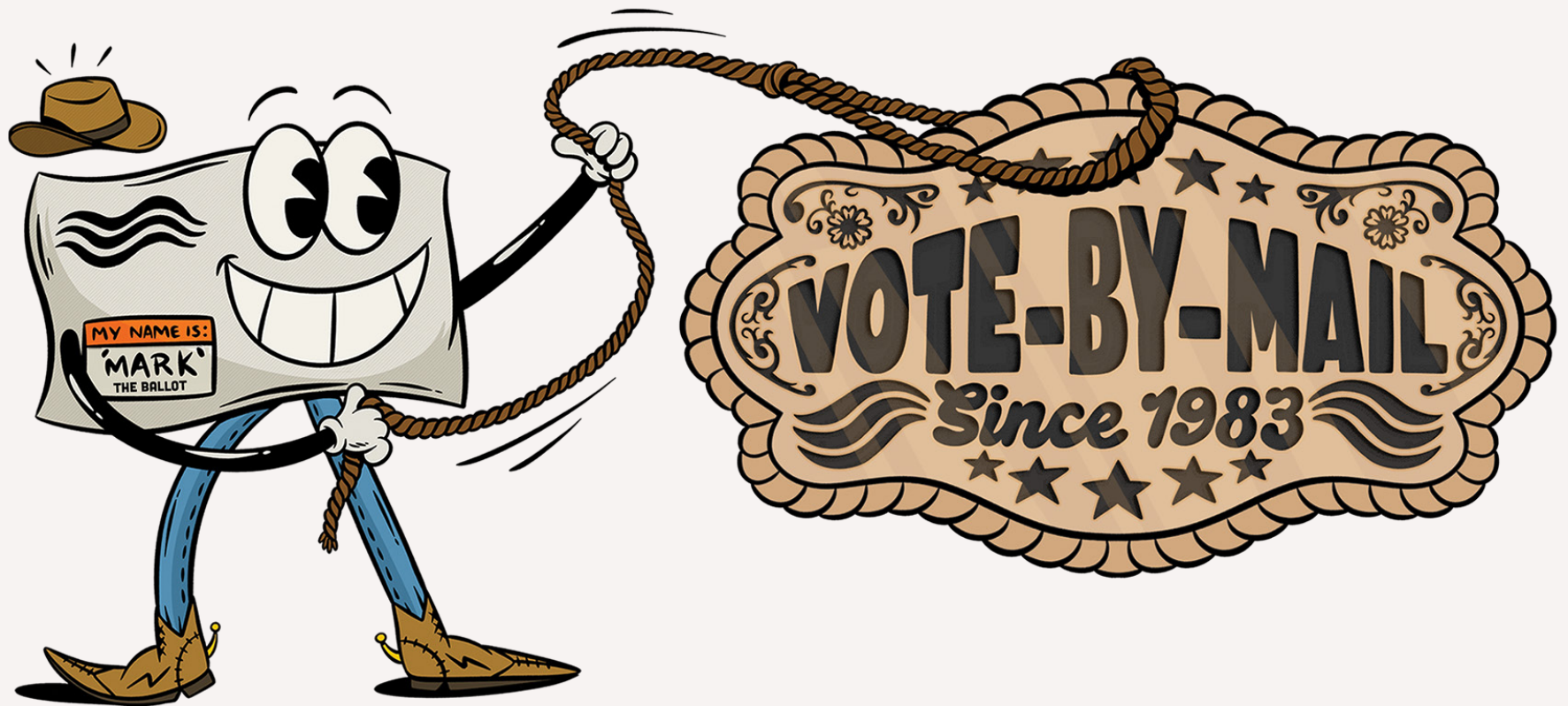
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VoteWA offers an easy-to-use online voter portal where you can:

- Register to vote
  - Update your address
  - Track the return of your ballot
  - View the voters' guide
  - Find a ballot drop box near you
- [votewa.gov](http://votewa.gov)



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Return your ballot by mail.

**No Stamp Needed!**

The USPS recommends dropping your ballot in the mail a week before Election Day to make sure it gets postmarked in time to be counted.

Mailed ballots must be postmarked by November 4.

