



Kitsap County

August 5, 2025 Primary

Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

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Dear Kitsap Voters,

Our democracy thrives when each of us takes the time to participate — and that starts with voting. The August 5, 2025 Primary is your opportunity to help shape the future of our communities, our county, and our state. Every vote counts, and your voice matters.

This Local Voters' Pamphlet is your guide to the candidates and issues on your ballot. Inside, you'll find candidate statements, ballot measure descriptions, and arguments for and against a ballot measure from Kitsap Regional Library. These statements come directly from the individuals and groups involved — not the Auditor's Office — and are provided so you can make informed decisions.

I encourage you to read these statements carefully and share what you learn. Talk with friends, neighbors, and especially with the young voters in your life. If you know someone who just turned 18 or is newly eligible to vote, now is a great time to help them get registered. If they are 17 but will be 18 by the November General Election, they can vote in the Primary's candidate races.

Voting is easy and accessible in Kitsap County. You can return your ballot by mail or use one of our secure drop boxes — no stamp required for either. We'll also have vote centers open August 2, August 4 and Election Day, August 5.

Thank you for taking the time to be an informed voter. When we all participate, we all benefit.

Sincerely,



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About the cover: In 2022, Kitsap County began offering “I voted” stickers. In 2023 we joined a national trend of other elections offices who invited residents to submit designs, that year specifically asking high school students. In 2024 we invited the entire community. This pamphlet's cover features the accepted submissions from 2023 and 2024 in random order by Mercedes Jayne Brodoski, Steve Johnson, Bailey Riebli, Nicholas Sunderland, Mason Macomber, Ingrid Griffin, Hilda C. Hufalar, Isaac Lund, Hunter Blackburn, Riley Finn, Olivia Berg, Connor Voshall, Malia Nilles, Mia Stahlecker, Ava Cooke, Barbara Roberts, Bronwyn Brown, Kaden Ecklund, Jennifer Lyn Lynch, Patrick Farmen, Annabelle Cease, Maxim Denishchuk, Ani Hainline, Laura J. Douglas, Bill Vale, Darrel Austin, Parker Medina, C. Egbert, Stephen Abellar, Ayush Kaushal, Isabelle Wooster, Acacia Hoskins, Brian Carlisle, Statia Ruffin Masters, Emily Schmitz, Samantha Albrecht, and Flora Andres.

Earlier this year we held another contest and received 18 new designs. All of those will be on the General Election Pamphlet cover and you'll receive one of those stickers in your 2025 General Election ballot packet.

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Your Right to Privacy

Every voter has the right to vote his or her ballot in secret.

Unqualified Voting

Attempting to vote when not qualified, or falsely signing the Voter Declaration, is a felony punishable by up to five years of imprisonment or a maximum fine of \$10,000, or both.

Questions or Need a Replacement Ballot?

If you don't receive your ballot by **July 24**, or if your ballot is damaged or lost, request a replacement ballot by contacting Kitsap County Elections at (360) 307-VOTE (8683) or auditor@kitsap.gov.

Military, Overseas and Early Ballots

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

kitsap.gov/elections or contact Kitsap County Elections at (360) 307-VOTE (8683) or auditor@kitsap.gov.

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

Candidate and Committee Statements

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

Participating Jurisdictions

Districts participating in this Local Voters' Pamphlet are the State of Washington, the City of Bainbridge Island, the City of Bremerton, the Bremerton School District No. 100, the North Kitsap School District No. 400, and the Kitsap Rural Library District dba Kitsap Regional Library.

Statement Standards

Candidates for State Offices

The Washington Secretary of State does not print a Primary voters' pamphlet, so Kitsap County includes statements from Legislative candidates in our Primary pamphlet as a courtesy to Kitsap County voters. Legislative statements are submitted by candidates to the Secretary of State's Office where they are reviewed. Laws for the State Voters' Pamphlet do not permit the Secretary of State's Office to disallow or censor content. The statements for Legislative candidates are printed here as approved by the Secretary of State's Office. If you object to a candidate's statement, please direct your comments to the candidate.

Candidates for County Offices

Statements for candidates for county races are subject to RCW 29A.32 sections 210-280 and Kitsap County Administrative Rules. Once deemed compliant they are printed exactly as submitted. Kitsap County Elections does not correct punctuation, grammar, typos or inaccurate information.

Election Information

Top 2 Primary

The purpose of the Primary is to reduce the number of candidates in each race to two for the General Election. Voters may vote for any one candidate in each contest.

The two candidates who receive the most votes in the August Primary advance to the General Election. Candidates must receive at least 1 percent of the total votes cast for their position in order to be placed on the General Election ballot.

Partisan Offices – Primary

A Primary is held if one or more candidates file for a partisan position. There is one partisan race in Kitsap County in the 2025 Primary. Ballot order was determined by a lot draw conducted at the Secretary of State's Office.

Nonpartisan Offices – Primary

A Primary is held if three or more candidates file for a nonpartisan position. If no more than two candidates file, they appear only on the General Election ballot in the order determined by lot draw.

Write-Ins – Which Votes Can Be Counted

Primary write-in votes can only be tallied if:

- The candidate filed a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy, and
- If there are enough write-in votes for a candidate to come in second.

Vote Centers and Accessible Voting

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

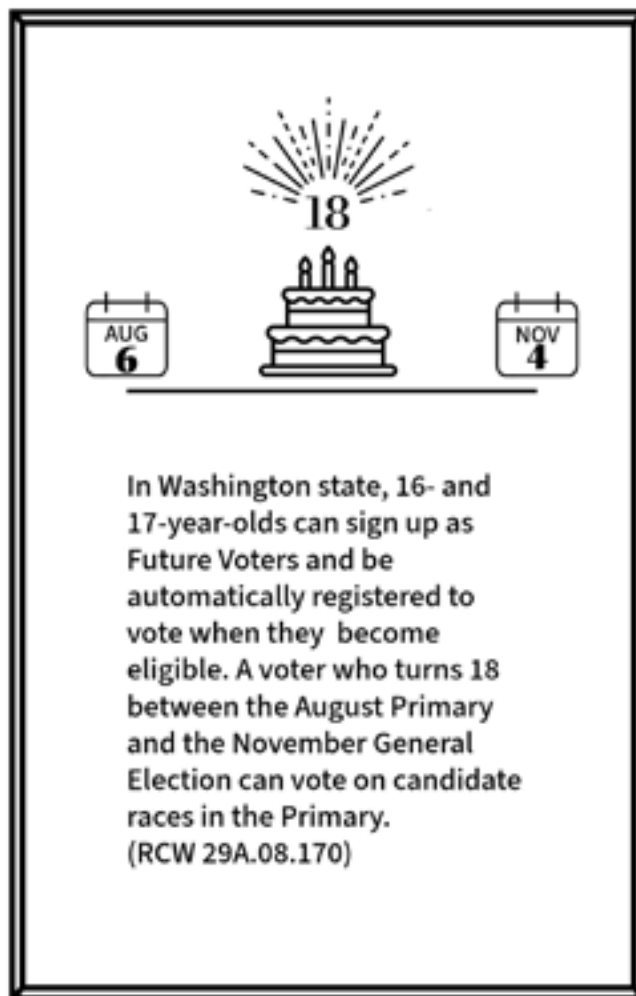
Accessible Voting Units provide all contests in audio and high-contrast text formats and are available beginning 18 days prior to the Primary.

