

2008 PRIMARY

**Official local
voters' pamphlet
for Clark County**

*Vote.
Let your
voice
be heard.*

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ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

BEAT THE RUSH! REGISTER NOW

Online at www.clark.wa.gov/elections or call (360) 397-2345

Dear Clark County Voter,

Earlier this year the U.S. Supreme Court decided that Washington State could use a “Top 2 Primary” to select candidates for partisan offices to advance to the general election. This is a victory for Washington voters who approved Initiative 872 in 2004.

We are preparing for our first “Top 2 Primary” in August 2008 now that this new system is no longer tied up in court. This Voters’ Pamphlet includes important information to help you understand how it works, including frequently asked questions and answers from Secretary of State Sam Reed.

Candidates will be on the primary ballot because they filed to run for a certain office. They may list a political party that they prefer, but they were not picked by a party to be on the ballot.

Likewise, you do not have to pick a party to vote in local, state, and Congressional races. You may vote for the candidate of your choice for each office, regardless of which party the candidate prefers or which party you favor, if any.

The two candidates who receive the most votes in each position will appear on the general election ballot for November 2008. After the primary votes are counted, the top two moving forward could be from the same party in some cases, because their total vote count is really what matters.

Please join me in celebrating the choices and freedoms we will be sharing this August by exercising one of our most precious rights as Americans – the right to vote.

Sincerely,



Greg Kimsey
Clark County Auditor

Beat the rush, register to vote ~ find out how on page 82.

Participating jurisdictions:

Clark County, East County Fire & Rescue, and Fire Protection District No. 10.

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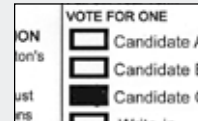
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A reminder to vote: It's really simple



Registering to vote

Registering takes only a few minutes, and you can do it by mail or online at www.clark.wa.gov/elections. Registration forms are available during business hours at public libraries, schools when they are open, city and town halls, and the County Elections Department.

Who is eligible to vote

The requirements for registering to vote are simple. You must be a

United States citizen, 18 years or older, and live in Clark County 30 days prior to the election.

How to vote

Clark County voters will receive their ballots by mail. If you are a registered voter in Clark County, we will mail you a ballot for every election in which you are entitled to participate.

The page "Voting instructions" (page 68) in this pamphlet explains how to vote using the Clark County voting process. Please read

the instructions in this pamphlet. We want your vote to count!

If you lose your ballot, or it becomes damaged, you can obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Elections Department:

Phone: (360) 397-2345

E-mail: elections@clark.wa.gov

Mailing address: PO Box 8815, Vancouver, WA 98666-8815

Street address: 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver

Be an informed voter. Here's how.

There are many sources of information for citizens wishing to know more about candidates, issues, and coverage of the upcoming August 19 primary.

Read all about it.

■ **The Columbian.**

Web site: www.columbian.com.

■ **The Oregonian.**

Web site: www.oregonlive.com/elections/

■ **The Camas/Washougal Post Record.**

Web site: www.camaspostrecord.com.

■ **The Reflector.**

Web site: www.thereflector.com.



League of Women Voters

For a schedule of events or candidate forums, see their Web site at www.washingtonvoter.org or call (360) 693-9966.

Cable TV

CVTV Clark-Vancouver Television on Comcast cable channel 23. Election coverage will include candidate forums and interviews of candidates in various races. See TV listings in *The Columbian*, cable channel 2, and the CVTV Web site, www.cvtv.org or call (360) 696-8233.

If you do not have cable TV you can obtain video tapes of any program at any Fort Vancouver Regional Library branch or from CVTV.



Surf the Internet.

- Information about candidates for statewide offices can be found on the Secretary of State's Web site at www.secstate.wa.gov/elections.
- Election coverage can be found on the Clark County Elections Department Web site at <http://clarkvotes.org>.
- The Fort Vancouver Regional Library has computers with Internet connections available for public use.



Top 2 Primary ~ Sample ballot

SAMPLE BALLOT PRIMARY AND SPECIAL ELECTION August 19, 2008		CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON Precinct 50
<p>MAKE SURE YOUR VOTE COUNTS by reading the voting instructions below and those printed on the other materials in your ballot packet.</p> <p>VOTING INSTRUCTIONS:</p> <p>1) Your ballot must be voted in secret and shown to no one.</p> <p>2) Use a black or blue ink pen to mark your ballot by completely filling in the box to the left of your choice(s).</p> <p>3) VOTE FOR ONLY ONE CHOICE FOR EACH OFFICE OR BALLOT MEASURE. Unless specifically allowed by law, more than one vote for an office or ballot measure will be an overvote and no votes for that office or ballot measure will be counted.</p> <p>4) To vote for a person not appearing on the ballot, completely fill in the box to the left of the "Write-in" choice and use the line provided. Write-in votes cast for partisan offices must include the candidate's party preference.</p> <p>5) IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE WHEN VOTING cross out the name of the candidate or choice you do not want. You then have the option of making another choice.</p>	<p>READ: 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.</p> <hr/> <p>FEDERAL PARTISAN OFFICE</p> <p>U.S. REPRESENTATIVE 3rd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT</p> <p>VOTE FOR ONE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Candidate A (Prefers Democratic Party)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Candidate B (Prefers Democratic Party)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Candidate C (Prefers Republican Party)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Candidate D (Prefers Republican Party)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in</p> <hr/> <p>STATE PARTISAN OFFICE</p> <p>GOVERNOR VOTE FOR ONE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Candidate A (Prefers G.O.P. Party)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Candidate B (Prefers Reform Party)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Candidate C (Prefers Democratic Party)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Candidate D (Prefers Green Party)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Candidate E (Prefers Republican Party)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Candidate F (Prefers Democratic Party)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Candidate G (Prefers Republican Party)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in</p>	<p>ELECTION OF POLITICAL PARTY PRECINCT COMMITTEE OFFICER</p> <p>Precinct Committee Officer is a position in each major political party. For this office only: If you consider yourself a Democrat or Republican, you may vote for a candidate of that party.</p> <hr/> <p>PRECINCT COMMITTEE OFFICER PRECINCT 050</p> <p>For a write-in candidate, include party</p> <p>VOTE FOR ONLY ONE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Candidate A Democratic Party Candidate</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Candidate B Republican Party Candidate</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in</p>

