

Douglas County Official Local

Voters' Pamphlet



General Election
November 8, 2022

2 Message from the Elections Department

Dear Voters,

Welcome to our General Election Local Voters' Pamphlet! State law now requires each county to produce a local voters' pamphlet for every election.

This pamphlet is a guide designed as a reference tool to help you make informed decisions. Inside you will find useful information about voter registration, deadlines for returning your ballot and ballot drop box locations. This pamphlet also includes candidates and ballot measures that may be on your General Election ballot.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that your vote counts and participation matters. Voting is an important opportunity to elect public servants of your choice and to help decide how tax dollars are spent. The freedom to vote has been secured and preserved by men and women who were willing to fight and sacrifice their lives for the right to be heard; this should not be taken lightly or for granted.

Remember, your vote is your voice!

Sincerely,

Douglas County Elections Department

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Local Jurisdictions Participating in the Election:

Douglas County, Douglas County Public Utility District, Douglas County Hospital District No. 2, Eastmont School District, Ephrata School District, Grand Coulee School District, City of Bridgeport, Douglas County Cemetery No. 2

Important Dates

Ballots Mailed October 18, 2022
18 Day Voting Period Begins..... October 21, 2022

Last day to register to vote:

Online & by mail..... October 31, 2022
In person November 8, 2022

Election Day November 8, 2022
Ballots postmarked by November 8, 2022
Drop boxes close @ 8 p.m. November 8, 2022

Douglas County:

Certifies the election November 29, 2022

Register to Vote



Register in person until 8 p.m. on Election Day.
But why wait? Update your registration today.

Log on to www.votewa.gov to get started. You can register to vote in person at the Douglas County Courthouse in Waterville until 8 p.m. on Election Day. For questions call 509-888-6402 or email at elections@co.douglas.wa.us

You may not be voting on every item in this Voters' Pamphlet. Use your ballot to identify the races and measures to review.



Douglas County Election Department

Contact Information

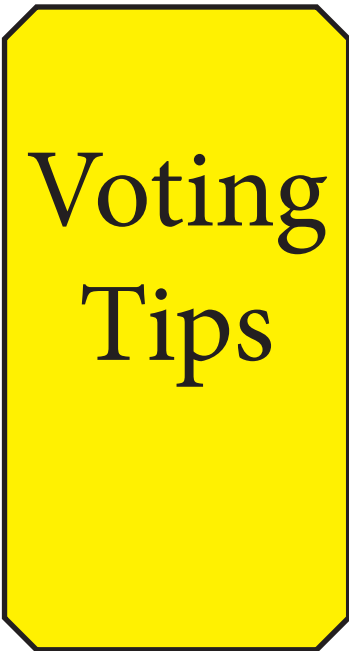
PHONE:.....509.888.6402

EMAIL:..... elections@co.douglas.wa.us

LOCATION:.....213 S. Rainier St
Waterville WA 98858

WEBSITE: www.douglascountywa.net

MAILING: PO Box 853
Waterville WA 98858



Filling out your ballot:

You may use blue or black ink. You do NOT need to vote for every race.

Signing your envelope:

Don't forget to sign the back of your return envelope so your ballot can be counted!

Returning your ballot:

Mailing your ballot? No stamp needed! USPS recommends dropping your ballot in the mail one week prior to Election Day to make sure it gets postmarked in time to be counted. Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day.
You can also return your ballot at one of our 8 ballot drop box locations. Ballot drop boxes close at 8 p.m. on Election Day.



Contact Information for Election Related Organization

Public Disclosure Commission:

View contributors for candidates and measures.
Visit www.pdc.wa.gov or
call toll free (877) 601-2828

Douglas County Democratic Party:

www.DouglasCountyDems.com

Douglas County Republican Party:

www.DouglasCountyRepublicans.org
dcrccemail@gmail.com

Accessible Voting

Returning Your Ballot 5



Douglas County voters with disabilities have the option of casting their ballot independently using an Accessible Voting Unit (AVU).

AVU's are available in the Auditor's Office starting 18 days before Election Day, until 8 p.m. on Election Day. AVU's are wheelchair accessible, screened from other voters to maintain privacy, and can accommodate your headphones or sip and puff tools.

If you have questions or concerns regarding accessibility, please contact the Douglas County Elections Office at 509-888-6402.

Replacement Ballot

If you have lost, damaged or did not receive your ballot, replacement ballots are available.

To get a replacement ballot:

- By email: elections@co.douglas.wa.us
- Online: www.VoteWA.gov
- By phone: 509-888-6402 or 509-888-6407
- In person: Douglas County Courthouse
213 S. Rainier St
Waterville WA 98858

Drop boxes are the best way to ensure your ballot will get to us on time! Drop boxes are securely locked and emptied by teams of two trained election officials. Drop boxes are the most direct and secure way to return ballots!

Boxes are open 24/7 beginning no less than 18 days before the Election and closed promptly at 8 p.m. on Election night.

