

Thurston County - Assessor

Assessor - The assessor's primary duty is to annually determine 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.

Property tax levied against assessed property value is determined by a combination of factors: the State Constitution, State Legislature, county and local government budgetary decisions, and voter approved tax measures.

Assessor

All voters in the county will vote on this position.



Nominated by Thurston County Democrats, I am an advocate for taxpayers and the most qualified candidate for Assessor. I will protect Thurston County taxpayers, stop special interest tax breaks, and prevent unfair tax shifts to homeowners and businesses. I have 30 years public service experience in every aspect of property assessments. I will fight to ensure that your assessments are fair, uniform, and understandable.

I have the most relevant experience to lead the Assessor's office in the face of growing demands for service

and dwindling resources. I will continue to improve efficiencies through strategic planning, technology enhancements, and prudent budget management. I will expand the Assessor's effort to inform property owners about their valuations through customer outreach, online tools, and community meetings.

I'm asking for your vote. I bring energy and experience to this office and will work diligently to listen, serve, and be accountable to you, the taxpayer.
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Every time our office makes a decision, our hands are in your wallet. Accurate and fair assessed values are vital to the fairness of the property taxes you pay. I will ensure the unique characteristics of your property are factored into final assessed value, and I promise your concerns will be addressed with respectful, clear explanations by a talented and experienced staff.

I am the only Commercial Appraiser running, working for over 23 years in the Assessor's Office, and I dislike

bureaucratic mentalities; I constantly seek innovative and more efficient ways to serve you. I will be constantly vigilant, and every interaction with my office will be "solutions oriented". Board of Equalization petitions will be reduced with my proactive approach.

I promise to serve you with an organization that is efficient, accurate, and willing to listen to your concerns. I need your vote to make sure your wallet is protected.

Jeff Gadman
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I know that people want fair and honest property values for a change. Having doorbelled for the local school district this year, I know people don't trust their property assessments. I want to fix the Assessor's Office by bringing real leadership and problem solving skills to this necessary function of government.

I am not a bureaucrat, but I do bring real world, small business leadership and experience to this job. For nearly three years our county has been in a recession and the

Assessor has been the only one who doesn't seem to know.

My plan for the Assessor's Office is based on careful research and common sense. First, property values must be fair and accurate. Secondly, the office must be run efficiently and follow the law. Finally, this office must be committed to customer service.

I won't forget that the Assessor works for the taxpayers, not against them.

Glen Morgan
(Prefers Republican Party)

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The Assessor's office touches every property owner, renter, business, and farm in Thurston County. You deserve an assessor who works for everyone equally, fairly, with integrity, and is committed to the accuracy of every valuation.

Taxpayers face a backlog in the appeals process that is the longest in the State. My first week in office I will begin working collaboratively with staff, the Board of Equalization and other county officials to resolve this deficiency in service.

As a licensed independent property adjuster since

1983, I have a strong background in valuing commercial, industrial and residential property. As a business owner for 18 years, I will bring the leadership skills needed to assure all taxpayers receive the best service in these tough economic times.

Many Democratic leaders you trust support me, including Representatives Sam Hunt, Brendan Williams, Fred Finn, and former Treasurer Robin Hunt. I ask for your vote, August 17th.

Steve Drew
(Prefers Democratic Party)

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Email Address		Military Status (if applicable)	
Thurston County Address			
Mailing Address			