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This sample ballot is representative of the official ballot that voters will receive for the primary. Please note the instructions for both the partisan offices and the Precinct Committee Officer. Both of these represent changes from the last partisan primary held in 2006. The following four pages address many questions about the Top 2 Primary.

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Top 2 Primary ~ Frequently asked questions

from the Washington Secretary of State Sam Reed

What does this mean for voters?

In August 2008, the state will conduct a Top 2 Primary. Voters will not have to pick a party and will be able to choose among all candidates for each office. In each race, the two candidates with the most votes will advance to the general election.

What is a Top 2 Primary?

A Top 2 Primary allows voters to choose among all candidates running for each office. Voters do not have to declare a party affiliation in order to vote in the primary.

Candidates for partisan office may state a preference for a political party, which is listed on the ballot. Candidates do not have to be supported, nominated or endorsed by that party. The two candidates who receive the most votes in the primary election qualify for the general election. Candidates must also receive at least 1 percent of the votes cast in that race in order to advance to the general election.

What does the candidate's "party preference" mean in a Top 2 Primary?

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.

How did the Top 2 Primary become law?

The Top 2 Primary was passed by the people in 2004 as an initiative. I-872 passed by almost 60 percent.

What happened after I-872 passed?

In May 2005, the state Democratic, Republican and Libertarian parties sued in federal court to prevent its implementation. The political parties argued that the Top 2 Primary system violated their right to free association.

The federal District Court agreed with them and issued an order in July 2005 prohibiting the state from implementing the Top 2 Primary. The state appealed, but the Court of Appeals also agreed with the parties in an order issued in 2006. The state appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

What did the U.S. Supreme Court decide?

The court upheld the constitutionality of I-872. The Supreme Court reasoned that, since this form of primary has never been used, the political parties' challenge was based on assumptions. The court decided that it would not nullify the vote of the people based on speculation. To read the Supreme Court's opinion, go to <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/documentvault/USSupremeCourtOpinionDecidedMarch182008-2215.pdf> to download the PDF file.

Could a race in the general election include two candidates who prefer the same party?

Yes. The candidates in each race who advance to the general election will be the two who receive the most votes in the primary. It is possible that both candidates who advance to the general election prefer the same party.

Can a voter still write-in a candidate?

Yes. Each race on the ballot will still have a write-in line and you can write in the name of a candidate.

What offices are affected?

The Top 2 Primary applies to elections for partisan office. This includes the U.S Senate and House of Representatives, the State Legislature, partisan state-wide offices such as Governor, and partisan county offices such as County Commissioner or County Treasurer.

The Top 2 Primary does not apply to elections for president and vice president, or nonpartisan office such as judicial office, municipal office, or a junior taxing district such as fire district or school board.

The Top 2 Primary does not apply to an election for county office if the county has a charter and the charter specifies a different election system for county offices. This is the case for county offices in Pierce County.

Does the U.S. Supreme Court opinion impact the presidential primary?

No. The Top 2 Primary is for local, state and Congressional races. The presidential primary is a separate system that only applies to nominating candidates for president, and how the major parties allocate their delegates to the national conventions. The relevant statutes are RCW 29A.56.010 through RCW 29A.56.060.

Where can I find more information about the Top 2 Primary?

The Secretary of State’s Office posts information about Initiative 872, the administrative rules to implement Initiative 872, and the court documents in the legal challenge on its Web site at:

<http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/toptwo.aspx>

QUESTIONS FROM CANDIDATES

What does this mean for candidates?

Candidates must still file a declaration of candidacy with the County Auditor or the Secretary of State, depending on the office. Candidates will be allowed to state on the declaration of candidacy which political party they prefer, and that information will be listed on the ballot.

This is strictly an expression of *that candidate’s* preference. It does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with that candidate. For purposes of conducting elections, people running for office are not members of a particular party or candidates of a particular party. Rather, they are candidates running for office, and are provided the opportunity to express a preference for a political party.

When is the filing period?

The regular filing period is the first week of June. This year, that was June 2-6, 2008. Candidates may file in person, by mail or, if filing with the Secretary of State’s Office, online. Declarations of Candidacy filed by mail were received beginning May 16, 2008.

