

Sample Ballot

Descriptors added to distinguish candidates with the same last name. All candidates for this office are attorneys, as required by law.

State Judicial	
Supreme Court Justice	
POSITION NO. 2	
6 Year Term	VOTE FOR ONE
<input type="radio"/> Michael Johnson, Attorney	Nonpartisan
<input type="radio"/> Stephen Johnson, Attorney/ State Senator	Nonpartisan
<input type="radio"/> Richard Smith	Nonpartisan
<input type="radio"/> Norman J. Ericson	Nonpartisan
<input type="radio"/> Susan Owens	Nonpartisan

POSITION NO. 8	
6 Year Term	VOTE FOR ONE
<input type="radio"/> John Groen	Nonpartisan
<input type="radio"/> Gerry L. Alexander	Nonpartisan

POSITION NO. 9	
6 Year Term	VOTE FOR ONE
<input type="radio"/> Jeanette Burrage	Nonpartisan
<input type="radio"/> Tom Chambers	Nonpartisan

Judicial Court of Appeals, Division 2, District No. 2	
POSITION NO. 2	
6 Year Term	VOTE FOR ONE
<input type="radio"/> David H. Armstrong	Nonpartisan

County Judicial	
Superior Court Judge	
POSITION NO. 8	
Short + 2 Year Term	VOTE FOR ONE
<input type="radio"/> Joe Sloan	Nonpartisan
<input type="radio"/> Jim Powers	Nonpartisan
<input type="radio"/> Charles Williams	Nonpartisan
<input type="radio"/> Anne Hirsch	Nonpartisan

Fire Protection District No. 4 - Rainier	
Proposition No. 1	LEVY LID LIFT
The Board of Fire Commissioners of Thurston County Fire Protection District No. 4 adopted Resolution No. 2006-4, concerning a proposition to increase the regular property tax rate. This proposition would authorize the District to increase its regular property tax levy rate to \$1.50 per one thousand dollars of assessed value to be levied in 2006 and collected in 2007 as provided in Resolution No. 2006-4.	
Should this proposition be:	
<input type="radio"/> Approved	Nonpartisan
<input type="radio"/> Rejected	Nonpartisan

Yelm Fire District	
Proposition No. 1	LEVY LID LIFT
The Board of Fire Commissioners of Yelm Fire District adopted Resolution No. 145, concerning a proposition to increase the regular property tax rate. This proposition would authorize the District to increase its regular property tax levy rate to \$1.50 per one thousand dollars of assessed value to be levied in 2006 and collected in 2007 as provided in Resolution No. 145.	
Should this proposition be:	
<input type="radio"/> Approved	Nonpartisan
<input type="radio"/> Rejected	Nonpartisan



POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

Legislative District Offices

There are 49 legislative districts in the State of Washington. Each legislative district has two representative positions and one senate position. The districts are drawn so that they are approximately equal in population.

The State Legislature is directly involved in all aspects of state government and in many aspects of county and city governments. It is the governmental body that writes the laws of our state, develops a state budget, and has oversight of state agencies.

- In Thurston County, candidates for the House of Representatives are elected in four separate districts (2nd, 20th, 22nd, and 35th), and candidates for the Senate are running in one district (35th).
- Only registered voters within the district may vote on district races. See the maps on page 4 to find your legislative district.

Assessor

The county assessor's primary duty is to determine, annually, the fair market value of all real and personal property for use as the basis upon which to calculate property taxes. State law requires that real property be inspected once every six years. For each year between physical inspections, property values are adjusted using appropriate statistical data. Personal property listings are provided each year by business owners for use in determining personal property values. The assessor is also responsible for property value exemption and reduction programs.

The amount of tax levied against the assessed property value is determined by a combination of factors including the State Constitution, the State Legislature, budgetary decisions by the county and other taxing jurisdictions, such as cities, schools, and fire districts, and by voter approved special levies.

Auditor

The auditor is the chief financial officer in respect to expenditures, auditing all expenditures, accounts payable, and payroll. Other financial duties include conducting internal fiscal and performance audits, and preparing annual financial reports. As the chief elections officer, the auditor is responsible for conducting all elections, registering all voters, and providing voter information, including the local voters' pamphlets. The auditor's duties as the licensing agent include issuing vehicle, vessel, marriage, business, and animal licenses. The auditor also contracts with eight private businesses throughout the county for vehicle and vessel licensing. Finally the auditor is the county recorder, maintaining a record of all real estate contracts, deeds, mortgages, surveys, liens and other documents from 1852 to the present.