Before Election Day

July 18 through August 1, Monday through Friday,
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,
Kitsap County Auditor's Office
619 Division St, Port Orchard, WA 98366

Vote Center Hours

Saturday, August 2; Monday, August 4,
8:30 a.m. -- 4:30 p.m.
Election Day, Tuesday, August 5,
7 a.m. -- 8 p.m.



Vote Center Locations

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

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

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

Online Ballot Access/ Braille Voters' Pamphlets

The State of Washington provides an accessible online ballot and a Local Voters' Pamphlet at VoteWA.gov. Braille voter pamphlets are available by contacting us at (360) 307-VOTE (8683) or auditor@kitsap.gov.

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

Register to Vote

Who May Vote

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

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

When to Register

Individuals may register to vote at any time. To vote in the August 5 Primary, the deadlines are:

- **July 28:** Deadline for **mail and online** voter registrations, updates and changes.
- **August 5:** **In-person** deadline for voter registrations, updates and changes. Citizens may register until 8 p.m. on Election Day by appearing in person at one of the Vote Centers or at the Auditor's Office. Registration will also be available the Saturday and Monday before Election Day and on Election Day at the Vote Centers at the Marvin Williams Recreation Center, the Poulsbo Fire Station and the Kitsap County Auditor's Office.

Options for Registering

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

Update Your Voter Record if You Move

If you are already registered to vote in Washington, update your voter record through July 28:

- online at: www.VoteWA.gov
- by emailing the Kitsap County Auditor – Elections Division at auditor@kitsap.gov,
- by phone at 360-307-VOTE(8683).

Address updates can be made in person until 8 p.m. on Election Day at the Kitsap County Auditor's Office and at the Vote Centers. Dates and locations are on Page 2. A new voter registration card will be mailed after your address change is processed.

To Cancel Your Voter Registration

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

Name Change

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

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**.



Mark Your Ballot

How to vote

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

Do not use pencil.

Mark one choice in each contest.

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



Secure

Place the voted ballot in the secrecy sleeve.

Place the secrecy sleeve inside the lavender return envelope.



Sign, Date and Seal

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

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



Ballot Marking Tips and Reminders

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

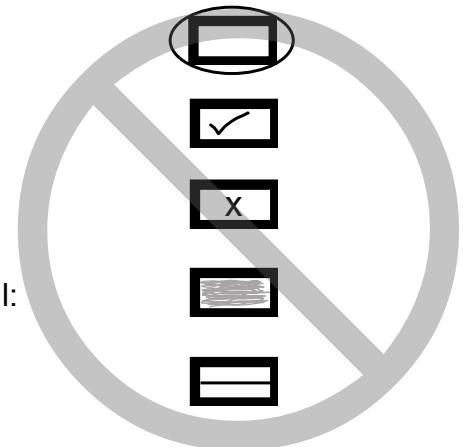
Do not circle:

Do not check:

Do not X:

Do not use pencil:

No single lines:



More Info

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x.com/kitsapauditor

YouTube

youtube.com/KitsapAuditor

Washington Secretary of State

sos.wa.gov/elections

Federal Elections Commission

fec.gov

Federal Voting Assistance Program

fvap.gov

Sample Ballot Page 1

Sample Ballot
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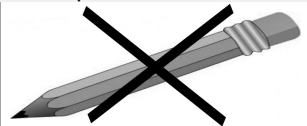
How to vote this ballot

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



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

Do not use pencil



If you make a mistake



Draw a line through the entire measure response, then you may make another choice.

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

Ballot information is available online at:
kitsap.gov/elections

Who donates to campaigns?

View financial contributors for state and local candidates and measures:

Public Disclosure Commission

www.pdc.wa.gov
1 (877) 601-2828

Local Measure

Kitsap County Rural Library District
dba Kitsap Regional Library
Proposition 1

Regular Property Tax Levy Lid Lift for Support of Public Library Services

The Board of Trustees of Kitsap Regional Library adopted Resolution 2025/03 concerning its regular property tax levy. This proposition authorizes an increase to the District's levy from \$0.27 to \$0.39 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, to be collected in 2026. This funding is necessary to sustain public library operations and services. The new levy amount would be used to compute the limitations for subsequent levies as provided by chapter RCW 84.55.

Should this proposition be approved?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

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

State Partisan Office

Legislative District 26
State Senator

1-year Unexpired Term

- ☐ Michelle Caldier
(Prefers Republican Party)
☐ Deb Krishnadasan
(Prefers Democratic Party)
☐

Nonpartisan Offices

City of Bainbridge Island
Council District 3 South Ward

- ☐ Sarah M Blossom
☐ Mike Nelson
☐ Dawn Janow
☐

Sample Ballot Page 2

Sample Ballot
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City of Bremerton Mayor

