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# Voters' Pamphlet

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Dear voter,

This year, nearly all election races in Washington State are local. Your ballot will be dominated by races for port, school board, city council, fire district board, among others. While these contests might not receive the attention of high-profile federal or statewide races, they are very important because they have a direct impact on citizens' homes, schools and communities.

Your ballot also features local measures and statewide initiatives and advisory votes. Please read this voters' pamphlet carefully and use your online resources [www.co.franklin.wa.us/elections](http://www.co.franklin.wa.us/elections) to learn more about these candidates and ballot measures.

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Matt Beaton

November 7, 2017 General Election

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**James Dale Moore**

*(Nonpartisan)*

**No statement submitted**

**No photo  
submitted**

**Unopposed**

## Vicki Gordon

*(Nonpartisan)*



## Unopposed

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted.

**Other Professional Experience:** Founder, Co-owner: Gordon Brothers, Inc., a diversified farm (1978 - present); Gordon Brothers Cellars, Inc., a winery (1983 - present); Pay Plus Benefits, Inc., (1990 - 1999). Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) 2000-2006; Yakima Federal Savings & Loan Association Board of Directors (2003 – present).

**Education:** Colfax High School 1969 graduate, Colfax, WA; Washington State University, 1969 - 1971.

**Community Service:** Washington State University Foundation Board; WSU Advisory Boards for the Colleges of Education, Business, and Athletics; Lourdes Health Network Board of Directors (1994-2000); Columbia Basin College Foundation (1988-1994); TRIDEC Board of Directors (1998-2000); Tri-City Community Foundation Board.

**Statement:** I have been involved in my communities and agriculture since 1971. In 2000, I was appointed by Governor Gary Locke to the Community Economic Revitalization Board and served for Position #9, Small business East of the Columbia River for 6 years. This experience was a key educational opportunity for me to learn about public/private partnerships in Washington State to further advancement for Ports, waterways, rail, and the employment opportunities for Washington residents as a result of those partnerships.

As a member of the Port Commission, I would be excited to return to helping our community develop long term projects that would enhance the tax base and provide jobs in our district.

I have been married to Jeff Gordon for 47 years and we have one daughter, Katie, and her husband Marc Nelson along with 3 grandsons that are all working with us at the farm and winery.

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**Chance E. Trainer**

*(Nonpartisan)*

No statement submitted



**Unopposed**

**Kelly Cochrane**

*(Nonpartisan)*



**Leonard Van Buren**

*(Nonpartisan)*

No statement submitted



**Elected Experience:** No information submitted.  
**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted.  
**Education:** No information submitted.  
**Community Service:** No information submitted.

**Statement:** I attended Kahlotus Schools for 12 years as a student. I want my family and community to benefit from the strong academic education I received as a student long ago.

I feel that Kahlotus School District is the heart of our community, and needs to be cared for with sincere diligence and participation.

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**A. Joseph Roach**

*(Nonpartisan)*

No statement submitted



**Unopposed**

**Gary W. Jennings**

*(Nonpartisan)*

No statement submitted



**Unopposed**

## Patricia (Patti) Walker

*(Nonpartisan)*



## Unopposed

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted.

**Other Professional Experience:** Various education related activities and experience.

**Education:** BA in Education and Masters in Educational Technology.

**Community Service:** No information submitted.

**Statement:** Patricia (Patti) Walker has 33 years experience as an educator in North Franklin School District, and she has been a resident of the Connell area for 37 years. Patti and her husband, Bill, have lived, taught, coached, and supervised all kinds of school sports and activities in the district throughout the past 37 years. Their 3 kids have attended the schools in Connell, and they took advantage of many of the school district's activities and sports. Their experiences in the NFSD have prepared them well for success in their personal and professional lives, and Patti and Bill are exceptionally proud of them. Patti sincerely believes that her experiences as an educator, a teacher leader, patron, parent (and now grandparent) of students attending NFSD schools will be an asset to her as she serves as a director of the NFSD Board of Directors.

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**Terry A Utecht**  
*(Nonpartisan)*

No photo  
submitted

**Unopposed**

**No statement submitted**

**Kara Booker**

*(Nonpartisan)*

No statement submitted



**Unopposed**

**Pat Hailey**

*(Nonpartisan)*

No statement submitted



**Unopposed**

## Steve Christensen

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** Four year term - Pasco School District Board of Directors.

**Other Professional Experience:** Over 25 years experience as a mechanical engineer; small business owner; licensed mechanical engineer in Washington; fluent in the Spanish language; Leadership Tri-Cities Class XXII.