POSITION DESCRIPTIONS (continued)

Clerk

The County Clerk is an independent elected official. The Clerk preserves for the public unfettered access to a fair, accurate, and independently established record of the opinions, decisions, and judgments of the court. Specific functions of the County Clerk include: Administrator of court records and exhibits; Financial Officer for the Courts; Quasi-judicial Officer; Ex Officio Clerk of the Court; Justice System Administrator; and Departmental Administrator.

Accuracy and Efficiency are critical in the Clerk's office, as even the slightest error or omission in indexing, posting, filing, preparation of writs or disbursements of funds affects the life or property of members of the public.

County Commissioner

The three-member county commission is both a local government and a subdivision of state government. Its primary responsibility is serving as the general purpose local government and legislative authority outside city limits. Many county responsibilities are mandated by state law; others are permitted by state law, allowing considerable local discretion. The commission is responsible for county policies relating to public safety and health, community development, human services, environmental protection, solid waste, county finance, transportation, parks and recreation, and other state legislative directed duties.

- Only voters who live within District 3 and select a party ballot, will vote in the Primary Election for county commissioner.
- All voters in the county will vote for the position in the General Election.

Coroner

The coroner investigates all sudden, violent, suspicious and unusual deaths occurring in the county. The coroner's purpose is threefold: to fully investigate each death and ascertain facts; to prevent similar deaths in the future; and to ensure that a death is not concealed, overlooked or ignored. The coroner certifies and signs the death certificate as to cause and manner, locates and notifies next of kin, and inventories and releases personal property found on the deceased to next of kin.

Prosecuting Attorney

The prosecuting attorney prosecutes criminal actions in superior, district and juvenile courts. The prosecuting attorney also provides legal advice to county officials and represents the county in civil actions and mental illness hearings. The family support division of the prosecuting attorney's office handles paternity and child support collection cases. The victim's advocate division of the prosecuting attorney's office assists victims/survivors throughout the criminal prosecution of their offenders.

Sheriff

The basic duties of sheriff fall into four categories: law enforcement; jail facilities management; civil and legal processing; and emergency operations. Law enforcement responsibilities consist of arresting and detaining alleged law violators, keeping the peace, and enforcing the legal controls relating to pollution, hunting, firearms, fireworks, traffic, and watercraft activities.

The sheriff also maintains and operates county jail facilities; serves court orders, summons, and subpoenas; conducts the forced sales of all property and foreclosures; and assists in disaster emergencies (i.e. floods, earthquakes, etc.) and in search and rescue operations.

Treasurer

The treasurer is responsible for providing banking, investment, debt and cash management services for the county and all local governments within the county, except cities and the Port of Olympia. The treasurer receives and disburses cash that totals over \$2 billion for 43 different entities including school and fire districts. The treasurer invests all cash from these districts and pays interest earnings on the funds to the districts. The investment portfolio is about \$400 million. Interest on this portfolio represents a source of income that is "non-tax" supported. In addition, the treasurer bills and collects all property taxes for every government in Thurston County. The treasurer accounts for and distributes these tax collections to the government for whom it is collected.

Superior Court Judges

The superior courts are the state's courts of general jurisdiction. Judges hear a variety of cases including felony criminal cases, civil matters, divorces, juvenile cases, and appeals from courts of limited jurisdiction. If any candidate receives more than 50% of the vote in the Primary Election, they are deemed elected and will not appear in the General Election.

Precinct Committee Officers

In addition to the various state and county offices which will appear on the Primary Election ballot, voters will have the opportunity to vote for a precinct committee officer (PCO) if they choose a party ballot.

The elected officials serve two-year terms as members of the county central committees of the Democratic and Republican parties. These committees have the authority to fill vacancies on the party ticket for partisan offices, call caucuses and conventions, provide the nomination of presidential electors, and conduct other duties. These officers represent a local voice of the voters in each county precinct. Candidates will appear only on the Primary Election ballot, and do not appear in this Local Voters' Pamphlet.