

# Thurston County Official **Local Voters' Pamphlet**

November 4, 2014 General Election

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**Accessibility Voting Locations**



The AutoMARK™ is a voting assistance machine that enables voters who cannot otherwise read or mark their ballots to vote independently and secretly.

**The machine does not count or produce a ballot.**

Election employees will be at all accessibility locations to offer assistance to any voter who requests it.

**Thurston County Courthouse  
 Auditor's Office \***

2000 Lakeridge Dr SW, Bldg. 1, Rm. 106, Olympia

October 15 - November 3, 2014  
 (Monday - Friday), 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

November 4 (Tuesday) - **Election Day**  
 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

**\*Ballots are only issued at the Auditor's Office!**

**Ramblin Jacks (Capital City Council of the Blind)**

520 4th Ave E, Olympia  
 October 18 (Saturday), 11:00 am

**Panorama City - Quinault Building  
 (Limited Vision Group)**

1835 Circle Dr SE, Lacey  
 October 21 (Tuesday), 1:30 pm

**Panorama City - CNR**

1600 Sleater Kinney Rd SE, Lacey  
 October 28 (Tuesday), 9:00 am

**Boardwalk Apartments**

510 Capitol Way N, Bldg. II, Olympia  
 October 30 (Thursday), 1:00 pm

410 Capitol Way N, Bldg. I, Olympia  
 October 30 (Thursday), 3:00 pm





## Mary Hall

### AUDITOR

Welcome to the Local Section of your 2014 General Election Voters' Pamphlet. For the first time ever, you are receiving just one General Election Voters' Pamphlet. In an effort to economize, reduce paper, and keep voters informed on issues and candidates, we have partnered with the state to combine our voters' pamphlets. I hope you find it informative and use it as a tool when you cast your vote for these important offices. Let us know what you think.

This year we have important local races, Congressional, Legislative, and Statewide Initiatives on the ballot. For the first time in 24 years we have an open seat in the County Clerk's race. For more information about the duties of that office, or other offices on the ballot you can visit [ThurstonVotes.org](http://ThurstonVotes.org). To learn more about the candidates, visit their website or contact them using the information in this pamphlet.

The candidate statements are written by the candidates themselves. If you read the primary pamphlet, you may have noticed that no edits or corrections were made. This insures that you're reading their exact statement.

If you're wondering why you have two candidates on your ballot claiming the same party affiliation, it's because we have a top two primary system here in Washington State. Our top two system allows voters to choose the candidates regardless of their stated party preference to face off against each other in the General Election. We have three races with candidates with the same party preference, the 20th Legislative District State Representative Position No. 2 race, the 35th Legislative District Senate race and the Thurston County Clerk's race.

Democracy depends on your participation. Your vote is your voice. Your opinion matters and the best way to express it and be certain your voice is heard is to vote your ballot. We are here to provide the best possible service to help you exercise this important right. Contact us if you need any assistance or have questions.

Warm Regards,

Mary Hall  
Thurston County Auditor



**The following county offices are up for election this fall:**

For a more detailed description visit [ThurstonVotes.org](http://ThurstonVotes.org).

**Assessor** - Determines the fair market value of all real and personal property to calculate property taxes.

**Auditor** - Administers elections, processes licenses and titles, records and preserves documents, and is in charge of public finance.

**Clerk** - Preserves records of the opinions, decisions, and judgments of the court.

**County Commissioner** - Serves as the local government and legislative authority outside city limits.

**Coroner** - Investigates all sudden, violent, suspicious, and unusual deaths occurring in the county.

**Prosecuting Attorney** - Prosecutes criminal actions in superior, district, and juvenile courts and provides legal advice to the county.

**Sheriff** - Is in charge of law enforcement, jail facilities, civil and legal processing, and emergency operations.

**Treasurer** - Provides banking, investment, debt and cash management services for the county and all local governments within the county, except cities.