Douglas County Drop Box Locations:

Waterville:

Douglas County Courthouse 213 S. Rainier St

East Wenatchee:

Public Service Building..... 140 19th St. NW

City Hall..... 271 9th St. NE

Office of Public Defense Building..... 110 2nd St. NE

Coulee Dam

Coulee Dam Town Hall 300 Lincoln Ave.

Rock Island

Rock Island City Hall 5 N. Garden Ave.

Bridgeport

Bridgeport City Hall..... 1206 Columbia Ave.

Mansfield

Mansfield City Hall..... 26 Main St.



During the General Election you will receive TWO voters' pamphlets, one local and one state. More information can be found at www.votewa.gov

Your Voting Rights and Responsibilities:

You have the RIGHT to:

- A replacement ballot
- Accessible voting materials
- Assistance when casting a ballot

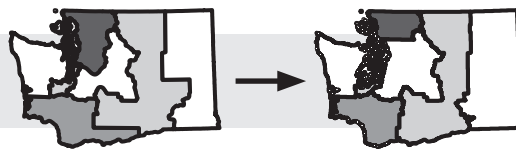
You are RESPONSIBLE for:

- Registering by the deadline
- Updating your residential and/or mailing address
- Returning your ballot by 8 p.m. on Election Day to an official ballot drop box or postmarked by Election Day.

Military or Overseas Voters:

Maintain your voter registration while in the military or living outside the United States. To register, use your home of record (or that of a family member). You may receive your ballot by mail, email, or fax. Contact us for more information.

Your district may have changed



Every 10 years, following the U.S. Census, legislative and congressional district boundaries are redrawn in a process called redistricting.

Redistricting ensures that each district has about the same number of people, which means equal representation in government.

As a result of redistricting, you may have been assigned to a new legislative or congressional district.

If you have changed districts, you will vote on different legislative or congressional races, beginning this year.

For more information about new district boundaries or the redistricting process, visit www.redistricting.wa.gov.

Ballots will be mailed

October 18.

If you have not received a ballot by October 25 or you need a replacement ballot call the

Douglas County Election office at:

509-888-6407
or 509-888-6402.



www.votewa.gov

Use VoteWA to:

- Register to vote
- Check or update your voter registration information
- View a list of your elected officials
- Contact your county elections office
- View your online voter guide
- Fill out or print a replacement ballot
- Find an official ballot drop box
- Check the status of your ballot

VoteWA is a collaboration between the Office of Secretary of State and all 39 Washington counties to create an advanced, centralized system for both voter registration and election management.

Did You Know...

- We offer an online version of the voters' pamphlet at www.VoteWA.gov
- We have drop boxes in all Douglas County towns.
- There is secure transport for all ballots coming from a drop box to the Douglas County Courthouse.
- Washington State is a non-partisan state. You do not have to pick a party when you register.
- All of Washington State has been vote by mail state since 2011.
- Votewa.gov provides voters with the ability to check registration, check voting history, see a voter's pamphlet, and more.
- All ballots are handled by teams of two. Election officials are never alone with a ballot.
- Election workers receive signature training from Washington State Patrol.
- You are not required to vote for every race and measure. Your vote will be counted for the races and measures you do vote on.

TOP 4 REASONS A BALLOT CANNOT BE COUNTED

- Ballot received with a late postmark.
- Signature on the ballot envelope doesn't match the signature we have on file.*
- Ballot envelope is not signed.*
- Someone other than the voter has signed the envelope for them.*

*If a ballot is not signed or the signature doesn't match the signature on your voter registration, the voter is mailed a form to correct the issue.

No photo
submitted

Jim

Ruud

(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted

Education

No Information Submitted

Community Service

No Information Submitted

Statement

I'm seeking my fifth term as Douglas County Assessor. With Washington's budget-based taxing system, the total tax to be collected is determined by the budgets of all the various taxing districts in which a property resides. The value of each parcel determines its share of this tax liability. As your Assessor, I strive to see that all real property receives a fair and equitable evaluation. I'm a fourth generation Douglas County resident I own and along with family operate the oldest continually working wheat and cattle ranch in Douglas County, established in 1883. I look forward to serving the people of Douglas County.

Contact (509) 745-8697 jruud78@gmail.com PO Box 442 Waterville, WA 98858

Unopposed

Douglas County | Auditor | 4 Year Term



Thad

Duvall

(Prefers Nonpartisan Party)

Elected Experience

I have a varied background with experience in farming, real estate, banking and county appraisal work. For the past 25 years I served all citizens of Douglas County overseeing various functions of the office including elections, licensing, recording, accounts payable, payroll and budgeting. I am a state and nationally certified election official. Our election office has conducted approximately 75 elections since 1997. I am past president of Washington State Association of County Auditors, Finance Chair for the Washington Counties Risk Pool, Licensing Committee Lead on Legislation, DOL Education Committee, County Representative on the AWC L&I Retro Pool Advisory Board, etc.