Are minor party candidates still required to conduct conventions and collect signatures in order to run for office?

No. All candidates use the same procedures to file for office and appear on the primary election ballot. The Top 2 Primary evens the playing field for candidates. Candidates may list any party as the party that they prefer.

Minor party and independent candidates for president and vice president are an exception. They must still collect signatures and obtain the consent of the candidates.

Can the political parties prevent a candidate from expressing a preference for their party?

No. Candidates are permitted to express a preference for any political party. The court ruled that the ability of candidates to express a preference for a party does not severely burden the rights of the party.

Can the political parties still nominate candidates?

Yes. State law no longer dictates how political parties conduct their nominations. Now, the state and local parties decide how to conduct their nominations. The rules for party-run nominations vary party to party, and even between the state and local parties. Political parties can nominate multiple candidates for the same race. The court stated:

Whether parties nominate their own candidates outside the state-run primary is simply irrelevant. In fact, parties may now nominate candidates by whatever mechanism they choose because I-872 repealed Washington’s prior regulations governing party nominations.

Can the political parties demand that their nominees be distinguished on the ballot?

No. The law does not allow nominations or endorsements by interest groups, political action committees, political parties, labor unions, editorial boards, or other private organizations to be printed on the ballot.

The Supreme Court ruled the political parties do not have a constitutional right to have their nominees distinguished on the ballot. The Supreme Court said:

It is true that parties may no longer indicate their nominees on the ballot, but that is unexceptionable: The First Amendment does not give political parties a right to have their nominees designated as such on the ballot. ... Parties do not gain such a right simply because the state affords candidates the opportunity to indicate their party preference on the ballot. “Ballots serve primarily to elect candidates, not as forums for political expression.”

Can candidates advertise themselves as nominees of a political party?

Yes. Candidates can promote themselves in voters’ pamphlets, advertisements, and other forums as the nominees of a political party.

After candidate filing week, can a major party fill vacancies on the major party ticket?

No. This process was specifically repealed in I-872 because there is no major party ticket in a Top 2 Primary. All candidates are treated the same.

A race will only be reopened for a special filing period if there is a void in candidacy, meaning no candidates filed during the regular filing period.

If only one or two candidates file, will that race skip the primary and only appear on the general election ballot?

No. Even if only one or two candidates file for a partisan office, that race will still appear in the primary election. It is only in nonpartisan elections that the race skips the primary when just one or two candidates file. The relevant statute is RCW 29A.52.220.

If a candidate for partisan office who was one of the top two vote-getters in the primary dies or is disqualified before the general election, will the party be allowed to name a replacement?

No. In a Top 2 Primary, a candidate's party preference is purely for informational purposes and does not play any role in the administration of the election. Because the candidates are not representatives or nominees of a political party, a party is not allowed to name a replacement candidate. The laws that previously allowed the political parties to replace deceased or disqualified candidates were repealed in I-872.



Ballot drop box on W 14th and Esther streets, Vancouver.

Voting instructions

Your ballot packet will be mailed to you about 20 days before the August 19 primary. It will contain:

- An instruction sheet that explains the voting process.
- The official ballot where you will mark your choices (it will be folded).
- A yellow secrecy envelope with instructions printed on it.
- A return affidavit envelope with green stripes that is addressed to the county Auditor.

To make sure your vote is counted please follow the steps below when you receive your ballot package.

1 Read the following instructions that explain how to vote in this election.

2 Unfold and read the ballot. It contains all the races and resolutions that you can vote.

3 Mark your ballot by completely filling in the box to the left of your choice with a black or blue ink pen.

Example: Candidate A has been chosen in the U.S. Representative race, and Candidate E has been chosen in the Governor race.

One candidate has been marked in each race and the box is filled in completely.

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4 *Optional.* If you want to vote for a candidate not appearing on the ballot, completely fill in the box to the left of the Write-In choice and use the line provided. If you cast a write-in vote for a partisan office be sure to include the candidate's party preference.

5 Check your ballot to be sure you have voted for all the candidates and measures you intended. Make sure you voted for only one candidate in each race. If you vote for more than one candidate, your votes in that race will be rejected. Your other votes will be counted if they are done correctly.

6 Refold the ballot in the same way you received it and place it inside the yellow secrecy envelope. Then seal it. Don't write on this envelope.

7 Place the yellow secrecy envelope into the white affidavit envelope with green stripes.

8 Open the flap on the affidavit envelope, read the oath, and then sign and date it.

If you make a mistake marking your ballot, draw a line through the entire candidate's name as shown below. You then have the option of making another choice.

VOTE FOR ONE	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Candidate D</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Candidate E</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in</p>	
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9 To fold the affidavit envelope please follow these instructions carefully.

- Start with the front of the envelope facing down and the flap open. *See (a) below.*
- You will see two glue strips. These need to be lightly moistened.
- Fold the flap over, and press firmly over the glue strips. *See (b) below.*

10 Put a first class stamp (42¢) on the envelope and mail it so it is postmarked no later than August 19.

You may also deliver your envelope in person. Please turn to page 83 for information about ballot drop locations.

If you need help, call the Elections Office at (360) 397-2345.