**District Court Judge** - Hears civil, small claims, criminal, and traffic cases.

**Public Utility District Commissioner** - Provides utility services and water planning in five counties.

**Thurston County Assessor - Four Year Term - Vote For One**



**Steven J. Drew**  
(Prefers Democratic Party)

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Since being elected four years ago, I have reorganized the office and cut management in half. In 2011, we eliminated the three-year backlog in appeals and the four-month delay in mailing annual valuation notices. We extended the appeals period from 30 to 60 days, giving the public more time to resolve concerns about property values. Today, appeals processing remains current and valuation notices have been sent out on time for the third straight year.

After substantial improvements, our website has become a state model. Now, residents can easily research sales, property characteristics and values. I have also advocated for changes

in property tax law to encourage small farms in Thurston County.

This Spring, the International Association of Assessing Officers awarded my office the prestigious Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration. We are only the third jurisdiction west of the Rockies ever to receive this award.

Four years ago, I came to you as a successful small business owner and asked for your support. Together we will continue to assure residents across Thurston County receive the highest level of service, respect, impartiality, integrity and equity in property assessments. Today, I ask you once again, please trust me with your vote.



**Carol Person**  
(Prefers Independent Party)

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I am a licensed real-estate agent with 16 years of management experience, and graduated from the University of Puget Sound in business and economics. I'm also the proud mom of a daughter who just graduated college.

Since the real-estate market collapsed, many families lost property value, causing them to owe more than their homes are worth. Their assessments *should* have gone down an equal amount, but their assessments *increased* instead! Talk about kicking people when they're down. It's time to bring *fairness* and *integrity* back—and to *take the politics out*—of the Assessor's Office. Under my leadership, your

homes will be assessed what they're truly worth—no more, no less.

I won't coerce county employees to donate to political campaigns. I'll treat all employees and citizens with respect, and I won't give employees reason to file personnel and legal complaints against me. I raised my daughter better than that, and I live by example.

Assessors from other counties have endorsed me. These experts recognize that Thurston County needs a new Assessor. Please help me bring change and fairness back to the Assessor's Office by voting for me. Thank you.



**Mary Hall**  
(Prefers Democratic Party)

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Thank you for the honor of serving as your County Auditor. Since elected last November we've already accomplished several of my goals. A top priority, we implemented new technology that will improve timely access to voting for those serving our country in the military. We've upgraded outdated voting equipment, and we'll see a complete return on the investment in five years. And as promised, we installed a permanent drop box at the Evergreen State College. These changes vastly improve voting access and will ensure accurate and timely election results.

The office is reducing waste by moving to a paperless online environment. We've cut costs

and will continually search for ways to reduce spending. We're working to ensure the county uses sound financial principles and performs routine internal audits to eliminate inefficiencies across all county government.

We are committed to developing innovative programs to build a more engaged electorate. We are reaching out to new and future voters through creative community partnerships and will approach future challenges and opportunities using both common sense and collaboration.

As your Auditor, I will continue to lead this office by providing superior cost-efficient services to the citizens of Thurston County. I value your support.

**Thurston County Clerk - Four Year Term - Vote For One**



**Linda Enlow**  
(Prefers Democratic Party)

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I seek to become your next Thurston County Clerk. My 21 years experience as Thurston County Chief Deputy Clerk, and my current work with the Washington State Administrative Office for the Courts, uniquely qualifies me. Under my leadership in Thurston County, paper documents dating back to 1847 were imaged and preserved, giving the public access to these important historical documents. I managed an annual budget of over \$3 million.

I'm a life-long Washington resident. Thurston County has been my home for 35 years. I have five children and four grandchildren. I've long been an active Democrat, including serving as

a Precinct Committee Officer and, for over 25 years, as State Senator's Campaign Treasurer.

As Thurston County Clerk, my top priorities will be to ensure that victims of domestic violence are provided with assistance and community resources; and taxpayers save money and time by the Thurston County court being a model for implementing the new statewide case management system. I commit to performing the duties of County Clerk honestly and fairly, providing outstanding customer service, and assuring a quality workplace. I ask for your vote to become your Thurston County Clerk. Please visit [www.LindaEnlow.com](http://www.LindaEnlow.com) for more information. Thank you.



