

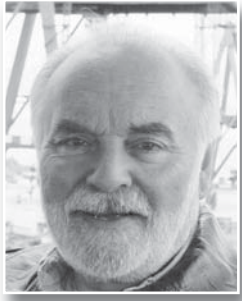
Port of Olympia

Port districts are empowered to levy taxes and special local improvement assessments, to promote economic development, to create incidental park and recreation facilities, to adopt and enforce regulations relating to moorage and toll facilities, and to cooperate with counties and cities in applying general police and traffic regulations to port properties and operations. The commissioners set objectives, policies, and overall port direction through comprehensive plans. The port manages 1,650 acres of land including the Olympia Airport, Swantown Marina, New Market facilities site, and a modern marine terminal.

The three-member Port Commission serves as the board of directors for the Port of Olympia, a municipal corporation. Each commissioner represents a district within Thurston County. Commissioners are elected by district in the Primary Election. All voters cast a ballot for each commissioner in the General Election. The term of office is four years, and a two year election cycle assures continuity in the direction of the port's enterprises.

Port Commissioner, District No. 1

Only voters in Port District No. 1 will vote on this position in the Primary Election.



George L Barner, Jr

Let's Put The Public Back In The Port! As a third generation member of a family that put the sense of community and public service first, I am running for this position (District 1 Port Commissioner) because I feel I can contribute by bringing the county citizens' interests to bear in shaping the future of our community.

I want to give back to the people of Thurston County and to ensure that the quality of life we have historically enjoyed will be available for our children.

The Port of Olympia will play an important role in the economic vitality of this region. We have an opportunity to shape our future by encouraging that all interests have a chance to be heard.

I propose establishing "listening posts," that is a series of forums for the people of Thurston County which guarantee that their voices are heard.

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Suzanne Nott

Suzanne Nott will bring leadership and experience to the Port of Olympia, and, with vision and creativity, help the Port meet its responsibilities. The Port must sustain its mandated functions through its own income, instead of requiring large transfusions of taxpayers' dollars. As a consulting Project Manager for Pacific Northwest companies such as Washington Mutual Bank and Weyerhaeuser, I have experience in planning and carrying out mission-critical projects on time and within budget.

Success requires teamwork! I will ensure that the Port deals honestly, openly and respectfully with the public. Cooperation with the communities at the heart of our County, with local governments, and with businesses will help head off controversies and delays in meeting Port goals.

Port Commissioners must earn the public's support through good, effective use of taxpayer's investments. My leadership will pay off in terms of jobs, economic and environmental health, and responsible public stewardship.