**Education:** Graduate of Royal High School, Royal City, Washington; Bachelor of Science degree from Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

**Community Service:** Served as church leader in local congregation; many years working with church youth groups; currently serving as Scoutmaster; Chairman of White Bluffs District, Boy Scouts of America; Pasco Youth Football board of directors.

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**Statement:** Education is vital to our success both as a community and as a country. In the time I have served on the Pasco School Board we have made some important changes that will set our district up for success.

There are several areas of focus that I think need to be addressed as we move forward. The first is our growth. We are growing more rapidly than our current facilities are equipped to handle and there is need for a long term growth plan. With that plan comes the need to be fiscally responsible. We need to make sure that our district is wisely using our resources. Finally, more than anything, we need good people if we are to succeed as a district. Teachers that feel appreciated, parents that feel their concerns are heard, leadership that has the best interests of everyone at heart, a community that rallies around our future (our youth) and helps them to succeed.

It is my goal to continue to work on needed improvements while highlighting and building on the many good things that are happening in our school district.

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## Brian V. Griffith

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** First Time Candidate.

**Other Professional Experience:** Assistant Vice President of Marketing – Gesa Credit Union.

**Education:** Master of Fine Arts (MFA) – University of Delaware; Bachelor of Arts (BA) – Chadron State College; Credit Union Development Educator (CUDE) – National Credit Union Foundation.

**Community Service:** Previous volunteer experience with Junior Achievement, Habitat for Humanity, the Mid-Columbia Mastersingers, and the March of Dimes.

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**Statement:** I am running for Pasco School Board Position #3 because I believe that as a community we have the ability and the opportunity to make our great schools even better. I grew up as the son of two English educators who taught me to always value and respect teachers and public education. Being a strong supporter of education has been a part of my life for all of my life. The City of Pasco and the Pasco School District are home to a diverse and vibrant community of parents, teachers, students, and residents. I believe it is the duty of our School Board to make sure that all of these groups of people have a voice at the table. Doing so will create the best possible educational outcomes for our kids. With the recent teacher strike, and school bond failure, I am concerned that community involvement and feedback is not being utilized in every decision and I will work to make open lines of communication a priority if elected. Pasco's students deserve a School Board that is prepared and ready to listen. I thank you for your consideration and ask for your vote.

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## Erin Hall Lewis

*(Nonpartisan)*

No photo submitted

No statement submitted

## Sherry Lancon

*(Nonpartisan)*



**Elected Experience:** No information submitted.

**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted.

**Education:** No information submitted.

**Community Service:** No information submitted.

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**Statement:** I am seeking re-election for office to make a difference in our children's lives and to promote student achievement in our community.

In my ten years of volunteer service to the Pasco School District, I have witnessed the district honoring the past, celebrating the present, and preparing for the future. As a present board member it is my job to listen to all members of the community, provide equal educational opportunities to students in all schools throughout the district, find common ground interests and values to advance healthy educational environments, and promote each student to achieve their full potential.

We are fortunate to live in a supportive and generous community. I will continue to encourage involvement from our business partners, parents, alumni, grandparents and honor the expectations of our community so the faculty and staff, leading our district can work towards improved outcomes and reach our full potential. I appreciate the dedication of the Pasco School District and look forward to building on the many successes and opportunities yet to come.

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## Amy L. Phillips

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** 4 years School Director.

**Other Professional Experience:** Homemaker and mother of many, Tutor/Student Tracker, Substitute Teacher, General Contractor/Home builder. Small business owner.

**Education:** Graduate Connell High School; BA in Mathematics Education from Brigham Young University, 1996.

**Community Service:** Classroom volunteer, PTA & ATP member, Foster Parent, Church Youth Group leader, Cub Scout leader. Boy Scout committee member.

**Statement:** My husband and I have 7 children with abilities ranging from special needs to highly capable. Our love of children led us to adopt one child and foster parent many others. We have children in Pasco elementary, middle, and high schools.

It has been a privilege and honor to serve. It has also been exciting to contribute to the District's improvements and cultural changes. Four years ago I promised to help improve three key areas: greater transparency, focus on student achievement, increased community voice. Communications have greatly improved through open forums, more engaging board meetings, televised meetings, and an environment of responsive leadership. Five powerful new goals drive the district toward higher student achievement. We are revamping and improving how we serve our highly capable kids as well as our special needs kids. We've implemented several new programs to help our kindergarten kids start and stay on track to graduate. We have new curriculum across the district and are working to make our schools more equitable and safe. Board meetings now focus more on student data and less on the logistics of running the district. I've been true to my promises and am ready to continue this important work.