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted

Education

No Information Submitted

Community Service

No Information Submitted

Statement

It has been my pleasure and distinct honor to serve all the citizens of Douglas County since 1997. I have appreciated all the support from our voters who elected me County Auditor 7 times. I not only thank the voters of Douglas County but also especially my staff members past and present who worked tirelessly to provide excellent and efficient customer service to all the citizens of Douglas County. The world is very different now than when I was appointed County Auditor in 1997. I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead for county government and know that I and my team are up to the task. I pledge to serve with all my skill and ability in this vitally important office. As your current County Auditor I would be remiss if I didn't urge all eligible voters in Douglas County to register and vote in every election. Remember, your voice is your vote!

Contact (509) 669-4855 tlduvall@charter.net

Unopposed



Jenn

Biggar

(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience

Currently serving as the Douglas County Clerk of Superior Court.

Other Professional Experience

Nine years experience in criminal justice.

Education

Currently pursuing an AAS in Criminal Justice.

Community Service

No Information Submitted

Statement

I have had the pleasure of serving as the Douglas County Clerk of Superior Court since July of 2021. I came into this position with a strong understanding of the local criminal justice system. Since coming into office, my focus has been creating a service for Douglas County that is efficient, accurate and secure. I am committed to providing the highest level of customer service and would be honored to continue serving our community.

Contact (509) 760-7889 jennbiggar@yahoo.com PO Box 323 Waterville, WA 98858

Unopposed



Marc

Straub

(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience

I have had the honor of serving the citizens of Douglas County as County Commissioner for the 3rd District the last four years. In addition, I continue to serve as a Precinct Committee Officer.

Other Professional Experience

17 years as CEO for Building North Central Washington

5 years as COO for Total Office Concepts

Small business owner

Insurance agent

Restaurant manager

Education

Finance/Economics, Central Washington University

Community Service

Lions Club member

WVTSC Construction Trades Program Advisory Board member

Board member for several local community organizations

Statement

When I ran for County Commissioner four years ago, I committed to the citizens of Douglas County to prioritize economic development; responsibly maintain County infrastructure; decrease senseless regulatory burdens; support law enforcement and public safety; and tackle the affordable housing crisis. I have worked diligently to honor these commitments since taking office, and this has been illustrated by my track record. There is still more work to be done and I promise to keep fulfilling these commitments moving forward.

It has been a true honor to serve the citizens of Douglas County as your County Commissioner these past four years. I look forward to continuing my service to and representing all the citizens of Douglas County.

I would sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve you for another four years. Thank you for your support!

Contact (509) 387-7086 electmarcstraub@gmail.com PO Box 256 Orondo, WA 98843

Unopposed



Tanner

Bateman

(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience

Douglas County Deputy Coroner. Where I conduct investigations of all unexpected, unattended, and suspicious deaths.

Other Professional Experience

Worked with the Kittitas County Coroner and Johnston and William Funeral Home in Ellensburg. Where I learned the essential skills needed to conduct a thorough death investigation. U.S. Army active duty veteran.

Education

Wenatchee Valley Community College. Where I received my associates' degree. Central Washington University. Where I graduated with a bachelors' degree, majoring in biological sciences. Working to gain my certificate through the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators.

Community Service

Member of the Douglas County Sheriff's Volunteer Auxiliary. Member of the East Wenatchee Rotary Club.

Statement

I am running for this position because I care deeply about our community and assisting local families through one of the more difficult times in their lives – the passing of a loved one.

During my time as Deputy Coroner I have taken the initiative to build our county's coroner office to become a fully functional investigative coroner's office to meet the needs of our community. In the past year I have already instituted cost effective and cost saving measures. Like in-house transportation of autopsy cases that saves tax dollars instead of outsourcing to a third-party transportation company. I have also initiated the process to begin using virtual autopsies in lieu of the traditional invasive autopsy. Which I hope to utilize as soon as possible.

Going forward I hope to serve our community with innovation. I will obtain the State Accreditation for our county and will improve timeliness and response rates to each case that the Coroner's Office handles. Based on my experience and goals to improve this office, I humbly ask for your vote.

Contact: (509) 881-1230 tannerbateman12@gmail.com

Douglas County | **Prosecuting Attorney** | 4 Year Term



Gordon

Edgar

(States No Party Preference)

Elected experience:

Douglas County Prosecuting Attorney, 2019 to present

Other professional experience:

Deputy Prosecutor: Douglas County 1995 to 2018, Chelan County 1993-95

Private law practice: 1991-93

US Navy: 1980 – 85, Submarine Service, Electronics Technician, Honorable Discharge

US Army NG: 1985-86, 19th SF, Honorable Discharge

Education:

Lewis & Clark Law School, JD, 1991

Community service:

Waterville School Board for 20 years, Lions Club, Youth Sports Coach, Boy Scouts Leader

Statement:

My name is Gordon Edgar and I am running for re-election for Douglas County Prosecuting Attorney. It has been my privilege and honor to serve the citizens of Douglas County for nearly three decades as a career prosecutor. I have worked to distinguish myself as a principled and ethical prosecutor, honoring our constitutional rights, fighting for and protecting the rights of victims, keeping our communities safe, holding offenders accountable, and treating everyone with respect and dignity. Thank you for your support and vote.