(a)

Glue strips

(b)

Accessible voting

Using the eSlate

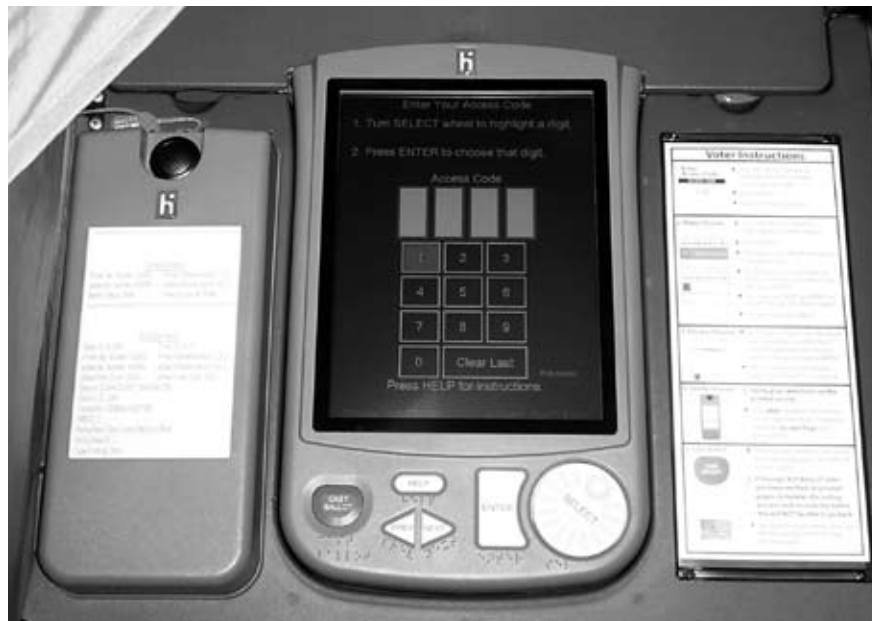
Clark County voters with disabilities now have the option of casting a truly secret ballot using an accessible voting unit.

The new eSlate accessible voting unit is a direct record electronic machine that allows voters with disabilities, including those who are blind, mobility impaired or lack upper-body dexterity, to vote privately and independently. The eSlate is in a booth that is wheelchair accessible. The photos to the right are of the eSlate, encased in its booth.

Beginning 20 days before each election this accessible voting machine is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Clark County Elections Office, 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver.

The elections office may be reached by taking C-Tran bus #1 Fruit Valley Route. You will be let off at Franklin Street and Mill Plain Blvd.

The top photograph shows a close-up of the e-Slate. The photograph below shows the e-Slate as part of the wheelchair accessible booth.



About the accessible eSlate

The eSlate is accessible in six ways.

- For those who cannot operate the eSlate using the buttons and wheel, special interface devices are available as shown here.
- For those who cannot see or read the eSlate screen, use the headphones with volume control to hear the ballot.



Accessible features

■ Those who are blind, visually impaired, or have difficulty reading can listen to the ballot. The SELECT wheel is the trigger to the audio. Turning clockwise moves the listener through the ballot. To hear something repeated, turn the SELECT wheel counterclockwise.

Those using hearing aids with a telecoil mode may use their neckloop rather than the headphones.

- The RED jelly switch is the same as the SELECT wheel. The GREEN jelly switch is the same as the ENTER button.

■ Voters with quadriplegia can use their sip-n-puff to move through the ballot. Sip to move through the ballot. Puff to mark your choice.



The accessible eSlate unit is in a wheelchair-accessible booth. If you are not in a chair but need to sit while voting, a chair can be used with the special booth.



Candidate statements

CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT No. 1

Only voters living in County Commissioner District No. 1 will be eligible to vote for Commissioner District No. 1 candidates in the primary.

Matt Swindell

Prefers Republican Party



I'm a candidate for Commissioner because I believe that we the people are the government as stated the State Constitution. I have experience in dealing with county issues, especially in North County, by serving as a councilman that builds coalitions between North County Cities. As a former small business owner I know what is required for economic development while preserving property rights and the environment. I will bring county government back to the communities and ensure more access and accountability. I am a responsive leader that intends to serve you with honor and integrity.

*Telephone: (360) 213-3947; E-mail: Matt@mattswindell.com;
Web site: www.mattswindell.com*

Pam Brokaw

Prefers Democratic Party



I'm running for Commissioner because I believe in Clark County. We can build on our successes and create new opportunities in Southwest Washington.

We can keep our neighborhoods safe. We can bring jobs supporting families. We can grow responsibly and within our means.

My experience as a reporter, in local government, as a Congressional staffer, and in the affordable housing industry, provides a unique combination of skills for the job. As your Commissioner, I will bring people together to find solutions.

This is a historic time for our county. We can move forward and change our course for the better.

*Address: Friends of Pam Brokaw, 1111 Main Street, Suite 400, Vancouver 98660;
Telephone: (360) 609-3527*

Pages 72, 73, and 74 all contain candidates for County Commissioner District No. 1. Please turn to the next two pages and read all seven candidates' statements before voting.

These statements are submitted by the candidates and are not checked for accuracy by any government agency.

CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT No. 1

Bridget Schwarz

Prefers Independent Party



I am an Independent candidate running for Clark County Commissioner. I'll give citizens a voice in county government.

My role as a community organizer gives me a solid understanding of local issues. My years of active participation in grass roots organizations means that ideas to improve our quality of life are not mine, they are *ours*.

Together we can manage growth, spread the burden of infrastructure costs fairly, preserve our natural environment for future generations, and build a strong local economy.

If you want a voice in Clark County government please vote for me – I'm a citizen, not a politician.

Address: PO Box 61522, Vancouver 98666; **Telephone:** (360) 573-5873;
E-mail: bridget@bridge-i-t.com; **Web site:** www.BridgetSchwarz.com

Craig L. Williams

Prefers Republican Party



As taxpayers, we expect a well-run government.

Pursue efficiency. Spend sensibly. Conserve the environment.

Raising my family cements my commitment to these principles. Working in the community, I am devoted to these standards. This is a dedication I look forward to sharing. Partner with me to build Clark County into a community where all of us can prosper, using competent government to improve our quality of life, without overspending your tax dollars. Vote for Craig Williams, for excellence.

Favor de Votar por Craig Williams para Clark County Commissioner. Trabajaremos juntos.

E-mail: info@CraigForClark.com; **Web site:** www.CraigForClark.com

Robert Nichols

States no party preference



I retired from BPA as a high-level manager, and previous business owner. I have an electrical engineering degree and a masters degree of business administration.

Major issues:

1. I have very strict requirements for future tax increases.
2. I support Dino Rossi's plan to finance a new *bridge* without tolls.
3. Before we precede with a *light rail*, that will have a major impact on Vancouver and require tax increases, we need to have concurrence from the people. I will support a yes or no vote on *light rail*.
4. Promote economic growth that will provide family wage jobs.

Telephone: (360) 573-2766; **E-mail:** nichols3467@comcast.net

CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT No. 1

Tom Mielke

Prefers Republican Party



Tom Mielke, successful former Clark County businessman of 18 years (employing 35 people) and 8-year State Representative is running for County Commissioner. A decorated Vietnam combat veteran, a father and grandfather, Tom resides in Battle Ground. Tom is dismayed by over-regulation and the business-strangling Clark County fee structure. Tom realizes the urgent need for jobs in Clark County and will focus on economic development and transportation as his priorities. He will work to protect private property rights and pledges to end intrusive government practices. Tom is voter tested and approved and is asking for your vote.

Telephone: (360) 687-1106; **E-mail:** TomMielke@q.com;
Web site: www.TomMielke.com

Brad Lothspeich

Prefers Republican Party



As a lifelong resident of Clark County, I am aware of the issues that confront us and the values we share as a community. Safe neighborhoods, transportation improvements, economic development, and smart growth are my priorities.

With a lifetime of community leadership, including 32 years in the fire service, 9 as fire chief and currently a manager in the private sector, I am prepared to lead us through the tough decisions to protect our quality of life.

We need strong, honest, and open leadership. My unmatched experience will move Clark County forward.

Please vote for Brad Lothspeich for County Commissioner.

Address: 6400 NE Highway 99, Suite G, #373, Vancouver 98665;
Web site: www.electbrad.com

CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT No. 2

Only voters living in County Commissioner District No. 2 will be eligible to vote for Commissioner District No. 2 candidates in the primary.

Martyn D. Butler

States no party preference



Yes! Martyn Butler for Clark County Commissioner, District 2.

Yes! For the Cowlitz Tribe to build a casino resort near La Center.

Yes! 3,000 new jobs with health care and benefits, plus an estimated 2,000 to 3,000 construction jobs.

Yes! Millions of dollars a year will go to local governments in lieu of taxes.

Yes! Livability must be a voyage of discovery that draws citizens together for our children's future.

Yes! Stop overregulation of developers and builders. Home ownership is an American dream.

Yes! For a Bonneville National Cemetery.

Address: Butler for Commissioner, District 2, PMB 85, 16505 A SE 1st Street, Vancouver 98684; *Telephone:* (360) 696-8568

Jeanne Harris

Prefers Democratic Party



I believe a new direction for our county is needed. We must create a sustainable, livable child-centered Clark County that will attract good paying jobs in a new green economy. Our citizens will save money and have options for healthy lifestyles because we will build green, have choices of walking, biking, or using public transit and all our kids can be in an after-school program to get help with homework, eat healthy foods and do something that sparks their imagination! With twelve years experience as an elected leader and your support I promise we will do these things and more!

Address: People for Jeanne Harris, Diana Smith, Treasurer, 14511 NE 49th Circle, Vancouver 98682; *Telephone:* (360) 896-0422; *E-mail:* jeanne@jeanneharris.com; *Web site:* www.jeanneharris.com

Marc Boldt

Prefers Republican Party



Working with your other County Commissioners, it has been an honor to help lead Clark County into a promising future.

As my first term ends we now have a growth plan that is realistic and pays for itself, a park system that is accountable to you, transportation infrastructure that will build roads ahead of demand, and a permit structure that will attract business.

We also have new sheriff deputies on the street, a sustainable way of attacking the meth problem, and policies that will result in protecting our environment.

I've proved my leadership and ask for your vote. God Bless.