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## Jeffrey A. Peterson

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** None.

**Other Professional Experience:** Project Manager, Operations Manager, Senior Safety Specialist, Operations Specialist and Enlisted member of the United States Air Force for 6 years.

**Education:** MBA in Project Management, BA in Organizational Management from Ashford University. MAS in Operations and Safety and BS in Business Management from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Airman Leadership School (USAF), Eagle Scout.

**Community Service:** Boy Scouts of America Leader, Sunday School Teacher.

**Statement:** I am running for the Pasco School Board because I believe in our students! As a parent with multiple kids in different schools throughout the district, I know that with the right balance of quality teachers, good facilities and quality teaching materials, students can achieve success.

As a parent with several special needs children, I know the struggle that parents go through to get the resources their children need to be successful in school. I have seen many good students overlooked due to not having the resources their special needs kids need to be successful, yet with the right resources they can be just as successful as the "mainstream" students.

Over the last several years there has been many challenges to both the students and parents within the district. There needs to be a change and I know that I can be that change and make a difference, especially in the needs of our special needs and struggling kids. I have multiple graduate degrees in management and operations and know how to get things done. My education background and work experience well qualify me to make the difference that is needed to ensure our students our successful.

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**Reed Wiswall**

*(Nonpartisan)*

No statement submitted



**Unopposed**

**Richard Wiswall**

*(Nonpartisan)*

No statement submitted



**Unopposed**

**Nolan Van Hollebeke**  
*(Nonpartisan)*



**Unopposed**

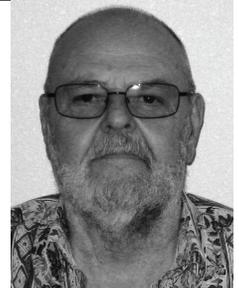
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**Lee Barrow**  
*(Nonpartisan)*

No photo  
submitted

No statement submitted

**Bruce "Blacky" Blackwell**  
*(Nonpartisan)*



**Elected Experience:** No information submitted.

**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted.

**Education:** No information submitted.

**Community Service:** No information submitted.

**Statement:** When I ran for Mayor in 2013, my platform was based on Change & Fiscal responsibility. I have always put the City's best interest first and special interest second, I am very proud of this fact. The following is my current legacy. 1. The Quiet Zone 2. Connell RR Interchange 3. Hired Jed for CA 4. Hired Chris for Police Chief 5. Hired Maria for CA 6. Brought stability to the Water & Sewer Funds with annual incremental rate increases to keep up with inflation and to maintain useful fund balances 7. Was fiscally responsible when using depleting Gen Fund Reserves 8. Put a TBD in place to stabilize the Street Fund and fund it using a fairer .02% sales tax instead of a tab fee 9. Pursuing a remedy at the Federal level for the removal of an unlawfully placed bridge that causes an ongoing flooding problem in our City 10. Working with the Bureau of Reclamation to secure the involvement of the SCIBD in helping to keep the Esquatzel clear. There is more to do and being the only full time mayor in the past 40 years, I would be proud to continue serving the towns needs.

**Contact:** No information submitted.

**John White**

*(Nonpartisan)*

No statement submitted



**Unopposed**

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## Patricia Barrera

*(Nonpartisan)*



## Unopposed

**Elected Experience:** None.

**Other Professional Experience:** Business Advisor-DOC/CRCC, Past Business Owner-Smokehouse Pit BBQ, Accounting Manager-Winebarger Farms.

**Education:** Associates of Arts & Sciences-Columbia Basin College.

**Community Service:** Volunteer-Connell Fall Festival, Volunteer-Central Washington Mental Health Sexual Assault & Suicide Hotline, Member-Connell Friends of the Library, Volunteer-Soccer Coach.

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**Statement:** I have lived, worked and raised my family with my husband in Connell for the past 30 years. I remember the thriving little town, with businesses, men and women softball leagues, and swim meets. Somehow this has changed.

I want to be the voice that speaks for citizens to help find bold solutions to everyday issues and to find opportunities that will develop the city's future. I care about our creating a family friendly community, which helps us define our long term and unique identity that will make others want to be a part of our growth.

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**Joe Escalera**

*(Nonpartisan)*

No photo  
submitted

**Unopposed**

No statement submitted

**Dave Wooten**

*(Nonpartisan)*

**No statement submitted**

**No photo  
submitted**

**Unopposed**

## Michael Robitaille

*(Nonpartisan)*

No photo  
submitted

## Unopposed

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted.