Contact: (509) 745-8637 wagoed@nwi.net PO Box 472 Waterville, WA 98858

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No Photo
Submitted

Kevin

Morris

(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted

Education

No Information Submitted

Community Service

No Information Submitted

Statement

No Information Submitted

Contact: (509) 733-8459 mustangbasketballcoach1617@gmail.com PO Box 518 Bridgeport WA 98813

Unopposed

Douglas County | Treasurer | 4 Year Short/Full Term



Felisha

Rosales

(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience

In December of 2021, I was appointed Interim Treasurer for Douglas County and currently serve in this capacity.

Other Professional Experience

I have a combined total of 16+ years in the financial industry serving in both the public and private sector.

Education

Associates Degree from Wenatchee Valley College - 2007

Community Service

No Information Submitted

Statement

Born and raised in the beautiful Wenatchee Valley, I knew as I got older, I wanted to serve my community in some way. I was given that opportunity in the fall of 2014 when I was hired on at the Treasurer's Office. I bring forth extensive experience in customer relations, problem solving and the ability to think critically along with strong mathematical skills. I strive to perfect and streamline procedures while following the mandates required by the State of Washington to operate an effective and, most importantly, accurate office. I value what the Treasurer's Office does as a whole and find extreme importance in what we do for our taxing districts and the constituents of Douglas County. My goal is to provide a high level of quality service to those we encounter and work with daily.

Serving as Douglas County Treasurer for the past several months has been a huge honor and I'd love to continue serving in this capacity for the citizens of Douglas County for the next several years. Your vote and support is very important to me and much appreciated.

Contact: felisharosales4treasurer@gmail.com

Unopposed



Aaron J.

Viebrock

Elected Experience

This is my sixth year as Douglas County PUD Commissioner.

Other Professional Experience

I'm a fourth generation wheat farmer in Waterville. I own and operate our family farm with my parents and wife and children.

Education

I'm a graduate of Waterville High School and I have a degree in Agriculture Economics from Washington State University.

Community Service

In high school I served on the volunteer fire department. After college I went through the reserve academy and served in the reserve unit at Wenatchee Police Dept. and later retired from the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Reserve Unit. Currently I'm a member of the Waterville Shocker Booster Club.

Statement

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Commissioner for the last six years. I am looking forward to the next six years. Before I was elected to the PUD Commission, I didn't understand how fortunate we are to have a publicly owned utility. We are also very fortunate to have our own hydroelectric dam that produces 100% clean hydro power. The assets of the PUD are owned and controlled by the rate payers of Douglas County. There are forces out there that want to take away our local control. I am committed to preserving local control of our assets that we have all paid for and worked so hard for.

My number one priority as PUD Commissioner is to preserve our most important asset in Douglas County, which is Wells Dam. I will also continue to fight to maintain local control of our dam and the transmission and distribution infrastructure and to continue the build out of our fiber internet system. I am committed to maintaining affordable power costs.

Contact: (509) 421-0338 ajviebrock@hotmail.com



Randy Michael

Agnew

Elected experience:

My public service over the last 10 years includes; 5 years Rock Island City Council, 6 ½ years Mayor of Rock Island, 6 ½ years Link Board Member (Past Chairman), 6 ½ years Town Toyota Center Board Member, 6 ½ years Chelan-Douglas Transportation Council Board Member (Past Chairman), 6 ½ years Douglas County Port District Community Leadership Advisory Group, 6 ½ years Douglas County Solid Waste Board Member (Past Chairman), 4 years Chelan-Douglas Community Action Council Board Member (Past Chairman), 4 years NCW Economic Development District Board Member, 6 months Our Valley Our Future Housing Study Group

Other professional experience:

Software Developer

Education:

No Information Submitted

Community service:

No Information Submitted

Statement:

First, I'm not a member of any political party because I don't believe in being limited to any party's agenda. I believe an elected official's first priority is to use their office to do what is best for the people that elected them, not push a party agenda. I'm independent both by nature and politically. Generally, I lean conservative. My reason for running for PUD Commissioner is because, from my perspective, the PUD is not making decisions based on what is in the best interests of the citizens of Douglas County. Specifically their rate schedule for high load users, their power wheeling rate, and a policy of not providing high load users with power generated by the PUD itself. These rates and policies are driving away businesses that would like to locate in Douglas County. Consequently a lot of good paying jobs, high tech jobs, and a big boost to our local economy are being kept out of Douglas County. Furthermore, it is costing the citizens because we are not receiving the large tax revenues those businesses would pay if they were here. We should utilize our local resources for the greatest benefit of the people of Douglas County First!

Contact: (509) 679-7557 RA@Wolven.net



Eric C.