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Bob Van Schoorl

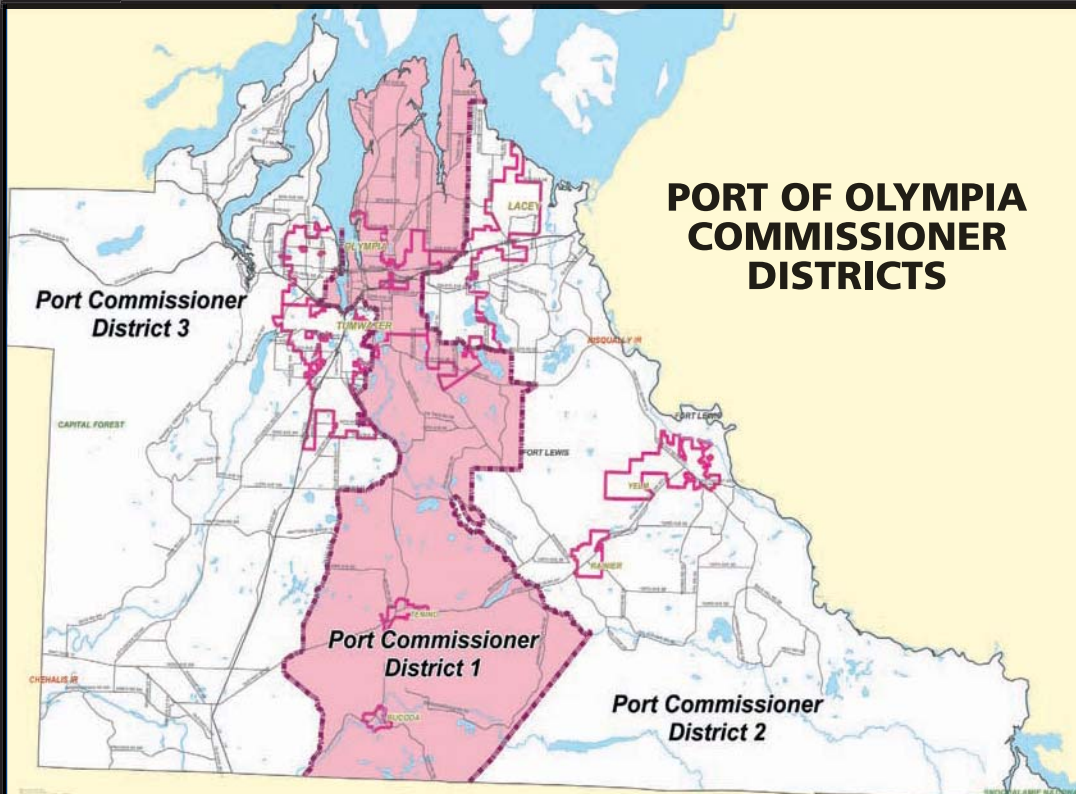
It is an honor to serve you as Port Commissioner. With input from a lot of Thurston County citizens like you, we have accomplished much: a vibrant Farmer's Market District, new businesses and family-wage jobs, Cascade Pole site cleaned-up, and a bustling marina, waterfront and airport.

I want to continue to make business-like, environmentally-sensitive investments to build for our future a diversified, community-oriented Port. I also want to assemble a broad community partnership to

remove contaminants from Budd Inlet.

Expanding recreational opportunities on the waterfront, environmental protection, greater community involvement, and bringing more family wage jobs continue to be high on my list. I have the experience to accomplish this vision and the demonstrated ability to bring dramatic changes to the Port. Please give me your vote so that I can continue to work for our community. Learn more at www.bobforolyport.com.

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For your specific district information, please visit us online to use our precinct and district look-up tool, or call us at (360) 786-5408.

Cities and Towns

Types of City Government

There are three principal forms of city government in Washington: mayor-council, council-manager, and commission. Few cities in Washington, and none in Thurston County, presently operate under the commission form. Under both the mayor-council and council-manager forms of government the council is the city's legislative and policy-making body. All council members are elected.

The council enacts all ordinances, resolutions, and policies consistent with state law for the safety and welfare of the city's or town's residents. Ordinances may include local tax measures authorized by statute. Traffic, fire protection, police, land use, municipal services, business, and other regulations are overseen by the council. The council controls the city's finances through the budgeting and auditing process and by exercising general oversight. The council also makes contracts, creates subordinate positions, prescribes duties, and fixes salaries. The mayor's role depends upon the form of government in a particular city or town.

a) Mayor-Council: Bucoda, Rainier, Tenino, Tumwater, and Yelm

The mayor in the mayor-council form of government is elected and is the city's chief executive or administrative officer and the ceremonial head of the city. The mayor carries out the council's policies, administers day-to-day city affairs, and with some limitations, appoints, supervises, and discharges subordinate officers. The mayor presides over council meetings and has veto power over ordinances.

b) Council-Manager: Lacey, Olympia

In the council-manager form of government, the council appoints a city manager as the chief administrative officer. The manager appoints and discharges all department heads and subordinate officers and is responsible to the council for the proper administration of all city affairs. The council may discharge the manager but may not interfere with or bypass the manager's day-to-day administration of subordinates. A council member is selected by the council, or by an alternative election method, to act as chairman with the title of "Mayor." The mayor continues to be a full member of the council with all attendant rights, privileges, and immunities. The mayor also presides over council meetings and acts as the ceremonial head of the city. The mayor has no regular administrative powers but may be required to exercise certain powers in emergencies.