- ☐ Greg Wheeler
☐ Marwan Cameron
☐ Jeff Coughlin
☐

City of Bremerton Council District 3

- ☐ Ash Black
☐ Michael Simonds
☐ Christy Cammarata
☐

Bremerton School District No. 100-C Director Position 4

- ☐ Chris Warthen
☐ Jenny Farley
☐ Shannon Turner
☐

Bremerton School District No. 100-C Director Position 5

- ☐ Mary C Devery
☐ Linda Osborn Simpson
☐ Ben Anderson
☐

North Kitsap School District No. 400 Director District 1

- ☐ Seth Hartmann
☐ Debra Strawhun
☐ Leighton Thomas
☐

Washington State Democratic Party

P.O. Box 4027, Seattle, WA 98194
(206) 583-0664

www.wa-democrats.org/contact
www.wa-democrats.org

Kitsap County Democratic Central Committee

P.O. Box 27, Silverdale, WA 98383
(360) 698-6833

chair@kitsapdemocrats.org
www.kitsapdemocrats.org

Washington State Republican Party

11811 NE 1st St., Ste. A306, Bellevue, WA 98005
(425) 900-3379

info@wsrp.org
www.wagop.org

Kitsap County Republican Party

6610 Kitsap Way, Ste. 102, Bremerton, WA 98312
(360) 761-1176

chair@kitsaprepublicans.com
www.kitsaprepublicans.com

24-Hour Ballot Drop Boxes

Voters are encouraged to use a ballot drop box. Ballot drop boxes provide a safe, secure way for voters to deposit their ballots. Ballot drop boxes are available 24 hours a day beginning July 18, 2025, until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Bainbridge Island School District 8489 Madison Avenue North Bainbridge Island, WA 98110 (drive-up)	Navy Yard City - West Side Improvement Club 4109 West E Street Bremerton, WA 98312 (drive-up)
Bremerton - Downtown Norm Dicks Government Center 345 6th Street, Bremerton, WA 98337 (drive-up)	Olalla Bay Market & Landing 13965 Crescent Valley Road SE Olalla, WA 98359
Bremerton - East Kitsap Regional Library, Sylvan Way Branch 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA 98310 (drive-up)	Port Gamble - S'Klallam Tribal Center 31912 Little Boston Road NE Kingston, WA 98346
Bremerton - Marvin Williams Recreation Center 725 Park Avenue Bremerton, WA 98337 (drive-up)	Port Orchard Kitsap County Auditor's Office 619 Division Street Port Orchard, WA 98366
Bremerton National Airport 8850 SW State Highway 3 Bremerton, WA 98312 (drive-up)	Port Orchard (East) - SKFR Station 8 1974 Fircrest Drive SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 (drive-up)
Burley Store 14972 Bethel-Burley Road SE Port Orchard, WA 98367 (drive-up)	Port Orchard (Glenwood) - SKFR Station 17 7990 McCormick Woods Drive SW Port Orchard, WA 98367
Hansville - Buck Lake County Park 6959 Buck Lake Road NE Hansville, WA 98340 (drive-up)	Poulsbo Fire Station 911 NE Liberty Road Poulsbo, WA 98370 (drive-up)
Indianola Tennis Courts 20761 Greenwood Street NE Indianola, WA 98342	Seabeck - Green Mountain Elementary School 3860 Boundary Trail NW Bremerton, WA 98312 (drive-up)
Keyport - Central Park 15378 Washington Avenue NE Keyport, WA 98345	Silverdale - Sheriff's Office 3951 NW Randall Way Silverdale, WA 98383 (drive-up)
Kingston - North Kitsap Fire & Rescue 26642 Miller Bay Road NE Kingston, WA 98346 (drive-up)	Silverdale Rotary Gateway Park 11601 Silverdale Way NW Silverdale, WA 98383 (drive-up)
Kingston - Village Green Park 10810 NE West Kingston Road Kingston, WA 98346 (drive-up)	Southworth WSF Terminal 11677 SE Southworth Ferry Drive Port Orchard, WA 98366 (near terminal entrance)
Manchester Stormwater Park 2399 Colchester Drive E Port Orchard, WA 98366	Suquamish Tribal Council Bldg. 18490 Suquamish Way NE Suquamish, WA 98392
Naval Base Kitsap - Bangor 2500 Ohio Street NSB Silverdale, WA 98315	Tracyton - Bremerton Elks, Lodge 1181 4131 Pine Road NE Bremerton, WA 98310
Naval Base Kitsap - Bremerton 886 Barclay Street Bremerton, WA 98314	

Legislative District 26 – State Senator - Unexpired 1-year term



Michelle Caldier
(Prefers Republican Party)

Contact information:

(360) 981-8683

michelle@michellecaldier.com

Elected Experience: State Representative 2015-Present. Michelle has an open door policy and genuinely represents the district.

Other Professional Experience: Michelle taught as an Affiliate Professor at the University of Washington for a decade. Michelle was a small business owner and dentist who devoted her dental practice to caring for the nursing home population.

Education: After graduating from Central Kitsap High School and Olympic College, Michelle earned her Bachelor of Science and Doctorate of Dental Surgery at the University of Washington.

Community Service: Michelle donated dental care to Veterans, nursing home residents and underserved children. She was a foster mother for high-risk teenagers for many years.

Statement: Now, more than ever, we need balance in Washington. With a lopsided supermajority in Olympia, your vote is extremely important this year. This imbalance cleared the way for bad policies like the biggest tax hike in our state's history, gutting parental rights, and releasing more criminals. I have a proven track record of fighting for common-sense solutions like supporting law enforcement, improving reading and math in schools, and reducing wasteful spending while protecting our most vulnerable by stopping critical cuts to Medicaid, preserving housing for people with developmental disabilities and reducing property taxes for seniors.

I was born and raised in this district and have overcome challenges like foster care, single motherhood and losing my vision from glaucoma nine years ago. I understand the struggles families face each day and will continue to put people before politics. Our government should be led by what the public wants, not extreme ideology. This election will determine whether the supermajority ends in Olympia, and outside dollars will try to influence your vote. I encourage you to contact me directly if you have any questions. I would be honored to continue working for you to bring stability back to our state.



Deb Krishnadasan
(Prefers Democratic Party)

Contact information:

deb@debkforsenate.com

debkforsenate.com

Elected Experience: Current State Senator, LD 26 (appointed Dec. 2024), former Peninsula School District Board Member and President

Other Professional Experience: A mom, community leader, and advocate for public education, Deb has held professional roles at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and in mergers and acquisitions at Microsoft.

Education: BA, Western Washington University

Community Service: Deb founded one of the largest public school advocacy organizations, Stand Up for Peninsula Schools. She also earned the "Golden Acorn" award for service as a PTA member and treasurer at Purdy Elementary.

Statement: I stepped into public service to focus on the real issues people face. As politics becomes more polarized and disconnected, families struggle to afford housing, childcare, and groceries. I'm deeply concerned about the future our kids are inheriting. A good life is slipping out of reach for too many.

When I led the campaign to rebuild our schools—delivering six new schools after decades of failed attempts—I saw that with a commonsense approach, together we can get big things done. It wasn't career politicians doing the hard work—it was us. That's the same attitude I brought to Olympia as your State Senator. Every bill I passed was bipartisan and focused on making lives better, from improving safety on ferries to expanding access to childcare. I proposed the first sales tax cut in Washington in over 40 years because families deserve relief. I voted against an increase in the gas tax and unnecessary taxes on small businesses.

Our system is broken. We need leaders who listen, lead with integrity, and deliver results. That's what I've done—and with your support, I'll keep doing it.

Endorsements: Congresswoman Emily Randall, Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates, teachers, union workers, and more

City of Bainbridge Island, Council District 3 South Ward – 4-year term



Sarah M Blossom
(Nonpartisan)

Contact information:

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Blossom4Council@gmail.com

blossom4bicouncil.com

Elected Experience: Two terms on the Bainbridge Island City Council, 2012 through 2019. Deputy Mayor, July – December 2017 and January – June 2018, Bainbridge Island Transportation Benefit District Chair, December 2014 – September 2015. City Council representative to Kitsap Public Health Board, 2012 through 2017.

Professional Experience: Former attorney (inactive), small business owner.