Biggar

Legal/Judicial Experience

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted

Education

No Information Submitted

Community Service

No Information Submitted

Statement

I am currently your elected Douglas County District Court Judge. Proudly living in Douglas County for 54 years, I was Deputy/Chief Criminal Deputy Prosecutor for nearly 23 years and have been on the District Court bench for the past 4 year. With over 30 years of experience in the courtroom, I possess the knowledge and judicial experience needed to maintain a healthy justice system in Douglas County.

Contact: (509) 632-8432 ecbiggar@hotmail.com

Unopposed

***No postage
needed when
mailing your
ballot.***

United States Post Office
recommends mailing your
ballot at least one week prior
to Election Day.



Notice to Voters

Candidate statements are printed exactly as submitted. We do not make corrections of any kind or verify statements for truth or fact.



Douglas County Hospital District No. 2 Proposition No. 1

SPECIAL ELECTION HOSPITAL DISTRICT ONE YEAR EXCESS LEVY

The Douglas County Hospital District No. 2 (Ambulance Services) Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution #83 on July 19, 2022, containing a proposition to finance maintenance and operation. This proposition would authorize the District to levy excess taxes upon all taxable property within the District in the sum of \$80,000, requiring collection of approximately \$0.36 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2023. Should this proposition be approved?

YES []

NO []

Explanatory Statement

Written by Jim Mitchell, Douglas County Civil
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Douglas County Hospital District No. 2 (Ambulance Services) provides medical services to Waterville residents including a clinic, which is contracted with Wenatchee Valley Medical Center, and its own ambulance services. The Hospital District is placing a one-year excess maintenance and operations levy on the November 2022 general election ballot to provide sufficient funds for these services.

If approved, this proposition will authorize the District to raise \$80,000, which is approximately \$0.36 per \$1,000 of assessed value on all taxable property within the District in 2023

Argument For:

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement in agreement.

If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.

Argument Against:

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement in opposition.

If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.



Check Your Ballot Status:

www.votewa.gov

Ballot Status Codes

During an election, track your ballot at www.VoteWA.gov. Ballot status will update as your ballot is received and processed. Please allow 3-5 business days for your ballot to be posted as received.

Ballot Status Categories

Sent - Ballot has been marked as sent by the county (date may be in the future).

Accepted - Signature review has been completed, the voter has been credited with voting, and the ballot is accepted.

Rejection/Challenged + Challenged Reason - Signature or ballot has been challenged. The county election official will contact the voter.

Challenge Reasons:

The status for this code could change during processing.

Hold Voter returned a previously issued ballot that has been superseded. If the ballot returned is the same ballot style as the current ballot, it will be counted. If different ballot style, the ballot must be held until 7 days after Election Day.

These challenge codes require action by the voter. The voter will be contacted by the local election officials.

Unsigned The voter did not sign the declaration on the outside of the return envelope.
Signature Does Not Match The signature on the return envelope does not match signature on file.
ID Required The voter registration has failed the ID check and must provide ID before the ballot can be counted.
Power of Attorney Is not allowed for voting purposes.

Eastmont School District No. 206

Proposition No. 1

BONDS TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND EXPAND AND RENOVATE SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Board of Directors of Eastmont School District No. 206 adopted Resolution No. 2022-05, concerning a proposition to improve safety, educational opportunities and outdated infrastructure. This proposition would authorize the District to: make District-wide safety and security improvements; expand and renovate Cascade, Kenroy, Lee and Rock Island Elementary Schools; construct a new Transportation Cooperative facility; expand Sterling Junior High School; reduce or eliminate portables; make District-wide infrastructure and critical capital repairs and improvements; issue no more than \$185,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 2022-05. Should this proposition be:

APPROVED []

REJECTED []

Explanatory Statement

Written by Foster Garvey P.C.

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would authorize Eastmont School District to issue no more than \$185,000,000 of general obligation bonds to: (1) make District-wide safety and security improvements; (2) expand and renovate Cascade, Kenroy, Lee and Rock Island Elementary Schools; (3) construct a new Transportation Cooperative facility; (4) expand Sterling Junior High School; (5) reduce or eliminate portables; and (6) make District-wide infrastructure and critical capital repairs and improvements. The School Board determined that these projects were necessary due to student and staff safety and security concerns and the need to improve and expand educational opportunities and improve outdated infrastructure. Further information is available at <https://www.eastmont206.org/>.

With passage of this proposition and issuance of bonds, the District anticipates receiving approximately \$14,200,000 in State construction financing assistance to help complete these projects.

The bonds will be repaid from annual property taxes over a period not-to-exceed 21 years. The District estimates a combined capital and bond levy rate of \$2.01 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2023. This rate produces an estimated monthly increase of \$12.25 for a \$400,000 home. The current 10-year, average combined rate is \$1.64. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call Douglas County Assessor at (509)745-8521.

Argument For:

Submitted by Robert Merrill &
Clyde Ballard- Eastmont For
Committee WSRP@gmail.com

These major projects are The Right Projects for The Right Reasons at The Right Time to continue our community's educational investment into the future.

What happens if it does pass?