**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted.

**Education:** No information submitted.

**Community Service:** No information submitted.

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**Statement:** I am running for City of Kahlotus, Councilmember, At Large, Position 2 because I see a need to help the citizens of Kahlotus. The city needs to look forward to the future, not remain in the past. We need stronger city ordinances pertaining to dogs running loose & we need to be a community for families & people of all ages. The City of Kahlotus needs to be more than just a spot on the map.

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**J. Chris Thomas**

*(Nonpartisan)*

No statement submitted



**Unopposed**

**Robert Hagans**

*(Nonpartisan)*

No statement submitted



**Chadwick Davis**

*(Nonpartisan)*

No statement submitted



**Marcia A. Robitaille**

*(Nonpartisan)*

No photo  
submitted

**Unopposed**

No statement submitted

**Darrell Tarvin**

*(Nonpartisan)*

No statement submitted

No photo submitted

**Unopposed**

**Karen Sharp Bear**

*(Nonpartisan)*

No statement submitted

No photo submitted

**Unopposed**

**Kathy Chervenell-Brinson**  
*(Nonpartisan)*

No photo  
submitted

**Unopposed**

No statement submitted

## Marla Rico

*(Nonpartisan)*

No photo  
submitted

No statement submitted

## Blanche Barajas

*(Nonpartisan)*



**Elected Experience:** State Committee-woman 2014, Precinct Committee officer 2012-2014.

**Other Professional Experience:** Community Outreach Specialist, Public Relations, State of WA Licensed Insurance Broker.

**Education:** BA Business Administration, AA Criminal Justice.

**Community Service:** Volunteered 2 years before joining with Downtown Pasco Development Authority then as Vice Chair for Cinco de Mayo Planning Committee in 2017, Volunteer Board member for Elijah Family Homes, Mentor for A.L.A.S. (Ambassadors of Lakeview Achieving Success), Mentor with Ignite Youth Mentoring, Member of Latino Professional Development, P.A.S.C.O volunteer, Block-watch volunteer, past PEAK partner.

**Statement:** I am running for city council because through my work in Pasco, I have seen a need for change and an opportunity to be included in the City's decision making processes and shape our concept of inclusion and because my education and community involvement experience have prepared me to serve. I want to give residents a voice to ensure we have a vibrant multi culture economy, safe and welcoming community. My election will not only foster diversity but also give voice to women, young leaders, and the hard working groups of all ages.

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## Ruben Alvarado

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** None.

**Other Professional Experience:** Experience in Economic Mobility, Homeownership, Community Impact and as Pastor and founder of a local church.

**Education:** B.S. Urban and Regional Planning: California Polytechnic State University, Pomona. Architecture Design certificate: East Los Angeles College, Servant Leadership Development Coursework.

**Community Service:** Pasco Planning Commission, FDIC's Alliance for Economic inclusion - Small Business working group, Benton Franklin Community Health Alliance - Healthy Lifestyles working group, worship leader, volunteer VITA tax program site coordinator - free tax preparation for needy families.

**Statement:** I am running for city council because I believe that Pasco has a bright future. However, our district is currently underserved. District 2 has an abundance of resources to help all of Pasco thrive.

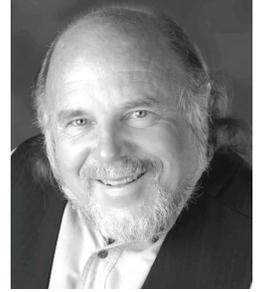
My experience working in community development and in the affordable housing industry has prepared me to represent our diverse community. I work to enhance the education of underserved students through afterschool and summer programs. In addition, I help families achieve their dreams of purchasing their first homes and help them build home equity; strengthening our city's tax base. I am a community servant leader and my experience demonstrates that commitment. I work in the Tierra Vida community with my wife Evelyn; where, we own a home and are building lifelong friendships. I am committed to a thriving local economy, safe neighborhoods, and local partnerships that will strengthen our families, community, and city.

As I listen to the people in our district I want them to know and truly believe that their voices matter and make a difference. I look forward to serving you and I respectfully ask for your vote in this election. Pasco, We Are Ready! [www.rubenforpasco.com](http://www.rubenforpasco.com).

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## Al Yenney

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** Ten years as Pasco city council.

**Other Professional Experience:** Filmed Pasco council for two and half years, had two hour show on charter cableTV.

**Education:** Graduated from Pasco High in 1964. Two years at CBC degree in Auto Tech. Have advanced training with Association of Washington Cities.