Education: Seattle University School of Law (J.D., 2003), Seattle University (B.A. Business Administration, 2000)

Community Service: Bainbridge Island Planning Commission, July 2020 – Present. Planning Commission Chair, January – December 2022, Vice Chair January – December 2023, Acting Chair January – April 2024, Vice Chair June 2024 – Present.

Statement: With increasing pressure from the state to address the affordable housing crisis and increase the housing supply, we need experienced leadership to guide us through the difficult and demanding process of updating our Comprehensive Plan and development regulations to comply with new state mandates.

Experienced leadership is what I offer. I am a lifelong Bainbridge Island resident who cares deeply about the Island's past, present, and future. Having served two terms on the city council and five years on the planning commission, I have helped steward our city through mounting growth pressures for the last 13 years and have extensive knowledge of our code.

I have demonstrated that I make balanced decisions and believe we should seize on opportunities but be realistic about our limitations. I believe we can accommodate some growth where it makes sense but need to be respectful of our limited water supply and limited infrastructure. We need to prioritize affordable housing and the preservation of the characteristics of Bainbridge Island that we all treasure -- downtown Winslow's small-town charm, the rural feel provided by our forests and farmland, and the connection to nature we experience through our many parks and open spaces.



Mike Nelson
(Nonpartisan)

Contact information:

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mike@votemikenelson.com

www.votemikenelson.com

Elected Experience: Co-Chair, Diversity Advisory Committee, Washington State Attorney General's Office

Other Professional Experience: Investment Officer, Washington State; Assistant Attorney General, Washington State Attorney General's Office

Education: Master of Laws (LL.M), Securities and Financial Regulation, Georgetown University Law Center; Juris Doctor (J.D.), Georgetown University Law Center; Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Business Administration, University of Washington

Community Service: I am a dedicated public servant who has spent my career serving the people of Washington as a state employee.

Statement: I am proud to call Bainbridge Island my home. My wife is from Bainbridge, and we are so excited to raise our family in this close-knit community. I am running for City Council to make sure that the beauty and special character of the Island that exists now will still be there for my children.

We need new leadership on Bainbridge—leadership that practically plans for future growth without compromising our community's character. I oppose the current City Council's misguided plan to massively upzone Winslow and the surrounding area. Adding high density Seattle-style condo complexes will destroy the special character of the Island, strain existing infrastructure, cause congestion, and increase taxes, all without meaningfully addressing housing affordability.

I am a fourth generation Washingtonian and grew up in Ballard. Like Bainbridge, Ballard was once an idyllic place with a small-town feel. Now, after widespread upzoning, Ballard has exchanged its unique character and sense of community for monotonous high density condos, congestion, and prices that only went up. Don't let Bainbridge become Ballard. Let's keep Bainbridge Bainbridge.

I respectfully ask for your vote so that I can work to preserve the special character of Bainbridge Island while responsibly planning for the future.



Dawn Janow
(Nonpartisan)

Contact information:

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dawnjanow4citycouncil@gmail.com

www.Dawn4CityCouncil.org

Elected Experience: Bainbridge Island Metro Parks and Rec Commissioner (2019-2025)

Other Professional Experience: Founding Member Alpine Ascents International. Production & Project Manager. Costume Designer. Yoga Instructor

Education: B.A. Colgate University

Community Service: Bainbridge Island Metro Parks and Recreation Commissioner. Friends of the Bainbridge Troll Project Manager. Bainbridge Island Little League VP Baseball/Volunteer Coordinator. Bainbridge Roller Hockey League President/Treasurer/Secretary. Bainbridge Performing Arts Education Committee. Bainbridge Island School District - PTO Volunteer Coordinator. Lesser Known Players Board Member/Treasurer.

Statement: As a Bainbridge Island resident since 2005, I've dedicated my time to turning ideas into action. It's been my passion for the past 20 years to preserve, protect, and enhance our Island and our community. Through years of leadership volunteer work in the arts, schools, sports, and most recently as a Park Commissioner, I've helped shape projects, programs, and relationships that have positive lasting impacts. My work culminates as a unique position to bridge multiple agencies and points of view to resolve housing, transportation, growth and environmental challenges.

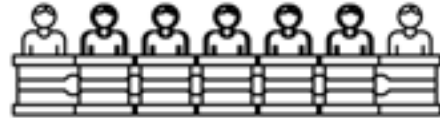
I see the need for greater coordination among public agencies. Improved relationships would reduce overlap in planning and spending, create streamlined, cost-effective paths to action, and maximize taxpayer dollars.

Viable housing, innovative transportation, natural resource protection, and creating a place where all people can thrive is my goal. I'm committed to a communicative, collaborative, creative, common-sense, results-oriented approach to City government. I will work to create a vibrant community for today and tomorrow. Thank you for your consideration. It would be my honor to serve as your representative.

Dawn for Council. A Bright Future.

www.Dawn4CityCouncil.org.

facebook: [Dawn4CityCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/Dawn4CityCouncil). insta: [dawn4citycouncil](https://www.instagram.com/dawn4citycouncil)



In Bainbridge Island the Council is the legislative authority, and Council members choose a council chair who has the title of “mayor” of the city. The Council hires a City Manager who is the chief executive and administrative officer. Functions of these offices are further defined in state law: RCW 35A.

City of Bremerton, Mayor – 4-year term



Greg Wheeler
(Nonpartisan)

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reelectgregwheeler.com

Biography - Elected Experience: Proudly serving as Mayor of Bremerton. Previously served eight years on City Council, three years as President. As Mayor I serve on four Puget Sound Regional Council Boards and represent the City on Boards for Kitsap Economic Development Alliance, Public Health, Transit, 911 Board of Directors, and more. I am a Navy veteran, PSNS retiree (34-year career), husband, and grandfather.

Education: Olympic College, PSNS Apprenticeship; Chapman University, BA; Brandman University, MBA.

Community Service: Current member of the Bremerton Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs. Previous President/Board Member for Kitsap Community Resources, Olympic College Organizational Leadership & Resource Management and Capital Campaign, and Salvation Army.

Statement: As your mayor, my sole focus is making Bremerton the best place to live, work, invest, learn, and play. Our administration has implemented 30+ initiatives that give everyone the opportunity to thrive, balancing our budget and improving city services.

We created Down Payment, Homelessness Management and Response, Housing Navigator, Rental Assistance, Streets & Sidewalks, Weatherization, and Workforce Diversity & Inclusion programs. We added a Mobile healthcare unit, Salvation Army shelter services, MultiCare emergency department, Kitsap Way medical center, Medical Respite Center, and Pendleton Place.

We built Quincy Square, revitalized Wheaton Way and Charleston business districts, rezoned Harrison Heights, created the Small Business Development Center, funded the Mills Crossing Complex, and added ADU pre-approved designs and more living wage jobs. We cleaned up Kitsap Lake and nuisance properties, and improved eight parks. We added Body Cam, Fire Safety, and Navigator programs. We built the Manette Bridge roundabout, modernized 11th Street, increased sewer capacity, expanded fast ferry service, and returned Sunday bus and two car ferry service.