Town Council, Position No. 4



Aurora Lopez

My name is Aurora Lopez; I believe that the time has come for the Town of Bucoda to blossom as the wonderful rose that lies beneath. I believe that we must resort to the art of gentle persuasion and start respecting the rights of every citizen. I believe that the best government is a government that governs less. I strongly believe that the respect for others is the foundation for true peace.

I also believe that local participation in a peaceful and in a positive problem-solving manner should be available to us all and in the year 2007 we should be ready to bring true democracy to the Town of Bucoda where all people should be counted as equals.

Respectfully yours,
Aurora Lopez

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Paul G Davis

I have been a resident of Bucoda for 27 years, my wife and I have raised our three children here. I was a member of the fire dept for 16 years, positions held were training officer, EMT, assistant chief and 5 years as chief. I feel I am qualified to serve as a council member because of my previous experience. Working with the council and mayor while on the fire dept, managing

the fire dept and also being responsible for the dept.'s budget gave me insight into the financial workings of the Town. I have owned and operated my own business for 20 years, which has given me experience managing employees, and working with the public. If elected to office, I will do my best to serve the town and its residents with integrity.

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Debby Hughes

My name is Debby Hughes. I have lived in the Town of Bucoda since 1986 and raised both of my children here. Currently I am finishing a term as an appointed council member, chosen for my prior experience as a councilor having served 4 years in the early 90's.

As a member of your Town Council I have always made my decisions based on what is best for the town, even if I personally do not agree with the situation.

Bucoda is entering into an exciting time of expansion. While we do not want to lose the small town feel that we have all grown to love, we must be ready to regulate and accept growth.

I look forward to being able to serve you my neighbors for another 4 years as a member of the Bucoda Town Council.

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City Council, Position No. 2



Amy L Tousley

Move Forward Together Olympia. We must combine our efforts to realize the vision we all have for Olympia. I am ready to work for you. For the past 10 years I have dedicated myself to this community as an Olympia Planning Commissioner, including service on the Design Review Board and the Utilities Advisory Committee.

A healthy economy is best served by ensuring the protection and preservation of the environment. As an urban and regional planner, my experience with community stakeholders has created partnerships implementing comprehensive plans, affordable housing initiatives, smart growth strategies, strategic

infrastructure improvements, habitat protection, and solving regional issues.

As your councilmember, I will be professional and work diligently to ensure prudent investment in capital facilities, create neighborhood preservation plans, improve urban design strategies, promote economic investment in downtown, address shoreline protection, enhance recreational opportunities, and preserve the public's health and safety.

Thank you for your support.
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Matthew Green

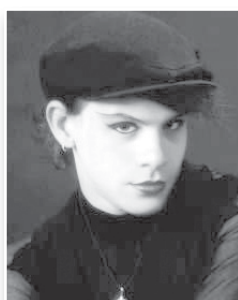
For sixteen years, I have volunteered in my neighborhood, on the planning commission, and as an Olympia city councilmember. Through my experience, I learned how to bring people together and get things done.

As a councilmember, I stopped the conference center, won support for local parks and sidewalks, and blew the whistle on secret council meetings. I strengthened environmental protections, slowed traffic through neighborhoods, lowered rent for the senior center, and persuaded local officials to address homelessness.

Now, for a vibrant downtown, I will keep the free parking, increase police walking patrols, reduce building fees, and encourage more affordable housing. To protect our neighborhoods, I will reduce traffic, create more neighborhood parks, and protect trees and natural areas from overdevelopment. To ensure responsive government, I will keep every city meeting open, and hold regular town hall meetings where citizens speak – *and councilmembers listen*.

I'd appreciate your vote. Please visit
www.MatthewGreen.org

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Toren "Starwing" Valimir

Greetings Voters! My name is Toren Valimir, and I want your vote.