**Community Service:** Member of Pasco Kiwanis, Pasco Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, Kennewick Eagles. Have served on the CAC, Veterans Coalition and other boards.

**Statement:** I believe that government has to work for all citizens, be open and transparent. I have been a resident or had a business in East Pasco for over 45 years. As a councilman my job is to be an advocate for citizens. Keep Pasco a place to enjoy a quality way of life.

I will continue to be informed at council meetings. Issues will be researched & citizens will be contacted so I can make informed decisions. I would appreciate your vote and will work hard to retain your support. Thank you, Al.

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## Rick Rios

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** I have no previous elected experience.

**Other Professional Experience:** I've been a business owner since 1980 and an internet entrepreneur since 1995. I do consulting work in the social media arena.

**Education:** Graduate of Connell High School; AA Degree from Columbia Basin College; BA/ED from Eastern Washington State College.

**Community Service:** A member of Consejo Latino since 2014.

**Statement:** I believe in the importance of education because it develops people's ability to communicate and exchange ideas. The ability to communicate not only the importance of a message but to move people to action is the most powerful tool that a person can possess.

If we strive to communicate with our fellow residents, we can tackle the issues of economic development, the importance of making sure all our children receive the best possible education and the development of Private Public Partnerships. I believe that our city has the ability to be the jewel of the Pacific Northwest if we can communicate that message effectively to the entire community.

We will never reach our full potential unless we come together as one community and openly discuss the issues that impact our city and its residents. My promise to the city of Pasco is that I will strive in every way possible to make sure the city is receiving the truth and that everyone is being encouraged to become part of the solution. We are one city, one community and one big family. Somos Pasco!

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## Saul Martinez

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** Served on the Pasco School Board of Directors for 6 years, which two of those years were served as a Board President. Appointed on the City Council in June of 2010.

**Other Professional Experience:** Environmental Compliance Officer for Mission Support Alliance. President/Owner of Desert Plateau Transport Inc. Member of Leadership Tri-Cities Class XV.

**Education:** Graduate of Connell High School. Associate of Arts at Columbia Basin College.

**Community Service:** Volunteer for several non-profit organizations.

**Statement:** I am running for City Council, District 3 to continue my passion of providing opportunities for success and improving the quality of life for the citizens of Pasco. With my experience and passion for helping people, I believe I can continue to provide leadership that will move Pasco in a positive direction. For the past 13 years I have been serving the community in different capacities and have found a sense of satisfaction knowing that my efforts have provided growth for a promising future and opportunities for the citizens of Pasco. Through my experience in public service, I have seen many elements that are vital to a city ranging from economic development, to human needs and services. With a good common sense approach, innovative ideas and the ability to work well with others, I believe I can continue to make difficult decisions and provide good direction to help build a stronger community. I am aware of the many challenges that we face as a city and I am willing to be a part of the process to keep Pasco safe, vibrant and a quality place to live.

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## Dan Hatch

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** As a newcomer to Pasco City government, I pledge to not only listen to your concerns but act on them at council meetings in a manner that represents you, the public.

**Other Professional Experience:** I am a General Manager working for over 10 years in customer service and working with the public. As a General Manager I am constantly working on improvements and efficient ways to do things, being a team leader and builder.

**Education:** Pasco High School.

**Community Service:** I have in the past or currently have volunteered for Union Gospel Mission, Boys and Girls Club, Kiwanis and Children's Miracle Network.

**Statement:** My name is Dan Hatch. I am a father to three beautiful children and husband to my lovely wife of 12 years. I've lived in Pasco since I was a young teenager, attending Mcloughlin and Pasco High School and have lived in the area over 18 years now.

Pasco continues to grow and face the challenges of bigger cities and I look forward to working with the City Council and the community to improve focusing on tough issues. It is my belief that our City Council needs to focus on creating and maintaining a business environment that not only attracts and encourages new businesses to locate and grow in Pasco, but to keep up with our cities growth.

I feel strongly about doing my part in seeing to it that Pasco prospers and continues to be a city we are proud to live in. As your elected representative, I will always do my best to represent and support these initiatives and to keep the best interests of the citizens of Pasco.

I want to thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving Pasco as a member of the City Council. Thank you for your vote.

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## Pete Serrano

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** None.

**Other Professional Experience:** I'm an attorney for the Department of Energy where I advise management on legally defensible, practical decisions. Prior to employment with the DOE, I spent several years representing local governmental agencies and became intimately familiar with decision-making responsibilities and requirements for local governments.