- \$14 million in state construction grants available if approved
- Safety and security improvements
 - o Keep our children safe
 - o Keep our teachers and support staff safe
- Expand classroom space
 - o Less costly than building entirely new school buildings
- District has been flexible in grade configurations to efficiently use existing school buildings over the last two decades. This prudent financial management is beneficial to taxpayers who fund the schools.

What happens if it doesn't pass?

- Delaying maintenance on our schools will result in greater and more costly repairs in the future. Voting "yes" now will save us money in the long run.

Please vote "YES" for your schools!

Rebuttal of Argument Against

No rebuttal submitted

Argument Against:

Submitted by Lucas Gilbert-
Eastmont Against Committee
lukegilbert@sbcglobal.net

This resolution guarantees to raise our property taxes, upgrade athletic complexes, improve parking lots, and build a bus garage. Beyond that it does little to commit to replacing portables with new facilities and improving security. Although it is defined first in the proposition as well in the title, safety improvements are generic and are not tied to any specific campus. It does not address future student growth and instead offers replacement of an unspecified number of portable classrooms. With rising costs of living is this the time to pass the largest proposal ever requested with few guarantees. Don't we deserve to know what to expect upon completion before committing to invest? If passed does this proposition guarantee all current in use portables will be replaced? If passed does this proposition guarantee that all school campuses external doors will be alarmed and monitored? Vote no and demand clear end results.

Rebuttal of Argument For

Don't fall for the high stakes' sales pitch. This bond is more than double of any previously proposed.

- Construction grants will remain available.
- No details of what security improvements are planned.
- No information where the classrooms will be built.
- District flexibility came at the cost of our families. It resulted in a redistricting that pulled children out of school communities.

Maintenance is a budget item, not a threat. Vote no and demand clear end results.

Ephrata School District No. 165/55J
Proposition No. 1

**CAPITAL LEVY FOR TECHNOLOGY AND
 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS**

The Board of Directors of Ephrata School District No. 165/55J adopted Resolution No. 2021-2022-10, concerning a proposition for a levy for capital improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, to make technology and infrastructure improvements (including acquiring and installing computers, personal computing devices and network equipment; replacing field lighting poles and fixtures; repairing Transportation/Maintenance building; constructing storage facility):

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$0.69	\$800,000
2024	\$0.67	\$800,000
2025	\$0.65	\$800,000
2026	\$0.63	\$800,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2021-2022-10.
 Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY ... YES [] LEVY ... NO []

Explanatory Statement

Written by Foster Garvey P.C.

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Ephrata School District to levy taxes over a four-year period to pay for technology and infrastructure improvements throughout school facilities, including: (1) acquiring, installing, implementing and modernizing student and staff computers, personal computing devices, network equipment and other technology equipment, hardware and software; (2) replacing field lighting poles and fixtures; (3) constructing storage facility; and (4) repairing and/or improving Transportation/Maintenance building. The School Board determined the capital improvements were necessary due to the existing condition of technology equipment, infrastructure, systems and facilities, deteriorating and educationally outdated school facilities, and the needs of the District’s educational programs. Further information is available at the District’s website <https://www.ephrataschools.org/>.

The proposed four-year capital levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$800,000 each year from 2023 through and including 2026. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$0.69 in 2023, \$0.67 in 2024, \$0.65 in 2025 and \$0.63 in 2026 (estimated levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value). Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Grant County Assessor at (509)524-2560 or Douglas County Assessor at (509) 875-8521.

Argument For:

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Argument Against:

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Ephrata School District No. 165/55J
Proposition No. 2

LEVY TO PURCHASE SCHOOL BUSES

The Board of Directors of Ephrata School District No. 165/55J adopted Resolution No. 2021-2022-11, concerning a proposition to purchase school buses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, to improve safety and operational efficiency by purchasing new school buses to support the District’s aging bus fleet.

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$0.26	\$300,000
2024	\$0.25	\$300,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2021-2022-11. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY ... YES [] LEVY ... NO []

Explanatory Statement

Written by Foster Garvey P.C.

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow Ephrata School District to levy taxes over a two-year period to purchase school buses. The School Board determined that the need for improved safety and operational efficiency requires that the District purchase new school buses to support the District’s aging bus fleet. Further information is available at the District’s website <https://www.ehrataschools.org/>.

The proposed two-year transportation vehicle fund levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$300,000 in 2023 and \$300,000 in 2024. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$0.26 in 2023 and \$0.25 in 2024 (estimated levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value). Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Grant County Assessor at (509)524-2560 or Douglas County Assessor at (509) 875-8521.

Argument For:

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Argument Against:

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Grand Coulee Dam School District No. 301J
Proposition No. 1

REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND
OPERATION LEVY

The Board of Directors of Grand Coulee Dam School District No. 301J adopted Resolution No. 21/22-06, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$2.00	\$721,419
2024	\$2.00	\$775,525
2025	\$2.00	\$814,302

all as provided in Resolution No. 21/22-06 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY ... YES [] LEVY ... NO []

Argument For:

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Explanatory Statement

Written by Foster Garvey P.C.