At this point you are probably asking yourself: "What makes this guy any different from his opponents?" That valid question is very likely coupled to feelings of distrust for politicians, and the political landscape in general. You find yourself voting one way on an issue, only to witness the opposite occur.

I believe in a representative democracy where any elected official is accountable to the voter. As your

representative on Council, I will stand up for you, listen to you, and act as you -the voter- tells me to. The current City Council is unresponsive to the citizens of Olympia, and I want to change that.

I am anti-big growth, pro-small business, anti-corruption, pro-citizen power, and I want to represent you on the City Council.

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Craig L Ottavelli

A lifelong resident of Olympia, Craig and his wife Amy are committed to raising their son in this community. With extensive personal and professional investments in our region as a Thurston County Planning Commissioner, business owner, former state employee, and volunteer in local civic organizations, he is a progressive advocate for the environment, downtown, social services, a sound economy, and open and inclusive government. Craig's top priority is fostering cooperation between cities, the county, tribes, and the public to address critical issues.

Working in our community Craig has established numerous partnerships with local businesses and community organizations. As our councilmember, he will provide a balanced approach to representing the people of Olympia. Craig is committed to genuine communication - asking questions, listening to constituents, and speaking honestly.

Craig shares Olympia's history. As a councilmember he will be a leader, working to turn our vision for the future into reality.

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WHAT:

The Auditor's Office will be open late to host candidate forums where you can meet and learn about the candidates and handle all of your registration needs.

WHEN:

The week October 1 - 5, the last week for mail-in voter registration and address and name changes.

WHERE:

The Thurston County Courthouse,
 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Olympia.

Check out our website for specific dates and times: www.co.thurston.wa.us/auditor

City Council, Position No. 3



Prophet Atlantis

I support: Borders, language, culture! Protect our borders and deport all illegal aliens and arrest those that hire illegals. No social services or benefits to illegals. English the official language. No amnesty! No chain immigration.

Use eminent domain to take over empty houses and buildings for needy families. The homeless mentally ill

should be placed into well run mental hospitals.

prophetearth@yahoo.com. Prophet Atlantis is the most dangerous, craziest man in America because he tells you what the rich and powerful don't want you to hear. Prophet Atlantis is a barbarian who takes on the haters and killers of America.

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Jeanne Marie Thomas

My candidacy is about bringing the community together to solve local problems. There are goals we all share for Olympia. We want a safe and vibrant downtown, thriving businesses, great neighborhoods, and an effective city government. We also want to be good stewards of our natural environment.

I am running for city council because I can achieve results. I have lived in Olympia for eighteen years and have worked successfully through grassroots organizations to improve land use policies, preserve neighborhoods, support our schools, and provide

affordable housing. My professional experience includes planning and managing programs for seniors and people with disabilities, and helping state and local agencies set priorities.

My common sense approach involves listening, welcoming diverse points of view, identifying problems, and working hard to find long term solutions.

I want to serve as your voice on the Olympia City Council. Thank you for your support.
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Rhenda Iris Strub

I love Olympia as I'm sure you do. That's why we care about this election. Olympians want Councilmembers who share our global values and commit to focus on them locally.

Our biggest challenge is rapid population growth and its pressure on our infrastructure. As an environmental engineering consultant, I have a technical understanding of this issue. I know we don't have to choose between a healthy environment and affordable housing. As a Thurston County Planning

Commissioner, I've learned that the best growth management will come from a regional approach with all of us working together. Protecting water resources, building responsible transit solutions and eliminating homelessness are regional issues we can confront better through teamwork. See the team of electeds endorsing me at www.rhenda.com.

I want to protect the best of Olympia while helping to build a city that will welcome our grandchildren. Vote for me and we'll get there together.

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Do you know someone who needs assistance reading or marking their ballot?



Everyone has the right to vote independently!
Call us to find out about our **AutoMARK™** machines.

See page 2 for more information.

School Districts

Thurston County is divided into nine separate school districts, each governed by a five-member board. The board's responsibilities include: budget, policy development, curriculum approval, planning, and communications.