Let's build on our accomplishments and expand opportunities for families and businesses. I will continue representing your interests and leading Bremerton into a prosperous future. Visit reelectgregwheeler.com/ourfuture for more. I ask for your vote.



Marwan Cameron
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Professional Experience: Founder of Gather Together Grow Together: empowering community members to become self-sufficient. A part of self-sufficiency is asking for help, and is needed to achieve a degree of self-actualization that can manifest when a person/family has stability in their basic human needs. Transportation, food, acquisition and application of knowledge are important to gain self-sufficiency. Navy College Office advisor, Fleet and Family Services consultant, Adjunct professor Olympic College, Business Administration: Management.

Education: Old Dominion University (Master, Education), (BS Business Management)

Community Service: Bremerton Housing Authority Board, Salvation Army Board, Kitsap Regional Library Trustee, Bremerton Audit Committee.

Statement: Bremerton stands at a turning point. As we grow, too many residents are left behind—struggling with housing they can't afford, rising transportation costs, food insecurity, addiction, and limited access to basic resources. We need leadership that sees these challenges clearly and acts boldly.

I'm running for Mayor because I believe Bremerton must protect what makes Bremerton special. Instead of following the path of unchecked growth that has priced out families and fractured communities, like Seattle. Our children deserve a city where they can ride bikes, walk to school without fear, and can stay in Bremerton and raise their families.

We must prepare for our future by balancing growth with conservation. Meaning creating real pathways to affordable housing, improving access to safe and reliable transportation, leading efforts to develop training and employment opportunities that respond to rapid obsolescence, AI, emerging technologies, and global commerce, and investing in mental, physical health.

I've spent years working directly with our most vulnerable neighbors, not just talking about solutions, but delivering them. As Mayor, I'll bring that same focus, urgency, and heart to City Hall. It's not about politics, it's about people. Let's move Bremerton forward, together! *Vote Marwan Cameron for Mayor.*



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Elected Experience: Bremerton City Council President and Councilmember. Chair of Finance and Audit Committees. Bremerton Police/Fire Pension, Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council, Puget Sound Regional Council, Kitsap 911, and Kitsap Economic Development Alliance Board Member.

Other Professional Experience: NASA Kepler Mission Director. SETI Institute Astrophysicist. Awarded NASA's Exceptional Engineering Achievement Medal. Certified Project Management Professional.

Education: Ph.D. Astronomy, NMSU. B.S. Physics, Emory University. Certificates in Advanced Municipal Leadership and Project Management.

Community Service: Bremerton Planning Commissioner. Kitsap History Museum President and Director. Alliance for Equitable Healthcare co-founder. Leadership Kitsap 20 Under 40. Beautify Downtown Bremerton Organizer. Long-time Bremertonian, proud husband to PSNS-IMF worker Nick, and Papa to 4-year-old Max.

Statement: I'm running for Mayor because I believe in Bremerton and its people. Our city is full of promise, but faces real challenges: public safety, soaring costs, homelessness, struggling small businesses, and much more.

Over four years, crime has surged — over ten times the statewide rate. We need more officers walking and biking our neighborhoods, engaging our communities, and serving as partners in public safety — building trust and addressing issues before they escalate. Small businesses are hurting — they need safe streets, fixed ferries, and reliable permitting to start up and stay open.

In seven years, housing costs have risen 50% — pricing out working families, seniors, and young people. I'll champion a mix of housing types and secure state support to prioritize affordability while protecting green space and neighborhood character. Homelessness is a growing crisis — Bremerton is just one-sixth of Kitsap, yet shoulders over half the county's unhoused. I'll partner across Kitsap for lasting solutions so people get the help they need and Bremerton doesn't go it alone.

I'm endorsed by many current and former elected officials, community leaders, and organizations who live in, serve, and represent *Bremerton*. I humbly ask for your vote — and your partnership — in Bridging a Brighter Bremerton.



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Elected Experience: 1st Time Candidate

Other Professional Experience: Youth mentor; contributor to The Kitsap Smokestack; director at The Roxy Theatre; host of *Afternoons with Ash*; founder of BlackHeart Media, focused on community storytelling.

Education: Graduated from Mary Grimes Education Center (1999); Brookhaven and Olympic College (2021–2023) focused on film and media.

Community Service: Youth mentor—from kindergarten to college, I support growth, creativity, and resilience, including at-risk teens and young fathers in our community. I serve on The Roxy Theatre board and frequently collaborate with community leaders and nonprofits across Kitsap to uplift shared values and drive meaningful local change. Longtime host of *Afternoons with Ash* on BKAT.

Statement: I'm Ash Black, and I'm running for Bremerton City Council to bring practical, community-first leadership to City Hall. I'm not a career politician—I'm someone who grew up in a working-class family and has spent my life working directly with people, not politics.

Over the years, I've helped build programs that support youth, from mentorship and education access to creating safe, inclusive spaces. I've worked alongside nonprofits and public agencies to strengthen community health and well-being. I've supported local businesses, artists, and entrepreneurs—because a thriving Bremerton means investing in creativity, culture, and opportunity.

Our city is at a crossroads. We need housing that real people can afford, not just market-rate developments. We need city infrastructure that supports recovery, safety, and equity. And we need to foster economic growth by uplifting local small businesses and artists who give our community its unique identity.

I'm running because I believe City Hall should work for all of us—not just the few. I bring lived experience, empathy, and a collaborative spirit. I will listen. I will lead with integrity. And together, we will build a Bremerton that's more affordable, more inclusive, and more connected—for everyone who calls it home.



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Elected Experience: First time running for public office.

Professional Experience: Manette Neighborhood Coalition Vice Chairman (2021-Present); Real Estate Agent with Redfin for the greater Kitsap area since 2018; Former Naval Nuclear Missile Technician (2011-2017); Southern Tier Aids Program Prevention Assistant (2007-2011)

Education: College at Broome Community College and SUNY Binghamton (Genetics and Medicine); Naval Nuclear Sub School, A School, and Missile Tech C School; Rockwell Institute For Real Estate

Statement: As a resident of Bremerton's 3rd District, encompassing Manette and downtown, I'm committed to building a stronger, more vibrant community for all. My campaign centers on practical solutions, not empty promises.

First, we need permitting reform. Our current system hinders small businesses, stifling growth and opportunity. I'll push for streamlined processes, making it easier for entrepreneurs to establish and improve their businesses, ensuring they can thrive.

Second, our approach to homelessness must shift. Simple harassment is not a solution. We need a compassionate, complex system that addresses the root causes, providing support and pathways to stability.