**Yvonne L. Pettus**  
(Prefers Democratic Party)

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Yvonne Pettus is the clear choice for Thurston County Clerk because of her 31-year record of experience and accomplishments in court administration. A respected leader statewide, Yvonne has won key endorsements and support from across the County for this election because of her leadership, management skills and reputation for efficient use of taxpayer dollars. Yvonne's commitment to greater efficiencies while improving court services resulted in an 8% reduction in the 2014 Clerk's budget.

As our Chief Deputy Clerk, Yvonne was instrumental in the implementation of a paperless, electronic system that both improves

customer service and cuts costs. By working together with other county agencies, Yvonne has used her management expertise to make sound business process improvements while implementing the use of electronic documents for Superior Court video hearings.

As our next County Clerk, Yvonne will help protect the victims of domestic violence by expanding electronic court services to outlying areas of the County. This important step will help victims better protect themselves and their children through accelerated access to the court system.

The choice is clear - Yvonne Pettus is the experienced and accomplished leader we need in the Clerk's office.



**Karen Valenzuela**  
(Prefers Democratic Party)

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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 whether we will achieve this vision.

Throughout more than 25 years of public service, including five years as your County Commissioner and nine years as a Tumwater City Councilmember, I have approached tough decisions with common sense and compassion. I am very proud of what we have been able to accomplish the past five years, including approving our Critical Areas Ordinance, adopting

impact fees, and completing work on the Sustainable Thurston plan.

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 working toward long-term sustainable economic prosperity. I have been guided in this work by the values I share with those I serve, the vision we have worked together to create, and the leadership experience I've gained while serving in elective office.

I ask for your renewed support this year so we can continue working together to make our shared vision of Thurston County a reality.



**Bud Blake**  
(Prefers Independent Party)

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I'm a 25-year veteran with private-sector experience. I understand the importance of both government and local business in the county and the balance between them. I also place huge value on treating people right.

Thurston County needs attention in many areas. *The ARC jail* was built years ago and never opened. It's costing you nearly \$4 million/year as it sits empty. I'll take better care of your money than that. *Roads* are falling apart. Why? Because the money is being spent elsewhere, like the empty jail! This is unacceptable, especially when it's your family the firefighters or deputies can't get to in time.

We must restore funding for *public safety*. The Sheriff's and Prosecutor's Office keeps dangerous criminals off the street. I will protect *jobs* such as the union janitors from becoming contract positions. That's been tried before and it doesn't work. Those workers need to be hired back. Our *environment*: we need to clean up Capitol Lake and Budd Inlet now!

I'm committed to the people's business while taking politics out of decision making. I lead by example and will remember that I work for you. My door will always be open to you. Vote Bud Blake! Thank you.

## Thurston County Voting Center

# We're here for YOU!

Have you lost or damaged your ballot or need a replacement? Beginning October 15 the Thurston County Auditor's Office is your one stop Voting Center. Stop by, or request a ballot be mailed to you.

You can request a ballot by:

- Phone: (360) 786-5408 or TTY (360) 754-2933
- Email: [elections@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:elections@co.thurston.wa.us)
- Visit: 2000 Lakeridge Dr SW, Bldg. 1, Rm. 106, Olympia, WA 98502.

You may also vote on the AutoMARK™ accessible voting device at the Courthouse.

Voting Center Hours:  
Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm  
Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, 8:00 am - 8:00 pm





<p><b>Gary Warnock</b> (Prefers Democratic Party)</p>	<p>314 Country Estates Dr W, Rainier, WA 98576, (360) 446-6543, gcwarnock@ywave.com</p>
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I am honored to serve as your County Coroner. I have worked closely with our medical community, law enforcement and first responders for the last thirteen years and look forward to doing so for the next four years. I will continue to ensure that all death investigations are conducted professionally and that the bereaved are treated with the utmost compassion and sensitivity when dealing with the death of a loved one.

and awareness, I believe the Coroner's Office plays an active role in reducing these dangers by participating with our local schools and their programs that promote safe driving habits.