**Education:** I received a bachelor's degree in Italian from the University of California, Davis; Juris Doctor from Florida Coastal School of Law; Master of Laws from Vermont Law School.

**Community Service:** My current community service includes: overseeing the needs (financing, welfare, instruction, etc.) for over 3,000 members and 12 congregations and providing weekly youth instruction.

**Statement:** Pasco is a great city which has even greater potential. As a City Council member, it will be my duty to ensure that the Pasco reaches its potential by implementing "smart growth" strategies. Smart growth gives back to the community, families, and the youth. Smart growth does five things: (1) Strengthens and unifies the community and families, (2) Ensures we have exceptional educational facilities, (3) Provides top-notch recreational facilities, (4) Attracts new business opportunities, while allowing existing businesses to grow, and (5) Maintains Pasco's uniqueness and incorporates new, positive features.

One of the current City Council's goals is to determine the feasibility of an aquatic recreation facility. This idea has been discussed for years. Let's stop talking and start building!

Pasco schools don't receive adequate attention. The City Council must work with the School Board to adequately fund our schools. The City Council must also work with the state to ensure it receives promised "match funding," for school facilities.

As Pasco continues to grow, education and family friendly recreational facilities must be our top priorities. By utilizing the five smart growth principles, Pasco will be a united community. We will be a better Pasco. Let's work together and achieve more!

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## Rebecca Francik

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** Pasco City Council 1996 – present, Association of Washington Cities 2002-2012.

**Other Professional Experience:** Secretary, Para Professional, Library Clerk and Nationally board certified teacher-librarian, Pasco School District.

**Education:** Bachelor of Science, Agronomy, Washington State University; Master in Teaching, Heritage University; Master in Library Information Science, University of Washington.

**Community Service:** Leoff 1 Board, Tri-Cities Regional Public Facilities Board.

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**Statement:** You re-elected me, Rebecca Francik, in 2015, and I promised to make Pasco a better place to live, work, and play. I have kept those promises. My votes on the Pasco City Council have strategically and efficiently invested your tax dollars. Thus, we brought \$91 million dollars of industrial development into Pasco last year alone. We secured money for the Lewis Street Overpass, held public hearings for 500 acres being developed at Rd. 100, opened a new fire station on Rd 84, constructed a new Police Community Services Facility, while dropping the crime rate and your city tax rate.

I voted to improve opportunities for minority representation on Pasco’s council, saving you millions of dollars in potential court costs. We are now named by independent surveys as one of the best cities to live, work, and buy a home.

This success is not accidental! It is the result of your participation in community surveys and public meetings. We took your comments and used them to improve and provide the services you asked for.

I have a consistent record of knowledgeable honest service. I want to continue representing you. I, Rebecca Francik, want your vote. For more information see [VoteFrancik.com](http://VoteFrancik.com).

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## David Milne

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** Pasco Parks and Recreation Board, Franklin County Committeeman for Republican Party, International Chair for Sunrise Rotary.

**Other Professional Experience:** I own and operate Milne PowerTool and Repair.

**Education:** Graduated from CBC, took business classes at WSU Tri-Cities, participated in the American/German foreign exchange program while in college and started my own business at the age of 21.

**Community Service:** Sunrise Rotary, Leadership Tri-Cities Class XXII, Treasurer for the Franklin County Republican Party, also served as a head coach for Pasco Youth Football for two years.

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**Statement:** I am running for city council because it is time for the next generation of Pasco leaders to step up, get involved, and ensure that Pasco remains a safe and affordable place to live. I bought my first house here with the hopes of raising a family, expanding our business and being able to give back to the community. My wife and I are now raising four kids and we want them to prosper here in Pasco. The 21 years that I have managed Milne Nail Power Tool and Repair in Pasco has enabled me to make measured and balanced decisions which I plan to incorporate into dealing with the city budget. I’m also active in our community by being an active member in sponsoring different charitable events, representing our city at the state level and serving on the Parks and Recreation Board.

Pasco is currently experiencing many challenges and it is time for new ideas and bold action. Pasco needs a candidate who is experienced, honest, dedicated to the job, and puts the interests of the people of Pasco first. I am that candidate. I would be greatly honored to have your support.

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## Craig Maloney

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** None.

**Other Professional Experience:** Risk Management professional supporting the Hanford cleanup mission.

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Applied Math from the University of Washington. Leadership Tri-Cities graduate, class 18. Pasco Police Citizens Academy graduate.