Third, our parks and city infrastructure deserve thoughtful growth. I'll advocate for responsible development that enhances our quality of life, protects our green spaces, and prioritizes pedestrian and bicycle safety, ensuring safe "last-mile" mobility. Finally, we must maximize the value of our city's resources. Many programs, like pool passes and woodshop classes, are underutilized. I'll work to increase accessibility and awareness, ensuring every resident can benefit from the services we invest in. Let's make Bremerton a place where everyone has the opportunity to thrive."



Christy Cammarata
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Professional Experience: Program Manager – Financial Services Division, Health Care Authority 2023 - present; Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Care Regional Coordinator, Department of Health 2017 - 2022; Legal Services Division, Department of Labor and Industries 2011 - 2017; Administrative Hearings Department / Support Enforcement, Division of Child Support 2007 – 2011; Co-Lead Regional EMS Technical Advisory Committee 2017-2022.

Education: Bachelor's Degree - California State University San Marcos; Paralegal Certificate – National Paralegal College.

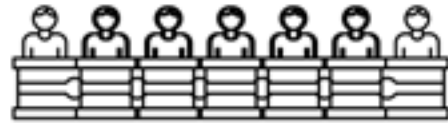
Community Service: Coordination and Planning Director of 2024 Bremerton Fire Department Santa Sleigh Ride

Statement: As a mother of three and proudly married for 17 years, I understand the daily challenges and priorities facing working families. I'm running to fill a critical gap on City Council—the absence of working parents with school-age children who are dedicated to helping Bremerton thrive without ego or personal gain. This perspective is essential to building a more inclusive, balanced, and effective local government.

If elected, I bring 18 years of experience as a Washington State employee, with a background in budgeting and actuarial modeling for long-term financial forecasting. I have a proven record of responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars and a strong understanding of navigating complex state and federal regulations.

My decision to run for City Council isn't driven by political ambition, but by a deep love for Bremerton and a genuine desire to serve its residents. I aim to lead with kindness, respect, and attentiveness. Having grown up in another military town, I understand the unique complexities of life in Bremerton and have a deep appreciation for our city's rich history.

I love Bremerton and am proud to ask for your vote to represent District 3. Together, we can build a stronger, more connected community.



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Bremerton School District No. 100-C, Director Position 4 – 4-year term



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Professional Experience: Department of Defense Civilian (2003–Present), with experience across Bangor, Bremerton, PSNS, Naval Base Kitsap, and currently NSWC Carderock. Roles have included management of people, facilities, programs, finances, and events.

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Education, Southern Illinois University, 2001

Community Service: Kitsap Alliance FC Board President (2019–2022); KAFC Board Member (2012–2022); North Sound Youth Soccer Association Board Member (2018–2022); Bremerton Parks Board Member (2010–2013); Leadership Kitsap Graduate, Class of 2008

Statement: I care deeply about my family and community, which is why I'm running for a position on the Bremerton School Board. Bremerton has been my home for 30 years, I've worked, raised my family, and seen the impact of a strong public school system. Both of my daughters, one currently at BHS and the other a recent graduate, have thrived thanks to the dedication of our educators and staff.

As a servant leader, I strive to treat everyone with care and respect. Leadership means putting the community's needs first and listening to all perspectives. When challenges arise, I lean in. Solving problems together is how we strengthen our community.

Bremerton schools are good—and with collaboration, they can be even better. My goal is to keep education focused on what matters most: our kids. A great education opens doors, Bremerton schools offer that opportunity to all students—especially when we all lean in.

A community is only as strong as those who invest in it. From raising my daughters here to serving on local boards, I've seen Bremerton's heart and resilience. Electing me to the school board is a vote for continued servant leadership and a deeper commitment to Bremerton's future.



Jenny Farley
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Professional Experience: 26 years working for the US Navy at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNS). Currently the Code 720 Quality Assurance, Test and Inspection Division Head within Crane Maintenance, with 18 years of trade and project management experience. Member of the Federal Managers Association Chapter 14; Graduate of the PSNS Executive Development Program; Former Chair – Women's Employee Resource Group.

Education: Bremerton High School Graduate, 1997; Olympic College, 2002 – Associate's Degree; PSNS Rigger Apprentice Graduate, 2003

Community Service: AVID mentor, Bremerton High School; Washington State Traffic Safety Council speaker; PeeWee basketball coach - 8 years; Youth soccer coach - 2 years

Statement: As a lifelong Bremerton resident and proud graduate of Bremerton High School, I am committed to strengthening our schools and community. I'm running for School Board to ensure every student receives a safe, inclusive, and high-quality education as well as strengthening trust in our school district's leadership.

With over 25 years of leadership at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and a strong professional financial background, I've managed multimillion-dollar budgets and successfully led complex projects. I bring the experience needed to help deliver the new schools — funded by millions of taxpayer dollars — on time with accountability and transparency, directly benefiting our students.

I've mentored students, coached youth sports, and volunteered throughout Bremerton, building strong community ties. I recognize the need to improve academic outcomes across the district and will support effective teaching, data-driven decisions, and policies that put students first. That includes ensuring teachers and staff have the tools, training and support they need to help every student succeed.

Bremerton's future depends on the strength of its schools. Together, we can raise expectations, improve results, and prepare every student—whether for college, a trade, the military, or another path. I would be honored to earn your vote.



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Elected Experience: Two terms as Student Body President at Olympic College, advocating for student resources and campus equity. Legislative Assistant to Rep. Tarra Simmons and former Rep. Sherry Appleton, helping shape policy and connect constituents with services.

Other Professional Experience: U.S. Army veteran with years of honorable service. Previously worked at Peninsula Community Health Services, supporting local access to care, medical information, and patient advocacy.

Education: Graduated from the US Army School of Professional Leadership Development Course and Olympic College with a degree in Human Services.

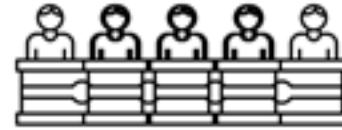
Community Service: Currently serves with the NAACP Bremerton Unit 1134, the 23rd LD Democrats, and as a Kitsap Democrats State Committee Member.

Statement: As a parent of four in the Bremerton School District, a U.S. Army veteran, and a lifelong advocate for equity, I believe public education is the foundation of a strong community. I'm running for School Board because I want every student in Bremerton to have the tools, support, and opportunities they need to thrive—regardless of background.

Student success means more than test scores. It means access to mental health resources, inclusive learning environments, and after-school programs that keep kids safe, supported, and inspired. It also means making sure our teachers have the respect, resources, and compensation they need to focus on what they do best—teaching and mentoring the next generation.

Responsible leadership means thinking beyond today's budget and advocating for smart investments that build long-term success. We must prioritize transparency, community voice, and bold, future-ready strategies that prepare our kids for the world ahead.

This campaign is about partnership—between families, educators, and the broader community. I'm running to serve, listen, and lead with heart. Together, we can create a stronger, more supportive Bremerton School District that reflects the hopes and values of our community. Let's do this—together.