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Grand Coulee Dam School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2022. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operation not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, teachers, nurses, special education, athletics, advanced courses, extracurricular activities, transportation, food service, and building maintenance. Further information is available at <https://www.gcdsd.org/>.

The proposed replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$721,419 in 2023, \$775,525 in 2024, and \$814,302 in 2025. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$2.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact tax levy rate and amount to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners, call the Grant County Assessor at (509)754-2011 ext. 2672, Douglas County Assessor (509)745-8521, Lincoln County Assessor (509)596-1454 or Okanogan County Assessor (509)422-7190.

Argument Against:

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City of Bridgeport
Proposition No. 1

ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX FOR
FIRE PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

The Bridgeport City Council adopted Resolution No. 22-14 concerning a proposition for funding enhanced fire protection, and community safety related services. If approved, this proposition would raise the sales and use tax rate by one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) to provide ongoing funding for the public safety purposes permitted under RCW 82.14.450. These would include new or additional fire apparatus and equipment, and related public health and safety services. The increase would become effective in 2023. Should this proposition be approved?

YES _____

NO _____

Explanatory Statement

Written by Julie Norton,
Ogden Murphy Wallace, PLLC

Sales and Use Tax Increase for Public Safety

If approved by voters, Proposition 1 would authorize an increase in the city sales tax of one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) for ten years beginning on April 1, 2023, to fund certain public safety uses as authorized by RCW 82.14.450. State law requires that the additional sales tax revenues may only be spent for fire protection and criminal justice (i.e. public safety) purposes as identified by the City Council. In recent years, requests for fire protection and public safety services have increased due to natural conditions (i.e. storms and wildfires) and population growth. Proceeds will enable the City to maintain or improve the existing level of fire protection now provided by its Volunteer Fire Department and Fire District 15 the cost of which is expected to increase due to the need to replace aging vehicles and equipment (including purchase a new fire apparatus and personal protective equipment), and increase fire (including, volunteers, paid staff, and contracted services). This tax would be paid by anyone who makes a taxable purchase in the City, including non-residents.

Argument For:

Submitted by Matthew
Schuh & Qristian Solorio-
Bridgeport For Committee
schuhm@spu.edu

With Bridgeport expecting to grow and develop in the near future, the need for a second engine will become necessary sooner than later. Having a second engine allows for backup and lessens the dependency and cost of relying on surrounding fire departments.

This small increase in the sales tax rate is only going to go to an additional engine and later fire fighting equipment. While other components of the city have funding mechanisms for replacement, such as EMS, the fire department does not. The addition of an engine would be accomplished by passing this measure and other grants or funding the city can acquire.

Passage of this measure goes along way in supporting our department with tools and apparatuses that they need to effectively protect the City of Bridgeport. Our department is made up of volunteers and our volunteers need the very best.

Please Vote yes on Bridgeport Proposition #1

Argument Against:

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Douglas County Cemetery District No. 2
Proposition No. 1

ONE YEAR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS
EXCESS TAX LEVY

The Douglas County Cemetery District No. 2 Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution #2022/001 on August 2, 2022, containing a proposition to finance maintenance and operations. This proposition would authorize the district to levy excess taxes upon all taxable property within the district in the amount of \$50,000, requiring collection of approximately \$0.26 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation upon all taxable property in 2023. Should this proposition be approved?

YES _____

NO _____

Explanatory Statement

Written by Jim Mitchell

Douglas County Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Douglas County Cemetery District No. 2 provides general maintenance, irrigation, and general cemetery services for seven District Cemeteries, in addition to operating the mausoleum and shop/office for the Waterville Cemetery.

In order to provide sufficient funds for the continued general maintenance and operations of these cemeteries, the District is proposing a one-year excess tax levy to fund these services.

If approved, this levy will authorize a one –year property tax of \$50,000, which will be approximately \$0.26 per \$1,000 of assessed value, in excess of the District’s regular property tax levy. This will be collected in 2023.

Argument For:

Submitted by Sandra Stoddard,
Jenna Dixon & Pam Wright
-Cemetery No. 2 For Committee
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Argument Against:

The excess Levy fate of .265 would have the potential to lower the amount the Douglas County Cemetery District 2 amount to operate in upcoming years with the passage of the aforementioned Levy Lift.

If both pass, taxpayers would pay approximately .38 per \$1000.00 of assessed property value in 2023, potential less, dependent upon assessed values.

Please vote YES on these levies to maintain the beautiful grounds of the cemeteries in our district. The grounds provide a place to heal. Cemeteries are vital to our community.

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Douglas County Cemetery District No. 2
Proposition No. 2

LEVY LID LIFT TO UPGRADE IRRIGATION SYSTEM

The Douglas County Cemetery District No. 2 Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution #2022/002 concerning funding to upgrade the District’s irrigation system. If approved, this proposition shall fund upgrading the District’s irrigation system. This proposition increases the District’s regular property tax rate in 2023 by \$0.03999 to a total authorized rate of \$0.1125 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The 2023 levy amount shall be used to calculate subsequent levy limits. Should this proposition be approved?