**Community Service:** Co-founded the Pasco Taco Crawl, which has raised over \$12,000 for the Boys and Girls Clubs since 2016, increased sales at small local Hispanic businesses, and brought 1,000 people to explore Downtown Pasco, many for the first time. Pasco Public Facilities District Treasurer, working to bring a water park to Pasco. "Somos Pasco" steering committee member, developing an economic vision for the greater Pasco area.

**Statement:** Pasco has been my family's home for the last 10 years. I was born and raised in Kennewick, I've lived in Richland and I work in Richland. Pasco has welcomed me with open arms and responded in kind to my energy, my excitement, my ideas, my hard work and though I love the whole Tri-Cities, Pasco has won my heart.

I am passionate about improving Pasco for my children and those of my friends and neighbors. I am focused on education, especially outside of the classroom. With two children attending Pasco schools, I have a deep passion for ensuring that all children in Pasco are primed for success.

I want to grow Pasco's job market. We need to invest in Downtown Pasco and draw entrepreneurs. We need to improve our infrastructure to attract more businesses.

I am married to the daughter of a Hispanic immigrant, and see a need to bring the community together as one. I understand how important it is for Pasco residents to feel they are fairly treated, no matter their race or income. We need to embrace our diversity as our greatest strength. Somos Pasco - we are Pasco. Please visit [MaloneyForPasco.com](http://MaloneyForPasco.com) to learn more!

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## Bob Hoffmann

(Nonpartisan)



**Elected Experience:** Pasco City Council 12 years.

**Other Professional Experience:** Property owner/manager. Past electrical estimator, cost and schedule engineer, and specifications writer at Hanford; adjunct instructor of business law and paralegal classes at CBC.

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree from John Brown University, Building Construction and Design; and an MBA from Portland State University; first year law studies from Oak Brook College of Law. Association of Washington Cities, Certificate of Municipal Leadership and Advanced Certificate.

**Community Service:** President, Franklin County Mosquito Control Board. Volunteer at Union Gospel Mission. Rescue boat community fundraiser. Past church treasurer and finance committee, and past treasurer for the Franklin County Republican Party.

**Statement:** As your council member, I have helped negotiate favorable outcomes with service providers and regional governments. I advocate aggressively for small businesses and am your voice for sound financial policy and support property, privacy, and religious freedom rights. Providing affordable housing in District 6 for the past 16 years keeps me connected with families who contribute to our culture and economy. Working and living near Pasco's historic downtown allows me to represent everyone in our district. My priorities include support for mental health initiatives and a landmark overpass design for Lewis Street.

Cities enjoy stability when its leaders bring together experience, integrity and insight. However, we also need creative solutions to guide Pasco's virtual explosion in growth and diversity. We must uphold respect for law to enable our police department to continue reducing crime. Pasco must continue to recognize the contribution of its hard working volunteers. I support transparent and accountable government that balances our citizen's tax burden with the city budget for employees and projects. I will continue fighting to control spending and reduce bureaucracy. My voting record demonstrates commitment to common sense values that attract job creating investment in Pasco. Thank you for your support and vote.

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## Matt Watkins

*(Nonpartisan)*



## Unopposed

**Elected Experience:** Pasco City Council 14 years (7 years Mayor, 5 years Mayor Po-Tem).

**Other Professional Experience:** Lockheed Martin, Software Engineer - 19 years; Ben Franklin Transit, Chair; Tri-Cities Public Facilities District, President; Franklin County Emergency Management, Chair; Class XIII Graduate - Leadership Tri-Cities.

**Education:** Kennewick High Graduate, Washington State University - Bachelor of Arts in Social Science, Association of Washington Cities - Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership.

**Community Service:** Tri-City Water Follies Board of Directors; Pasco Business Week; Leadership Tri-Cities Board of Directors & Alumni Association; Frost Scholarship Committee.

**Statement:** I have proudly served the citizens of Pasco for the past 14 years—the last 7 as Mayor. Pasco's population has grown over 70% during that time. We have provided new infrastructure and services to meet that growth while at the same time lowering the property tax rate over 25%. All the while Pasco has grown into a more complex community with a diverse population and bright future.

This has been no accident and is through the determined efforts of fellow dedicated councilmembers, staff, police officers, fire fighters, and other employees that have worked through tough issues over the years. In this year's campaign I urge you to look deeply into campaign claims to those that offer concrete and workable ideas for improving Pasco for everyone, who will work with fellow councilmembers to make them happen, and are things staff can actually do, as well as being within constraints of state and federal law.