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Mary C Devery
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Elected Experience: Bremerton Education Executive Board

Other Professional Experience: Career educator with 42 years of teaching experiences, all within the Bremerton School District.

Education: Bachelor Degree in Education, Master's Degree in Technology

Community Service: Longtime supporter of school events, student mentorship programs, and volunteer service through local organizations such as Kitsap County Foster Care. Committed advocate for public education and youth development in the Bremerton area.

Statement: I have dedicated my entire 42 year career to the students and families of the Bremerton School District. I know this community, I know our schools, and I believe deeply in the potential of every student.

As a classroom teacher, I saw firsthand how policies made at the board level impact what happens in the classroom. I am running to ensure those decisions are informed by real experience, and reflect what students, and staff truly need to succeed.

I will bring to the board a teacher's voice--focused on student learning, equity, and responsible stewardship of public resources. I will listen with respect, collaborate thoughtfully, and lead with heart.

Bremerton is my home. Our kids deserve strong, stable, student-centered leadership. I am ready to serve.



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Biography: I earned degrees in Biology (BA), Education (MS) and hold a Washington State teaching certificate. Former Boys & Girls Club educator, disabled minority Veteran and proudly married 32 years. As a former member of the Bremerton School District Citizen Task Force and a parent of two special needs graduates of Bremerton High School (Class of 2016 and Transition Program 2020), I bring personal experience and deep commitment to advocating for inclusive education. I understand firsthand the importance of early childhood education, intervention programs, and the need for strong collaboration among teachers, paraprofessionals, counselors, and families to ensure every student's success.

Statement: Every student—regardless of ability—deserves personalized support to build a strong foundation for adulthood. To improve student outcomes, we must rethink the traditional relationship between students, teachers, and families. One solution is to implement a mentorship model where teachers follow students through key academic stages: K–5, 6–8, and 9–12. This continuity can foster trust, consistency, and long-term academic support.

Today, only 30.1% of Bremerton high school students meet grade level in science, 26.1% in math, and 52.9% in English Language Arts (OSPI 2023–24 Report Card). These numbers represent more than just statistics—they reflect students being left behind. Engaging disaffected students—those who feel school no longer speaks to them—is critical. Opening the Skill Center to middle schoolers would provide access to hands-on learning that keeps students motivated and connected to their future.

Education cannot be the responsibility of teachers and schools alone. It takes all of us—families, neighbors, volunteers, local businesses, and school board leaders—contributing time, energy, and resources to help students thrive.

I don't claim to have all the answers, but I bring a deep commitment, firsthand experience, and a willingness to *listen, collaborate, and act decisively* on behalf of our students and their future.



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Elected Experience: BSD Board Director Position 5
(February 2025 - present)

Other Professional Experience: Commander, US Coast Guard. 20 years in various leadership positions. CEO of Art Anderson Associates. 35-person engineering firm in downtown Bremerton. Professional Engineer.

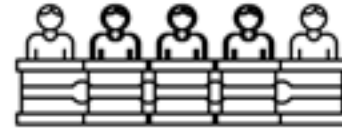
Education: USCG Academy – BS in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering; University of Michigan – Master's in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and Mechanical Engineering.

Community Service: BSD Volunteer – 2014 to present; Bremerton YMCA – Advisory Council 2012 to present; Rotary AVID Mentor – 2013 to present; Warren Avenue PeeWee Coach – 2018 to present; BSD CTE/STEM Advisory Board – 2018 to present; Kitsap Economic Development Alliance; Olympic College/WSU Engineering Advisory Board – 2012 to present.

Statement: My roots in Bremerton run deep. As a lifelong resident and proud BHS graduate, my commitment to this community was further shaped by my service in the US Coast Guard. Upon returning home, I immediately found ways to give back through community service and volunteering. With three children currently thriving at each level within the Bremerton School District, my drive to serve on the School Board is personal. I am deeply invested in the education and development of every child in our community – they are our future.

My professional experience leading organizations through strategic planning and budget management will be a direct asset to the BSD. I am committed to fostering greater communication and transparency between the district and our community. This includes providing comprehensive updates on educational progress, celebrating student achievements that extend beyond state testing, and proactively addressing the challenges ahead. I will champion early and inclusive discussions with all affected parties to ensure decisions genuinely benefit our students.

This passion for service is fueled by a desire to enhance educational outcomes and expand opportunities for all Bremerton children. I am well-qualified for this School Board position and respectfully ask for your vote.



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North Kitsap School District No. 400, Director District 1 – 4-year term



Seth Hartmann
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Professional Experience: 29 years Active Duty Army service as an Information Technology Officer. Served as Presidential Communications Officer and Director of IT for the White House Communications Agency. Served as a Chief of Staff for Army ROTC, and have 5+ years of university level teaching and administration experience.

Education: North Kitsap High School (1995), BS, University of Minnesota (2002). MS in Administration, Central Michigan University (2005). MA in Higher Education Administration, University of Louisville (2022).

Community Service: Several years of community service including Habitat for Humanity, volunteer firefighter, youth sports coach, and children's school programs.

Statement: I grew up in Poulsbo, and after 29 years of military assignments, I love that I get to call Poulsbo home again. Alongside traditional goals and milestones, I believe the purpose of education is to develop inquisitive, caring, and constantly developing citizens for our community. I have two kids in the NK School District (4th and 6th grade), and believe the foundations that teachers, counselors, coaches, mentors, and parents strive to develop for students is meant for more than simply progressing through grades, but to ensure students are prepared for whatever challenges and endeavors are ahead of them.

I care deeply about service and our community, and would be honored to serve the North Kitsap School District as a member of the School Board. The Board has a duty to prioritize students first, and every decision should reflect that priority. If elected, my efforts will be transparent and open as I work with members of the board, District leaders, and the community toward better resources, experiences, and outcomes for our students, faculty, and staff. I believe my experience as a Veteran will bring a strong work ethic, and a tireless commitment to excellence. Thank you for your vote.



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Elected Experience: Executive board Bremerton Education Association, Representative Council BEA, 2013-2021, PTA President Poulsbo Elementary 1998-2000

Other Professional Experience: Speech and Language Pathologist (SLP) and Teacher on Special Assignment, Bremerton School District since 2001. National Board Certified Teacher, 2008 & 2018, BEST mentor 2019, 2020, SLP North Kitsap School District 1999-2001, SLP in California and Arizona from 1982-1997

Education: Program Administrator Credential: Central Washington University, 2003; Masters of Science: Arizona State University, Communication Sciences 1982; Bachelor of Arts: Sonoma State University, Psychology 1977

Community Service: Co-chair Yes for NK School, committee, 2003; NK Facility committee, NK 1999-2003

Statement: I've worked with students, families and teachers for a long time and watched over the years as the needs of students have changed and school systems are struggling to keep up. Based on my experience these are the areas in which change could make a difference.