I am proud of my office, but more so for my superb staff and the work they perform, which is generally under adverse conditions. They deserve the credit for making this office what it is today.

Distracted driving by teenagers today is the number one cause of automobile accidents in their age group. Through public safety education

Thurston County Prosecuting Attorney - Four Year Term - Vote For One - Unopposed



<p><b>Jon Tunheim</b> (Prefers Democratic Party)</p>	<p>PO Box 13003, Olympia, WA 98508, (360) 280-3414, electjontunheim@gmail.com</p>
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I am honored to have served as Prosecuting Attorney these past four years and to lead one of the most talented and effective legal teams in the state. Together, we work hard to protect the community and provide critical victim services. Addiction and mental illness continue to pose significant challenges for our community. There is no better example of the impact of these issues than in downtown Olympia. I believe cross-system collaboration is the best strategy to address these challenges. In the next term, I will focus on strengthening existing connections and building new connections between criminal

justice, public health, and human services, to offer those caught in the criminal justice system because of addiction or mental illness access to services they need to reduce their risk of re-offending. Domestic violence and child abuse will also continue to be top priorities. All domestic violence victims should have access to the resources they need to seek safety. Likewise, offenders must be held accountable. Working together, we can set the standard that domestic violence will not be tolerated in Thurston County. I greatly appreciate the community support for our work and thank you for the opportunity to serve as Prosecuting Attorney.

Thurston County Sheriff - Four Year Term - Vote For One - Unopposed



<p><b>John Snaza</b> (Prefers Independent Party)</p>	<p>5024 Lambskin St SW Ste B, Tumwater, WA 98512, (360) 280-5333, thesnazas@comcast.net</p>
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During the past four years it has been an honor to serve as your Sheriff. I know the value that no law enforcement agency can operate at its maximum potential without supportive input from the citizens it serves. I believe my purpose as your Sheriff is to serve our communities by leading this Office to being open and responsive to changing conditions and needs, and recognize and respect diversity. I believe it is my responsibility as the Chief law enforcement officer in Thurston County to lead by example to keep the peace not only by enforcing the law, but also by working with communities to reduce problems by identifying and addressing causes.

Through my continued leadership, the employees of the Thurston County Sheriff's Office will value the diversity of all individuals in our communities and treat all with courtesy, respect, and dignity. The sheriff's office today has a group of dedicated, quality men and women who are committed to the safety, security and well being of our communities. I will do my best to live up to your expectations in continuing to move your sheriff's office forward and I would be honored to have your continue support as Sheriff.



**Shawn D. Myers**  
(Prefers Democratic Party)

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My name is Shawn Myers and it has been my honor to serve as your County Treasurer for the past four years. The staff and I have made substantial improvements to the office and *I ask for your support to continue this work.*

One of my main goals was to improve customer service in the Treasurer's office. Since taking office, I have expanded service hours an additional 10 hours per week, introduced electronic payment services for customers, and created payment plans for families struggling with back taxes - all of this at *no expense to the taxpayer.*

As the cash and investment manager of your tax dollars, I have taken steps to save money and ensure a safe rate of return. With new banking tools and staff adjustments, I was proud to not only keep the office under budget but to return \$200,000 to the county's general fund.

I will build on these successes over the next four years. I want to use this time in office to help struggling tax payers find relevant tax relief programs, utilize banking technology to satisfy county government obligations, and keep the office focused on you – the customer. *I would appreciate your vote.*

### District Court Judge - Position No. 1 - Four Year Term - Vote For One - Unopposed



**Kalo Wilcox**

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Judge Kalo Wilcox was elected four years ago to her first term on our District Court, today she's asking for your vote to continue serving our community. Four years as a judge and twelve years as a prosecutor for Olympia give Kalo the legal experience we need on the court. Her commitment to fairness and her strong work ethic make her one of our community's most effective judges.