YES _____

NO _____

Explanatory Statement

Written by Scott B. Hershey
 Jeffers, Danielson, Sonn & Aylward, P.S.

Douglas County Cemetery District No. 2 is placing a single-year permanent levy lid lift on the November 2022 General Election ballot. The Cemetery District provides irrigation and general maintenance operations and cemetery services for the Waterville Cemetery, one mausoleum and one Shop/Office building, as well as six other rural cemeteries in the District. The purpose of the proposed levy lid lift is to provide funds for upgrading the District’s irrigation system. If approved, this proposition will authorize an increase in the District’s regular property tax rate in 2023 by \$0.03999 to a total authorized rate of \$0.1125 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The 2023 levy amount would be used to calculate subsequent levy limits.

Argument For:

Submitted by Sandra Stoddard,
 Jenna Dixon & Pam Wright
 -Cemetery No. 2 For Committee
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The levy lift lid would raise the current rate of .27 per \$1000.00 of assessed property to an additional 0.1125. The levy collection in 2023 would be used for specific area projects, for example, irrigation. Currently water is the major expense to the district.

The levy lift would allow for a perpetual funding with a 1% annual raise. The levy lift would also not require to be revisited in the future.

The funding is for Waterville Cemetery and the outlying cemeteries under this umbrella of Saint Paul Lutheran (Douglas), Happy Home (Farmer), Badger Mountain View, Kummer and Fletcher. Without funding, the maintenance of these outlying cemeteries would cease.

A YES vote would also maintain our affordable services, enable irrigation upgrades and provide proper equipment.

A YES vote will ensure a beautiful resting place for loved ones and a respite area for celebrating lives well lived.

Cemeteries are vital for our communities.

Argument Against:

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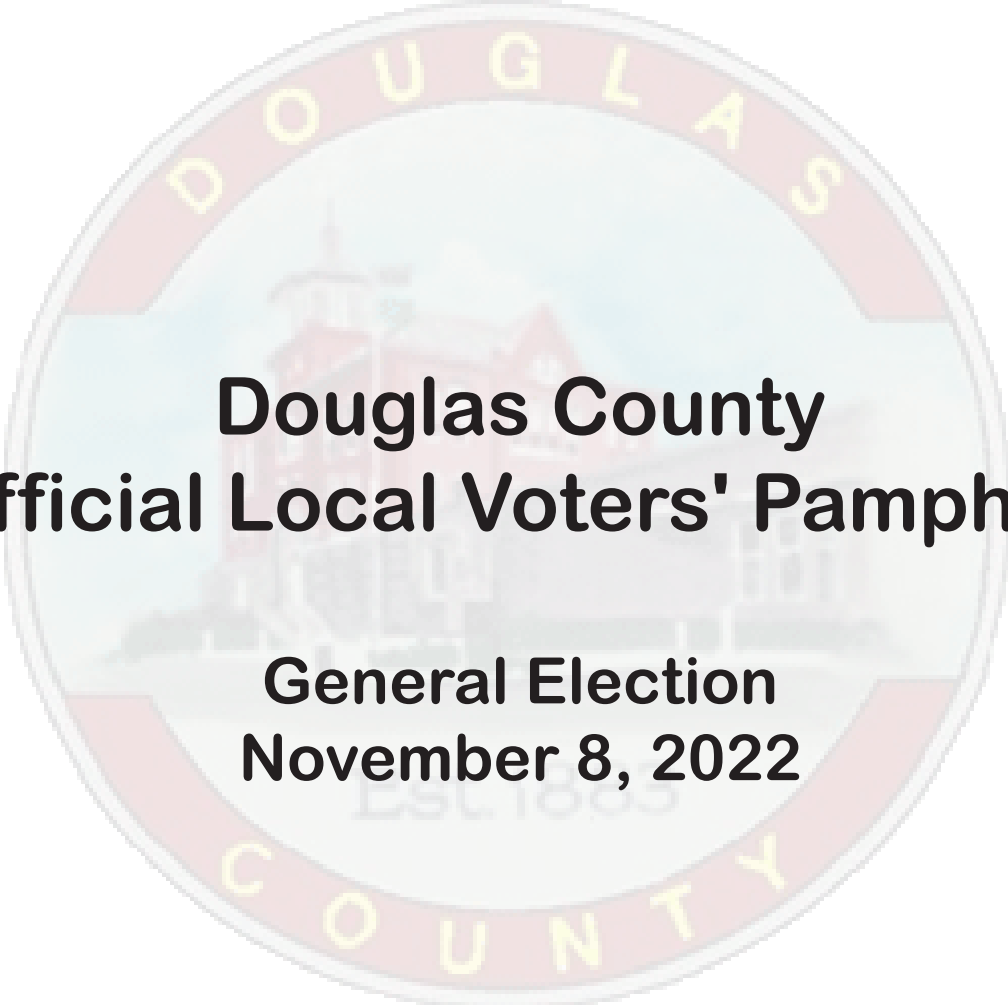


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