Address: 19405 NE 112th Street, Brush Prairie 98606; *Telephone:* (360) 256-9025



Ballot measures

EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE PROPOSITION NO. 1

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS –

PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING REGULAR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROPERTY TAX LEVY.

The Board of Commissioners of East County Fire & Rescue adopted Resolution No. 87-04152008 concerning a proposition to impose a regular emergency medical services property tax levy of \$.35 per \$1,000.00 or less of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years beginning in 2008 for the purpose of providing emergency medical services to its citizens.

Should this proposition be enacted into law?

- YES
 NO

Statement for:

Until recently, an EMS levy existed which funded paramedic ambulance response to the citizens served by East County Fire and Rescue. This levy still exists in the cities of Camas and Washougal. Without this levy, there is no guarantee that an ambulance will be available when you call 911. Your yes vote will simply reinstitute the service within East County Fire and Rescue. Please vote yes!

Levy History:

The EMS program, started in 1978, has provided an enhanced level of emergency medical services for thirty years. The program includes: local paramedic ambulance transport, continuous medical training for all emergency response personnel, and community training in CPR and First Aid. Residents served by East County Fire and Rescue need to re-join the voters in Camas and Washougal who have overwhelmingly renewed this levy for nearly thirty years.

Levy Assessment:

At thirty-five cents per thousand dollars assessed property value, the levy will provide paramedic responders and the funds necessary to support replacement of ambulances and equipment, offset rising fuel costs, continue mandated training, continue community CPR and First Aid training and provide training and support to our firefighters and first responders.

Benefits Provided:

The levy provides funding for dual-function paramedic/firefighters and local low-cost ambulance transport service as compared to private companies. Funds generated will allow East County Fire and Rescue to discontinue billing for EMS response. Rapid response of a local ambulance based within the community improves patient outcomes and keeps our community safe.

Written by:

Kevin Bergstrom

Contact Information: Yes on EMS Committee;

E-mail: ems.yes@comcast.net; Web site: www.EMSyes.org

Rebuttal of statement against:

We couldn't agree more that we all need to prioritize our essential services. Paramedic ambulances have served the citizens of East County for over thirty years. A yes vote will assure the proper funding to ensure our safety once again. We cannot afford to lose this life saving, essential service. Please join us and vote yes for EMS.

Explanatory statement

East County Fire & Rescue seeks voter approval for an Emergency Medical Services property tax levy, as provided in RCW 84.52.069. Voters are asked to approve the levy of thirty-five cents per one-thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years beginning in 2008. This EMS Levy funds the continuation of Paramedic Ambulance response in East County Fire & Rescue’s protection area (the rural areas outside the Cities of Camas and Washougal).

Statement against:

I understand that having a paramedic ambulance arrive in the first minutes of a medical emergency can save lives.

I understand that if this Emergency Medical Services Levy fails, that Camas ambulance will stop serving our area.

I have concerns for the health and safety of East County residents if our paramedics go away.

I just wish that our Legislature would take the decisive action necessary to ensure that “essential services” like paramedic ambulances, fire departments and law enforcement get priority funding. However, the current property taxing system is a free-for-all.

Written by:
Ken Beaver

*No rebuttal of statement for
was submitted*

CLARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 10

PROPOSITION NO. 1

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS –
PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING INCREASE OF EXISTING PROPERTY TAX LEVIES.**

The proposition will authorize the Board of Commissioners of the District to restore its regular property tax levy to an amount not to exceed \$0.80 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for 2009. Such levy shall be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies. (This shall not be construed to authorize an excess levy and shall be subject to other applicable statutory limits.)

Should this Proposition be enacted into law?

- YES
- NO

Statement for:

Clark County Fire District 10 is requesting citizens consider their request for help. The District provides emergency response throughout a very large area, and outside of regular daytime business hours, with volunteers. As people move to the area, the demands placed on their volunteers grow. The volunteers are your neighbors, regular ordinary people that live in the community; like the citizens they have jobs, families and homes to maintain. As our community continues to grow, it becomes more and more difficult to ensure that these people with other responsibilities are available to help when needed. The District often requests assistance from other area Fire Departments, but when they are covering their own citizens, their services are not available.

In March voters were asked to approve an increase of \$0.45 per thousand dollars of assessed value. 18 percent of the registered voters said no, so the measure failed. We spoke with many of the voters and they told us the amount of increase was too much. This proposal is for a \$0.25 increase, and will allow the District to provide staffing for a swing shift in addition to the current daytime staffing. Even with this increase, the tax rate will only be \$0.80 per thousand, less than 10% of the total tax bill.

This proposal will allow the District to continue providing for high quality emergency services, at a tax rate of about half of what it costs the citizens of the Battle Ground, La Center and Ridgefield areas.

Written by:
Gordon Brooks
I Vote Yes for Fire/Rescue Committee
Telephone: (360) 607-8254

Rebuttal of statement against:

The District does encourage and accept new volunteers any time they are available. There are not enough applicants to meet the need. They have done the things Mr. Pearson suggests since they were formed in 1961, brush trucks, engines for much less, insurance and equipment. Before you vote, please find the truth yourself.

We would encourage people to contact the Committee or the Fire District to ask about anything they would like to know.