Kalo believes that the District Court plays an important and unique role in our community. She deals with less serious crimes, which means often the people who appear in her court are at

a point in their lives when a good judge can help them reform and return to being a productive member of society. Judge Wilcox is committed to being that kind of judge.

Kalo and her husband Rob Bradley live in Olympia, where Rob is the Assistant Fire Chief. The couple shares five grown children. The couple enjoys running, biking and hiking.

### District Court Judge - Position No. 2 - Four Year Term - Vote For One - Unopposed



**Sam Meyer**

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I want to thank the citizens of Thurston County for giving me the honor of serving as Thurston County District Court Judge for the past six years.

Thurston County District Court is a high volume court which has contact with more citizens than any other court in Thurston County. Programs such as Mental Health Court and Veterans Court make Thurston County District Court a leader in developing innovative programs which help to reduce repeat offenders while holding people accountable for their actions.

District Court is growing as we now provide court services to the municipalities of Rainier and Tumwater. District Court is also continuing to innovate as we are transitioning from paper to electronic filing which will provide greater efficiency and access.

I very much appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve as Thurston County District Court Judge. Thank you for your support.



**Brett Buckley**

120 State Ave NE PMB 224, Olympia, WA 98501, (360) 464-7717

I am proud to have served Thurston County in District Court for the past twenty years. I ask for your support to allow me to continue to serve our community as a District Court judge.

District Court is home to a team of dedicated professionals responsible for handling the majority of our community's criminal and civil cases. The last four years have been and continue to be busy as we transition the court from paper to electronic files for greater public access. We also now serve as the municipal court for the cities of Tumwater and Rainier. The court prides itself on living up to its motto of "Serving Justice through Serving People" with the

fair, effective and expeditious resolution of cases before the court.

I am particularly honored to be the presiding judge of Thurston County's Mental Health Court and Washington's first Veterans' Court. These programs highlight the ability of the members of the Thurston County criminal justice system to think creatively in crafting and funding collaborative alternatives to the traditional criminal justice model. I welcome the opportunity to continue to work with this forward-thinking community.

Thank you for your support.

**Public Utility Commissioner District No. 2 - Two Year Unexpired Term - Vote For One**



**Russ Olsen**

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I am a lifelong resident of Thurston County. I currently serve you as District 2 Public Utility District (PUD) Commissioner. I also serve as the Director of the Washington State Pollution Liability Insurance Agency, where I work to protect and keep our water clean. I actively listen and fairly consider perspectives and ideas. As your Commissioner, I wait to hear both our expert staff and community members to evaluate any plan of action for the PUD.

The PUD Commission recently completed an asset management plan for the District. Now I will ensure we achieve the key outcomes of that plan. As a result, the PUD Commissioners

and the community have a forward-thinking plan with projected costs and replacement timelines to maintain, operate and enhance the entire aging PUD water system. I understand the importance of balancing needs for economic development while protecting and enhancing our natural resources. I believe in strong customer service for our utility ratepayers. I ask for your support and your vote. Together we can make effective and responsible choices for Thurston County. We all need clean water at an affordable price. With my experience and vision, we can keep that need a reality.



**Brian G. Hess**

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While serving 25-years in the Army, I volunteered as a coach and church youth advisor; appointed to Open Space Advisory Board of San Antonio, TX; and a master gardener while in San Angelo, TX. I also witnessed how important natural resources are as well as how quality of life issues can affect communities and individuals alike. I have learned that public policy issues typically have more than one solution, it takes community involvement, open discussion, and proper planning to develop and grow communities.

The Thurston County PUD has been effective with most of its challenges. Currently, the PUD is responsible for providing affordable water

and wastewater treatment to and for certain areas of the County. In addition to those services its Charter also allows the PUD to provide electrical and wholesale telecommunication services if they are approved by the residents of Thurston County.

Since it is the taxpayers of Thurston County that pay into the PUD, I would like to open a discussion on how the PUD can provide services to all of its residents and not just select areas of the County.

So please join me in these discussions and continue to move forward in the 21st Century.