Mental Health Support: Many kids are stressed, anxious and emotionally challenged. Let's provide them resources.

Personalized Learning: Students have unique needs, let's build in flexibility. **CTE:** Not all students are college bound. Let's have some viable alternatives. **Family and Community Outreach:** Partnerships with families and the community strengthens schools. Let's reach out. **Teacher Support and Training:** Educators need quality resources, training and small class sizes. Let's make sure they have what they need.

My husband, Bill Reedy and I raised three sons that graduated from North Kitsap High School. They participated in sports, TSA and AP classes that provided fantastic life changing experiences with great coaches, teachers and mentors. North Kitsap prepared them well for life.

I now have the time to use what I've learned working in schools and raising children to give back to this community. Every district has strengths and weaknesses. Let's make NK even better than it is today.



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Education: Doctor of Education, Education Leadership and Policy, *Vanderbilt University*; Master of Education, Curriculum and Instruction, *American University*; Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, *Alma College*.

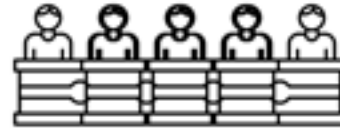
Community Service: Vice President and Treasurer - *MOSAIC PTO*; Secretary - *Bainbridge Island Youth Orchestra* Sponsorship Manager and Videographer - *Kitsap Children's Musical Theatre*; Facilitator - *Program for Early Parent Support*; Head Coach - *Team In Training*, *ACHIEVE Kids Tri*, *Girls on the Run*; *Top Fundraiser*, *Leukemia and Lymphoma Society*; *Grant writer* - secured funds to pay teachers for planning time.

Statement: As a parent and your neighbor, I know the success of our community is directly tied to the success of our schools. The military brought my family to Kitsap; the people and mountains (and orcas) made us stay.

Making schools better for kids is what keeps me up at night. As I lean on my experience in the classroom, the boardroom, and with my own elementary-aged children, I'm positioned to share my expertise and hold empathy for the challenges our teachers and students face.

I am committed to working with district leadership and fellow Board members to provide robust educational opportunities and supports for all children. I want to see options in my home district that fit the needs of not only my children, but the varied needs of all our families - from essential services to enrichment programs and more. Centering student and family needs is one way we make North Kitsap the preferred provider of K-12 education and keep student dollars in our district.

I am committed to learning from you and collaborating to address your priorities through listening, curiosity, and honest communication. I am here to serve and, with your vote, I am ready to work.



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Proposition No. 1

Regular Property Tax Levy Lid Lift for Support of Public Library Services

Official Ballot Title

The Board of Trustees of Kitsap Regional Library adopted Resolution 2025/03 concerning its regular property tax levy. This proposition authorizes an increase to the District's levy from \$0.27 to \$0.39 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, to be collected in 2026. This funding is necessary to sustain public library operations and services. The new levy amount would be used to compute the limitations for subsequent levies as provided by chapter RCW 84.55.

Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement

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

Kitsap Regional Library relies on property tax revenue for 96% of its budget. Under state law, the Library's property tax revenue can only increase by 1% annually unless approved by voters. This has not kept pace with inflation or increased costs to operate and provide services.

Proposition 1 would authorize the Library to reset its regular property tax levy from \$0.27 to \$0.39 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2026. This rate is below the State-authorized maximum of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and below the \$0.43 per \$1,000 of assessed value approved by voters in 2017. The estimated annual increase for a home valued at \$500,000 is \$60. The new levy amount would be used to calculate all applicable tax limitations thereafter.

Revenue from this levy would allow the Library to continue current operations of nine locations and mobile services. It would support open hours, access to collections—including books, eBooks, and audiobooks—and programs including early literacy, after-school learning, and technology access. It will support the maintenance of library facilities but will not fund the construction of any libraries.

If the Proposition is not approved, reductions in library services and delayed maintenance may occur beginning in 2026.

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Argument For the Measure

Libraries are the heart of our community.

No matter where you live in Kitsap County, you have access to a neighborhood library and its powerful services. With nine libraries, mobile services, 400,000+ physical books, 63,000+ digital materials, computers, online access, and educational programs, there are countless ways Kitsap Regional Library serves us.

For 23 years, state law has limited public library funding to a 1% annual increase.

Kitsap County's population continues to grow. In order to keep our libraries sustainable and successful, funding must keep up with inflation. This modest proposal funds and improves existing services and costs the average homeowner of a \$500,000 property an additional \$60 annually.

By voting Yes, you will ensure the Library provides essential services for everyone.

Regardless of age, background, or location, Kitsap Regional Library is there. With your support, we can keep all nine libraries operating, sustain library hours and events, invest in early literacy and K-12 resources, keep technology current, and perform necessary maintenance.

Our community is stronger when our Library provides the best possible service to everyone. Please join us and vote yes to ensure robust public libraries now and for generations to come.

Rebuttal to the Argument Against

The Library offers free access to all Kitsap households and 55,000+ residents who attend classes and events yearly. 86,000+ cardholders—including families sharing accounts and every student and teacher from three school districts. The Library receives no state funding and asks only to stay sustainable. Accurate information on Library impact: krl.org/annualreport2024. Libraries are a community investment, reducing crime and building healthier communities. Many seniors and disabled qualify for tax exemptions (bit.ly/kitsaptaxexemptions). Vote Yes.

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Argument Against the Measure

Impact on Affordability:

Washington State just passed the largest tax increase in the state's history. This budget spreads additional taxes across all residents. An additional property tax increase will make WA State less and less affordable! An additional tax burden forces residents to choose between feeding their families or supporting the libraries.

Population Delineation

Kitsap County reported a population of 278K of which only 5% use Kitsap Regional Library (KRL) services (2023). An increase from \$.27 to \$.39 per \$1000 represents a 44% increase across the board. Asking 95% of residents to pay for services rendered to only 5% represents serious mismanagement and unreasonable overreach.

Duplicate programs and services.

Increasing number of residents are accessing library services from home. Advances in technology have expanded existing services outside of the traditional brick/mortar facility. Additional services proffered by KRL are not necessary as technology can perform these same functions more efficiently and more cost-effectively.

Economic Hardship:

Vote No on another unnecessary property tax increase! Kitsap County residents are already struggling with inflation, rising costs of living, and stagnant wages. Another property tax increase places an undue burden on young families and seniors living on fixed incomes. Vote No on Proposition One!

Rebuttal to the Argument For

Vote no on Proposition One! No KRL budgets, facilities, or services are being reduced! No plan has been developed or presented requiring additional tax revenue! Veterans, retirees, and young families cannot afford another needless tax increase! The proposed tax increase unduly affects young families and retirees! People residing in Kitsap County are already struggling with soaring costs. Don't demand more sacrifice from retirees, young adults, and civil servants who keep our economy rolling. Vote No!

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