Explanatory statement

Clark County Fire Protection District No. 10 seeks voter approval as provided by the limitations set forth in RCW 84.55 to authorize the Board of Fire District Commissioners to increase its regular property tax levy to an amount not to exceed \$0.80 per thousand dollars of assessed value of property in the district.

Statement against:

Voters: Here they come again with scare tactics, trying to take your money for something that is not warranted. What is needed is more community spirit and involvement in a *volunteer* fire department just like the ones that are located throughout the county; they survive.

Does the word *volunteer* mean *paid*? Just as soon as you mention the word *paid*, here come the politicians with their hands wringing just like the “*school bond*” issues people. I know there are young persons who would love the chance to become a *volunteer* on their town fire department. All that is needed are the full-time training officers that are on the municipality fire departments (i.e. La Center/ Battle Ground/ Hazel Dell/ Vancouver) to have a training day scheduled once a month (Saturday) to teach the volunteers firefighting. Training officers have a flexible schedule with no added cost to the taxpayer, and we are already paying them.

Volunteers need to be provided turn-out gear/scanner and accident insurance (while firefighting only). This seems a lot more sensible, and less costly than 3 or 4 persons setting around a rural fire station; doing what? A rural station need only have a “brush truck” to respond and not a \$350,000 engine (pumper) that in all likelihood would not fit in some areas of responsibility. Besides, where are the hydrants to support the pumpers?

I urge all voters to vote “*no*” on this measure and stand firm with this “*no*” as they will be back again, and again.

Written by:
Mel “Skip” Pearson

*No rebuttal of statement for
was submitted*

Complete text of local measures

EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE RESOLUTION NO. 87-04152008

RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN EMS LEVY

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON AUGUST 19, 2008, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A PROPERTY TAX NOT TO EXCEED \$.35 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION IN ADDITION TO ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY, EACH YEAR FOR A PERIOD OF SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS, TO BE LEVIED EACH YEAR BEGINNING IN 2008 AND ENDING IN 2013 AND TO BE COLLECTED IN EACH YEAR SUCCEEDING THE YEAR OF THE LEVY TO PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE DISTRICT TO ENABLE THE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

Background: WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the District that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District that emergency medical services be provided by the District. Such services will necessitate

the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, equipment and personnel in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax levy for collection over the next six years beginning in 2009;

Resolution: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of East County Fire & Rescue, Washougal, Washington as follows:

Section 1. In order to provide emergency medical services, it is necessary that the District perform the following functions:

1.1 Obtain, operate and maintain emergency medical vehicles and facilities manned by properly trained emergency medical technicians and other medically trained personnel.

1.2 Obtain consumable medical supplies and medical appliances to equip such vehicles and facilities.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, the District shall levy each year for a period of six consecutive years beginning in 2008 and collect each year for a period of six consecutive years, beginning in 2009, a general tax on taxable property within the District, in addition to the regular levy for maintenance and operation costs, in an amount not to exceed \$.35 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of such property. The amount to be levied in 2008 and

collected in 2009 is estimated to be approximately \$532,493.

Section 3. In accordance with RCW 84.52.069 the funds raised by such levy shall be used only for the provision of emergency medical services, including related personnel costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures needed for the provision of emergency medical services.

Section 4. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at a special election on August 19, 2008, in conjunction with the state primary election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not such levy for emergency medical services, in addition to the regular levy for maintenance and operation, shall be made each year for a period of six consecutive years, the first levy to be made in 2008 and to be collected in 2009. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Clark County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections to call such special election and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION

East County Fire & Rescue – Board of Commissioners – Proposition authorizing regular emergency medical services property tax levy.

The Board of Commissioners of East County Fire & Rescue adopted Resolution No. 87-04152008 concerning a proposition to impose a regular

emergency medical services property tax levy of \$.35 per \$1,000.00 or less of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years beginning in 2008 for the purpose of providing emergency medical services to its citizens.

Should this proposition be enacted into law?

- Yes
- No

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of East County Fire & Rescue, Washougal, Washington, at a regular open public meeting of such Board on the 15th day of April, 2008, the following commissioners being present and voting:

Gary L. Larson, Commissioner
Victor N. Rasmussen,
Commissioner
Greg Cox, Commissioner
John E. Clancy, Commissioner
Scott Koehler, Secretary

**CLARK COUNTY
FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT NO. 10
RESOLUTION NO.
05-01-2008-01
RESOLUTION PROVIDING
FOR THE SUBMISSION
OF LEVY**

(SPECIAL ELECTION)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 10, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON AUGUST 19, 2008, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A PROPERTY TAX NOT TO EXCEED \$0.80 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION SUBJECT TO OTHERWISE APPLICABLE STATUTORY LIMITATIONS.

Background: WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the District that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District that fire and emergency medical services be provided by the District. The accelerated demands for, and increasing costs of, providing these services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, staffing, buildings, and equipment in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as limited

by the 101% limitation.