### Chris Stearns

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Thank you for supporting Chris Stearns as your Public Utility District Commissioner!

Tanglewilde has a new reservoir, new and upgraded energy efficient infrastructure such as pipes, pumps, and wells are in place. The PUD, under a new agreement with the county, has rehabilitated 16 water systems. Water clarity, taste and pressure are improved. The PUD continues to manage most of these systems, along with 159 others it owns, seven acquired during Chris's term.

Chris helped create a fund to upgrade PUD vehicles to shrink the district's carbon footprint.

During his term, the PUD has saved money by moving to less expensive, and more secure, office space. Chris was instrumental in the PUD's first bond issue, reducing borrowing costs. Chris also helped pass and implement a program to help low-income customers pay water bills. He made sure Olympia had the assistance of PUD expertise with small wells, as the city worked to retain the site of its downtown artesian well.

A county resident for 37 years, and a trained biologist, Chris understands that our groundwater is a vital resource which must be protected for the benefit of all county residents. Your continued support will help prevent its future abuse.



### Dennis Pulsipher

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Dennis Pulsipher believes that every resident of Thurston County should have clean, safe and affordable drinking water. He believes that PUD customers deserve a Commission that oversees the PUD professionally and spends the customer's money wisely.

Dennis has a Masters Degree in Public Administration and a BA in Economics. He has proven experience in professionally appraising utilities. He has extensive executive management skills and currently oversees the administration of a large workforce. Dennis is experienced as the operator of a community water system for his homeowners association. These skills make him uniquely qualified to serve as your Thurston

County PUD Commissioner.

When elected, Dennis will be a dynamic advocate for the PUD in the community. He will develop strong partnerships with PUD ratepayers, other local governments and the business community. Dennis is respected for his sound judgment and professionalism, his ability to work constructively with his colleagues and for his skills as a listener who considers all points of view. For these reasons, he has been widely endorsed within our community. See: [www.Facebook.com/electdennispulsipher](http://www.Facebook.com/electdennispulsipher).

Dennis Pulsipher will be a strong steward of our water resources and our tax dollars. He respectfully asks for your vote.

## Remember to Sign your Voter's Declaration

### Your Signature Matters!

- Remember to sign the voter's declaration on your return envelope.
- We will compare it to the signature we have on file for you.
- Contact us at (360) 786-5408 if your signature has changed.

**Ballot drop boxes will be open October 15, 2014.**

They are free, convenient, and available 24 hours a day. They will be closed promptly at 8:00 pm on Election Night November 4, 2014.

**Lacey Area:**

**Lacey Fire 3, Station 34**  
(Mushroom Corner)  
8407 Steilacoom Rd SE

**Lacey Fire 3, Station 35**  
3701 Willamette Dr NE

**Lacey City Hall**  
420 College St SE

**Lacey Post Office**  
(Mailbox island)  
5815 Lacey Blvd SE

**Martin Village**  
(Parking lot by Taco Bell)  
5600 Martin Way E

**Woodland Retirement & Assisted Living Community**  
4532 Intelco Lp SE

**Olympia Area:**

**Church of the Good Shepherd**  
1601 North St SE

**Crain's Office Supply**  
(Drop box in front)  
1006 4th Ave E

**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**  
1515 Harrison Ave NW

**Haggen NW Fresh**  
(Parking lot, near Pier 1 Imports)  
1313 Cooper Point Rd SW

**Thurston County Courthouse \***  
2000 Lakeridge Dr SW

\*The Auditor's Office, Bldg. 1 Rm. 106, is the only place to get a ballot.