School board directors delegate authority for day-to-day functions to professional staff; however, they may never delegate ultimate responsibility.

Board members are elected in a nonpartisan General Election by voters within that school district. They receive no salary. A board may approve a per diem compensation for its members for attending board meetings.

In most districts, candidates must reside in the subdistrict for which they are seeking office. All candidates are elected by the voters of the entire school district.

School Board Director, District No. 4



Carolyn M Barclift

I've had a lifelong practice of public service and eight years representing you on the Olympia School Board has given me invaluable experience.

In Olympia School District, academic achievement is rising for all students. I am committed to helping all students reach their potential and prepare them for their future. I continue to focus on full development of a budget process, and budget, that meets our financial challenges, is fiscally responsible and is targeted at student achievement.

I will endeavor to improve communications with all stakeholders and consider all points of view before making decisions that will benefit all children. I want to encourage all who have an opinion to feel free to share their opinion and to create an atmosphere where they feel valued in doing so.

I will continue to work fairly and respectfully with staff, parents and our community to make our great school district better.

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Lucy Gentry Meltzer

As both parent and teacher, I believe I am well qualified to serve on Olympia's School Board. With two children in district schools, quality education in Olympia is very important to me. I served Garfield as President of the PTA and Jefferson on the Site Council. I taught at Brown University and The Evergreen State College. I am an arts advocate for our community on the Olympia Arts Commission.

Children thrive when schools have high standards. I can provide leadership through service on the School

Board to ensure excellence in Olympia's schools. I will be responsive to parents and serve the needs of their children. Parents and the community are the customers of the school district. I will insist on good customer relations. I will seek openness in the board meetings and district activities and seek to develop higher educational standards. It is time for a change.

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Tom Hill

I believe children are our heritage and future. I also believe we all support the vision and motivation of the 2001 No Child Left Behind Act.

During previous service as School Board Member in a different school district, I found that when measuring success to determine adequate yearly progress for a school, the assessment also needed to include an expectation of individual high achievement. It becomes important not to teach our youth how to take tests, but more importantly how to apply the knowledge imparted.

Baseline grade achievement becomes a value when we not only assist our youth in skill assessments, as in tests, but is heightened when we provide them the tools to use that knowledge with wisdom and accuracy. Parents can create partnerships with the professional educators, the policy makers, and our youth to ensure a successful education.

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Ballots Will Begin Arriving on ...

August 4, 2007

If you have not received your ballot by August 8, please contact us at (360) 786-5408 to have a replacement ballot sent to you.

Remember, returned ballots must be postmarked no later than Election Day, August 21, 2007.

Depositing your ballot in a blue postal mailbox on Election Day does not guarantee a valid postmark regardless of pick-up times. Ballots can be dropped off at one of the ballot drop box locations listed on page 4.



School Board Director, District No. 3



Bobby Boesch

Having attended school board meetings over the past year, I understand the duties and responsibilities it takes to serve this community. I have two young children who will attend Rainier. My wife and her three sisters graduated from Rainier as did their parents.

I served 6 years as an Army Ranger and have seen the highest integrity, dedication and passion. These are the same qualities I will look for when filling positions of those who will teach and coach your children.

I will utilize years of business knowledge to maximize the current school budget. In addition, my years will be focused on reducing class size, WASL preparation, and building community support. Students and teachers should be challenged daily and allowed to grow professionally and personally.

As a school board member, I am responsible to make sure Rainier excels in both academics and athletics to produce the very best students.

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Angela E Reese

It would be my privilege to have the opportunity to serve on our community school board. I am very excited about the passing of the recent bond and committed to ensure that the district use the bond dollars as promised to our taxpayers. As a parent of two active students in the Rainier School District, I have served as the secretary of the Booster Club Rockets for 2 years while participating & supporting our schools

in and outside the classrooms. I am employed as a computer network administrator & web designer for the Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys. As a working parent, I have found my involvement enhances my children's education. With your help and vote, I will work hard to make our school a great learning experience and environment for all our students attending Rainier Schools.

