

Thurston County

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.

County Commissioner, District No. 3

Important Information: This is a Partisan Race

The Thurston County Commissioner District No. 3 race is the only partisan race on this year's General Election ballot. Each candidate for partisan office may state a political party that he or she 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. All voters in the county will vote on this position.



I believe most of us share a common vision for our County: a vibrant sustainable economy, great schools, successful local farms, all in a healthy environment. The choices we make in the next few years will determine our future. I've brought nine years of experience on the Tumwater City Council and 20 years as a public health worker to the position of County Commissioner. I've approached tough decisions with common sense and compassion. My focus is on three priorities: continued sound management

of County resources, streamlining county government and freezing salaries – including my own – to keep your taxes low; preserving our precious natural resources for our children and their children – cleaning up Puget Sound, preserving rural agricultural land, and providing leadership to confront climate change; and laying the groundwork for long-term economic prosperity through a strong educational system, sensible development, and high-wage jobs in the emerging green economy.

Karen L. Valenzuela
(Prefers Democratic Party)

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The current Thurston County Board of County Commissioners does not have a strategic plan or a prioritized budget.

When elected, I will create a strategic plan that includes prioritization of county services, especially public safety and public health. A quality plan is critical if we are to properly manage government and keep the county from over spending.

I have the experience to accomplish this important

job. I've been both a public and private employee, and owned my own small business. I served 10 years on the Thurston County Historic Commission and I have 40 years of local community service and leadership.

Today, four generations of my family live here. I care deeply about our future and will diligently work to get Thurston County back on the right track. I'm asking for your vote. It is a vote for competent management and responsible government.

Patrick Beehler
(Prefers Republican Party)

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- 1) A request may be sent by email to: email_ballot@co.thurston.wa.us. Please be sure to include all information requested on the form below.
- 2) Or cut out the form below and mail to: Thurston County Auditor, Elections Division, 2000 Lakeridge Dr SW, Olympia, WA 98502.

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First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

_____/_____/_____
Date of Birth

(____) ____ - ____
Day Phone

(____) ____ - ____
Evening Phone

Email Address

Military Status (if applicable)

Thurston County Address

City

Zip

Mailing Address

City

State/Country

Zip