**Tumwater Area:**

**Black Lake Fire 5, Station 1**  
5911 Black Lake Blvd SW, Olympia

**Tumwater Timberland Library**  
7023 New Market St SW

**Tumwater School Administration Office**  
621 Linwood Ave SW

**North County:**

**The Evergreen State College**  
2700 McCann Plaza Dr NW, Olympia

**North Olympia Fire 7, Station 1**  
5046 Boston Harbor Rd NE, Olympia

**South Bay Fire 8, Station 1**  
3506 Shincke Rd NE, Olympia

**South County:**

**Bucoda**  
(Across from Liberty Market)  
103 S Main St

**Tenino School District Administration**  
301 Old Hwy 99 N

**Southeast County: Lackamas Elementary**  
16240 Bald Hill Rd SE, Yelm

**Rainier City Hall**  
102 Rochester St W, Rainier

**Yelm School Administration**  
(In lot across the street from bldg.)  
110 1st St N, Yelm

**Southwest County:**

**Grand Mound Center**  
19949 Old Hwy 99 SW, Rochester

**Littlerock Fire 11**  
10828 Littlerock Rd SW, Olympia

**Rochester Fire 1, Station 3**  
18346 Albany St SW, Rochester

**Steamboat Island Area: Griffin Fire 13, Station 1**  
3707 Steamboat Lp NW, Olympia



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**We are here for YOU!**

**Not registered in Washington State?**  
You still have time to register! Election staff are available to assist you! You must register **in person** through October 27 at the Thurston County Auditor's Office.

★ **Monday - Friday**  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

2000 Lakeridge Dr SW, Olympia, WA 98502  
Bldg. 1, Rm. 106.

**Need to update your existing registration?**  
Call: (360) 786-5408  
TTY: (360) 754-2933  
Email: elections@co.thurston.wa.us  
Visit: ThurstonVotes.org

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These pages contain the local measures certified to appear on the November 4, 2014, General Election ballot. Only voters residing within the district will be eligible to vote on these measures.

For each measure in the Local Voters' Pamphlet, the legislative authority of the jurisdiction placing the measure on the ballot is required to formally appoint committees to prepare statements advocating the approval and rejection of the measure. If the jurisdiction is unable to make such appointments, the Thurston County Auditor advertises for such appointments.

The Auditor's Office encourages you to thoroughly review all statements and seek additional information from the jurisdictions, the appointed citizens' committees, and the local and regional media.

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## Fire Protection District No. 7 (North Olympia) - Proposition No. 1

### Ballot Title:

**Fire Protection District No. 7 (North Olympia)  
Proposition No. 1  
Merger of Fire District No. 7 (North Olympia) into  
Fire District No. 8 (South Bay)**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Thurston County Fire Protection District No. 7 adopted Resolution No. 2014-07-08-01 concerning a proposition relating to a merger between two fire districts. If approved, this proposition would authorize Thurston County Fire District No. 7 to be merged with Thurston County Fire District No. 8.

Should this proposition be:

- Approved  
 Rejected

### Explanatory Statement:

This proposition would approve the merger of Fire Districts 7 and 8. The Merger Petition specifies that District 7 voters must also approve an increase in the property tax levy rate to \$1.50 prior to consummation of the merger. Therefore, both the Merger and Property Tax Levy Increase must be approved for the merger to proceed.

By merging, the two Districts would combine assets and become one agency, governed by a board consisting of the current Commissioners of both Districts. The board would be reduced to three commissioners over time through attrition in accordance with RCW 52.06.085. Tax rates would be equalized based on property values effective 2016.

The Emergency Services Integration Plan adopted by both Districts as a guide for implementing the merger calls for expansion of volunteer staffing to improve emergency service capability, continuation of a 24x7 staffed station in District 7, sustaining community outreach programs, proposing a 5-member board structure to voters in 2015, and retention of reserve funds allocated for real estate and facilities expressly for use in each originating District.

Statement prepared by: Joseph F. Quinn, Attorney

### Statement For:

Vote Yes for Firefighters and EMTs, Vote Yes for Merger

When you have a medical emergency or a fire, you expect your fire department to respond quickly with skilled and experienced EMTs and firefighters. Our department has a critical staffing gap that needs to be filled and merging is the best solution for our citizens. It takes 2 EMTs for basic medical response and 4 firefighters to enter a burning home. Today, our department averages 2.5 people on duty, including trainees.