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Maureen J Baker

As the mother of three children in the Rainier Schools, I have a vested interest in all children's education. I was a school board member for four years in Fruitland, Idaho. I was a high school secretary for nine years and I am currently working for the North Thurston Public Schools in the Financial Services Department as a payroll technician.

I am proud of the academic as well as extra curricular accomplishments that this district has seen. We must continue to use our academic standards to improve

school programs. I would like to see Rainier recruit and retain good teachers that will help improve the quality of our children's education while meeting the various needs of all students.

With your support and my past board experience, I look forward to working with the rest of the school board and our superintendent to make our schools even better for our kids.

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Presidential Preference Primary and Party Caucus Information

The 2008 Presidential Preference Primary will be conducted on **February 19, 2008**. To participate, voters will be required to select to vote a **PARTY** ballot. Ballots for this election will be available from our office beginning January 31, 2008.

The 2008 Party Caucuses will take place on **February 9, 2008**. Contact your local party for more information.

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Fire Protection Districts

Fire protection districts are formed for the provision of fire prevention services, fire suppression, emergency medical services, and the protection of life and property in the unincorporated areas of the county. Administrative authority for the district results from decisions made by a three-member board of elected fire commissioners.

The board of fire commissioners has the authority to hire and appoint employees as well as administer all aspects of the district. The board is required to hold regular monthly meetings.

Fire protection districts levy regular property taxes to provide services to the public. Additionally, with voter approval, the board may issue bonds and make excess levies for specific purposes.

The voters elect commissioners to staggered six-year terms. The nonpartisan commissioners receive no regular salary, but may choose to receive nominal compensation for attending meetings.

Fire Commissioner, Position No. 2



Darrol P Steiner

Retired from Lacey Fire District Three in 2004 after serving twelve plus years as Community Safety Education Specialist. Prior to that served as a public school teacher, principal, and central office administrator. Earned B.A. Degree in Education and a Master Degree in Administration from Central Washington University. Currently involved in a number of area-wide issues and events, including the Lacey Spring Fun Fair Committee, Safe Kids Thurston County, Executive Board West Region Emergency Medical

Services and Trauma Care Council, Washington State Risk Watch Management Team, Vice-President of a local church council, and an Adjunct Professor at South Puget Sound Community College.

Have witnessed first hand the significant changes and growth within the fire district. Serving as Fire Commissioner will allow me to continue to be actively involved in the future growth, and will allow me to give back to this community in a meaningful way.

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John L Christiansen

I am a native Washingtonian born and raised in Seattle. For the past 17 years, I have been a Lacey resident. I am a retired DOD Civilian and a Viet Nam Veteran. My father and two uncles were Seattle Firefighters. I grew up with the problems and concerns of Firefighters and Fire Departments and their dedication to community service. Lacey is one of the fastest growing communities in Washington and I would like to help our Fire District keep pace with that growth.

For the past 7 years I have been vice-president of the Cleveland H.S. Alumni Association and the primary fund raiser for that organization. I am a past President of the Mountain-Aire Park Sub-division. Community Service, civilian and military, has always been a priority with my family, I would like the opportunity to serve the citizens of Lacey, the greatest place in the world to live.

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Alan Provencher

I have held a number of career and volunteer positions in Public Safety beginning as a Volunteer Firefighter in 1978. I served in the US Army for 10 years before settling into Thurston County. I worked in construction before joining Thurston County Medic One in 1996 where I currently work as Purchasing Agent and Public Education Coordinator. I also serve on the Advisory Board of Safe Kids Thurston County.

I believe the Lacey Fire District is entering one of

the most exciting times in its nearly 60 year history. Explosive growth in northeast Thurston County is bringing a rapid increase in the demand for service. Managing that demand appropriately will be the greatest challenge facing the Fire District Commission.

My pledge is to bring common sense to meeting today's needs and an open mind to how best meet the District's Fire and EMS needs of tomorrow.

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