Resolution: NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Clark County Fire Protection District No. 10, Clark County, Washington as follows:

Section 1. In order to provide fire protection, prevention and emergency medical services in the District, it is necessary for the District to obtain, operate, and maintain emergency fire and medical aid vehicles and facilities staffed by properly trained personnel equipped with suitable fire fighting and emergency medical equipment.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to assure the continuation of such services, the District shall, in accordance with RCW 84.55.050, remove the limitation on regular property taxes imposed by RCW 84.55.010, and levy beginning in 2008 and collect beginning in 2009, pursuant to RCW 52.16.130, RCW 52.16.140 and RCW 52.16.160, a general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$0.80 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.

Section 3. The District currently levies a regular property tax at the rate of approximately \$0.59 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Section 4. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at a special election on August 19, 2008, the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of the District should be

restored to \$0.80 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Clark County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, to declare that an emergency exists and to call such election, and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION

Clark County Fire Protection District No. 1 – Board of Commissioners – Proposition Authorizing Increase of Existing Property Tax Levies.

The proposition will authorize the Board of Commissioners of the District to restore its regular property tax levy to an amount not to exceed \$0.80 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation. (This shall not be construed to authorize an excess levy and shall be subject to other applicable statutory limits.)

Should this Proposition be enacted into law?

- Yes
- No

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Clark County Fire Protection District No. 10, Clark County, Washington, at a special open public meeting of such Board on the 1st day of May, 2008, the following Commissioners being present and voting:

- Howard L. Cook, Commissioner
- Richard L. Johnson,
Commissioner
- Cheryl Vincent, Secretary

Beat the rush! Register now

Make sure we have your name and address correct

To vote for our next president in the November 4 general election, you must be registered. If you are registered already, you still need to make sure the Elections Office has your current name and address. You can take care of this right away and avoid long lines right before the general election.

Where to register:

- Online at www.clark.wa.gov/elections.
- In person at the Elections Office, 1408 Franklin St., Vancouver, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Through the mail, by sending the Elections Office a form available at public libraries, schools, auto license agencies, city halls, and town halls.

Where to report changes in your name and/or address:

- Online at www.clark.wa.gov/elections.
- Over the phone to the Elections Office at (360) 397-2345.

Where to ask questions:

- Online by sending an e-mail to elections@clark.wa.gov.
- Over the phone by calling Elections staff at (360) 397-2345.
- In person at the Elections Office, 1408 Franklin St., Vancouver.



Ballot drop-off locations

If you wish to return your voted ballot in person **before Election Day**, take it to the:

■ **Clark County Elections Office**
1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver
8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday through Friday
If you lose your ballot or it becomes damaged, you can obtain a replacement ballot only at this location.

■ **Red permanent ballot drop box**
West 14th and Esther streets, Vancouver (one-half block east of the Elections Office).
Available 24 hours a day

Election Day is Tuesday, August 19, 2008. If you wish to return your voted ballot in person **on Election Day** take it to the red ballot drop box before 8 P.M.

In addition, election workers will be present to accept completed ballots only on Election Day from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M. at these locations:

Clark County Elections Office
1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver

Battle Ground City Hall
109 SW 1st Street, Battle Ground

Battle Ground High School
300 W Main Street, Battle Ground

Burton Elementary School
14015 NE 28th Street, Vancouver

Chinook Elementary School
1900 NW Bliss Road, Vancouver

Crestline Elementary School
13003 SE 7th Street, Vancouver

Dorothy Fox Elementary School
2623 NW Sierra Street, Camas

Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School
2921 Falk Road, Vancouver

Felida Elementary School
2700 NW 119th Street, Vancouver

Fisher's Landing Elementary School
3800 SE Hiddenbrook Drive, Vancouver

Glenwood Heights Primary School
9716 NE 134th Street, Vancouver

Grace Foursquare Gospel Church
717 SE Everett Road, Camas

Hazel Dell Elementary School
511 NE Anderson Road, Vancouver

Helen Baller Elementary School
1954 NE Garfield Street, Camas

Hockinson Middle School
15916 NE 182nd Avenue, Brush Prairie

Image Elementary School
4400 NE 122nd Avenue, Vancouver

La Center Community Center
1000 E 4th Street, La Center

Lieser Early Childhood Center
301 S Lieser Road, Vancouver

Lincoln Elementary School
4200 Daniels Street, Vancouver

M.L. King Elementary School
4801 Idaho Street, Vancouver

Mill Plain Elementary School
400 SE 164th Avenue, Vancouver

Minnehaha Elementary School
2800 NE 54th Street, Vancouver

Pleasant Valley School
14320 NE 50th Avenue, Vancouver

Prune Hill Elementary School
1601 NW Tidland Street, Camas

Ridgefield Nazarene Church
747 Pioneer Avenue, Ridgefield

Riverview Elementary School
12601 SE Riveridge Drive, Vancouver

Salmon Creek Elementary School
1601 NE 129th Street, Vancouver

Sarah J. Anderson Elementary School
2215 NE 104th Street, Vancouver

Sifton Elementary School
7301 NE 137th Avenue, Vancouver

Sunset Elementary School
9001 NE 95th Street, Vancouver

Vancouver School of Arts and Academics
3101 Main Street, Vancouver

Walnut Grove Elementary School
6103 NE 72nd Avenue, Vancouver

Washougal Community Center
1681 C Street, Washougal

Yacolt Primary School
406 W Yacolt Road, Yacolt