With an older population, fewer people able to volunteer, and increased emergency calls, times have changed. Regulatory requirements have expanded and training requirements for volunteers have greatly increased. We now rely more on people from outside our district to serve. Unfortunately, a district our size has difficulty attracting and retaining outside volunteers.

When we don't have enough volunteers to respond, neighboring agencies usually come to help. They are there for us, but they also expect we'll be there for them. We often don't have enough responders on duty to help them. That is a relationship we just can't sustain. We must do our part.

District 8 has a working, fully staffed volunteer program. By merging, we can build on this program to make sure our fire station is fully staffed. Then we can be confident that firefighters will be there for our families when we need them. For citizen safety, your fire district needs to merge with South Bay District 8. *There is strength in numbers.* [www.citizensformerger.org](http://www.citizensformerger.org)

Statement prepared by: Sandra Parker (Chair – Citizens for Merger), Cynthia Walker, Heidi Behrends Cerniwey

### Statement Against: No statement against was submitted.

**Ballot Title:**

**Fire Protection District No. 7 (North Olympia)  
Proposition No. 2  
Levy Lid Lift**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Thurston County Fire Protection District No. 7 adopted Resolution No. 2014-07-08-02 concerning a proposition relating to the District's regular property tax levy. The proposition would authorize an increase in regular property tax levies in 2015 for fire protection and emergency medical services. The proposition would authorize the District to levy property tax in an amount not to exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2015, notwithstanding statutory 1% limitations on annual increases in property tax revenues. The 2015 levy limit will be used to calculate future levy limits as provided by chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be:

- Approved
- Rejected

**Explanatory Statement:**

This proposition authorizes Fire District 7 to Levy \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for collection in 2015 and to use that levy amount as a base for calculating tax rates in succeeding years, limited to 1% growth. The Merger Petition requires the increase as a precondition to merger. Therefore, both the Merger and Property Tax Levy Increase must be approved for the merger to proceed.

The District's current rate is approximately \$1.33. Based on property value estimates, if this increase is approved, 2015 revenue will increase about \$113,000 above 2014, at an additional annual cost of about \$42.50 for a \$250,000 house.

If both propositions are approved, this increase will provide additional funds for operations, expanding the volunteer program to improve emergency response capabilities, and assure equal taxation in both districts in the first year after merger. If the merger is not approved, but this increase is approved, these funds will be used to hire a new Fire Chief and District Secretary. Remaining funds will be utilized to improve operations and increase volunteer staffing.

Statement prepared by: Joseph F. Quinn, Attorney

**Statement For:**

Vote Yes for Firefighters and EMTs, Vote Yes for Equal Rates

Approval of a rate increase to \$1.50 is required for the merger to proceed. This is the best way for our department to increase volunteer staffing to provide effective service. If we don't merge, additional funds will be needed to hire a new Fire Chief and Secretary.

Our Fire Department needs more volunteers to provide effective service. Other departments help when needed, but it is not fair or realistic to be over-dependent on them. We must do our part. Volunteers must be trained, equipped, and receive a modest stipend, as they do in other districts. Merging and raising our rate ensures our fire station can be fully staffed.

Fire Districts also need periodic rate increases to keep up with inflation and mandatory regulatory requirements. \$1.50 is levied by comparable districts in our County. It is the realistic amount needed to meet the standards of today's fire service and provide the responsive service we expect. This rate increase funds effective service at a fair cost.

If we merge, setting our rate at \$1.50 to match District 8 up front provides fair and equal taxation in the first year and ensures financial stability for the combined district. Tax rates will be legally blended and equalized one year following the merger. If we merge at our current lower rate, the combined district will actually have fewer dollars available than the two Districts would separately. Approve a rate increase to \$1.50. [www.citizensformerger.org](http://www.citizensformerger.org)

Statement prepared by: Sandra Parker (Chair – Citizens for Merger), Cynthia Walker, Heidi Behrends Cerniwey

**Statement Against: No statement against was submitted.**

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**Fake write-ins cause delays and cost money.**

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Be an informed and responsible voter. Only write names of candidates you want in office who aren't on the ballot.