

Thurston County - Commissioner

County Commissioner - The three-member 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.

*In the Primary Election, only those voters within Commissioner District No. 3 will vote on this position.

*In the General Election, all voters in the county will vote on this position.

*See page 5 for Commissioner District Map.

County Commissioner District No. 3

Only voters residing within District No. 3 will vote on this position in the Primary Election.



I believe most of us share a common vision for our County: a sustainable economy, great schools, thriving local farms, and a healthy environment. The choices we make in the coming years will determine if we will achieve this vision.

Throughout 21 years of public service, including nine as a Tumwater City Councilmember and 18 months as County Commissioner, I have approached tough decisions with common sense and compassion. My key priorities continue to be sound management of County resources in extremely

challenging economic times; preserving agricultural land and critical habitat and controlling urban sprawl; and planning for long-term economic prosperity in the emerging green economy.

Voters elected me last year after I came to this position in early 2009 by appointment. I am asking for your support again this year so that we can continue working together to make our common vision a reality.

Karen L. Valenzuela
(Prefers Democratic Party)

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The Thurston County Commission must begin to focus on the priorities of government. As the County Commissioner for District 3 I will work to restore the focus of the commission on promoting basic public services and creating a sustainable budget. Our citizens rely on basic county services, especially public safety, public health, and safe roads.

I pledge to work with the other elected officials to make county government a true servant of the people; government accountable for its actions. I will bring integrity,

leadership and innovation to Thurston County.

I have the experience to complete 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 over 40 years of community service in Thurston County.

Please vote for Pat Beehler; it is a vote for competent management, and responsible government.
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Pat Beehler
(Prefers Republican Party)

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Thurston County - Coroner

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.

Coroner

All voters in the county will vote on this position.



I am your Thurston County Coroner and I thank you for the honor of serving you. The Coroner's Office is now sufficiently funded to meet the needs of our community. Though most offices are open 8-5, the Coroner's Office operates 24/7, generally under adverse conditions. I have a well trained, compassionate staff that has earned high praises and respect from many families that we've served.

My primary goal was and will continue to be to reduce the number of deaths in our school-age children and

grandchildren. Texting and driving is more than a problem in our community, it's an epidemic, as is driving under the influence. Since being elected I've had the pleasure of speaking to thousands of *Our Kids* during school presentations about people who have made poor decisions. The stories shared are emotional and each loss is real. Please support my efforts by voting for Gary Warnock.

Gary Warnock
(Prefers Democratic Party)

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Beat the rush, send your ballot back today!!!!

Ballots begin arriving in homes on July 29, 2010. Why wait? Vote and place your ballot in one of our 25 ballot drop boxes (listed on page 19) or mail (first class postage required) to us today!

Election Day is Tuesday, August 17, 2010.

Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day or placed in our drop boxes by 8:00 p.m. on Election Night.