Pasco has a long history of confronting tough issues in an increasingly diverse community. I look forward to the challenges and opportunities in the coming two years as your at-large councilmember.

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**Burl L Booker**

*(Nonpartisan)*

No statement submitted

No photo submitted

**Unopposed**

**Connie Smith**

*(Nonpartisan)*

No statement submitted

No photo submitted

**Unopposed**

## Todd Blackman

*(Nonpartisan)*



## Unopposed

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted.

**Other Professional Experience:** No information submitted.

**Education:** No information submitted.

**Community Service:** No information submitted.

**Statement:** I served over 10 years as a FCFD#3 volunteer, as a past president of the Tri-County Hazardous Materials Response Team and the Southeastern Washington Fire Commissioners Association, currently serving on the WFCA legislative committee for FCFD#3. I am very proud of where FCFD#3 is in staffing, facilities, equipment and capabilities, also very excited about the potential. As a tax payer with firefighting & legislative experience I believe I can serve the district well. We have faced many challenges and persevere because we respect the mission and care about our people and those we serve deeply.

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## Jim Klaustermeyer, Jr.

*(Nonpartisan)*

**No statement submitted**



## Unopposed

**Rebecca (Becky) Cochrane**

*(Nonpartisan)*

No statement submitted

No photo submitted

**Unopposed**

**Val Bitton**

*(Nonpartisan)*

No statement submitted

No photo submitted

**Carol Lindner**

*(Nonpartisan)*

No statement submitted

No photo submitted

**Robert Andrews**

*(Nonpartisan)*

No statement submitted

No photo submitted

**Unopposed**

**Brett Gledhill**

*(Nonpartisan)*

No statement submitted

No photo submitted

**Unopposed**

**Proposition No. 1  
Pasco School District No. 1  
Bonds to Construct and Improve  
School Facilities**

The Board of Directors of Pasco School District No. 1 adopted Resolution No. 936 concerning a proposition to relieve overcrowding and improve safety and infrastructure. This proposition would authorize the District to: construct two new elementary schools (including one located on Road 84); construct two new middle schools (including one to replace Stevens Middle School on its existing site); improve safety at 15 schools; replace roofs; improve transportation and maintenance facilities; acquire land; issue no more than \$99,500,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 936. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

**Explanatory Statement**

This proposition authorizes Pasco School District to issue \$99,500,000 of bonds to: construct two new elementary schools (including one located on Road 84); construct two new middle schools (including one to replace Stevens Middle School on its existing site); improve safety at 15 schools; replace roofs; improve transportation and maintenance facilities; and acquire land. The bonds will be repaid from annual excess property taxes not to exceed 21 years at an estimated tax rate of \$0.59 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or \$59 per year for a \$100,000 home. Exemptions from taxes may be available; call Franklin County Assessor 509.545.3506.

**Statement For Proposition No. 1**

As parents, teachers, and neighbors, we urge you to Vote *Yes* for Pasco Schools! This bond is exactly what our students need, including two new elementaries, two middle schools, and addressing safety and transportation needs. This bond is designed to eliminate 50% of our current portable classrooms!

Through utilization of matching funds, this 99.5 million dollar bond will fund 149 million in new projects. The cost is 59 cents per \$1000 of home value, and as new homes and businesses move in, the cost is dispersed and decreased for everyone.

Pasco schools have never been more crowded. As our community grows, so does our need for more schools. Eighty percent of Pasco schools are overenrolled, some at 200% of intended capacity. Even our newest schools have portables to handle overflow. Each year 600 new students move into our district. We must construct at least one new building every year just to keep up.

Now is the perfect time to support Pasco schools. Our excellent credit allows us to borrow at low rates. Our commercial tax base is growing, helping ease the burden on individuals. New leadership in the district is providing increased accountability, and community input has led to a ten-year plan to meet the challenges of our ever-expanding student population.

Good schools benefit more than just the children who attend them. Healthy communities thrive on quality schools. Statistics show when schools are succeeding, property values rise and crime rates fall. For our community, please Vote *Yes* for Pasco schools.

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**Rebuttal of Statement Against**

Even the opposition agrees *we need more schools!* New state money will *Not* pay for those schools. Lawmakers have tentatively set aside funds specifically earmarked for learning and operational costs, *Not* buildings. While this may decrease future need for local levies to fund things like curriculum and teacher salaries, we will continue to need bonds to build schools. School bonds are specifically designated to fund buildings. We must pass local bonds to build more schools.

## Statement Against Proposition No. 1

All agree, Pasco requires additional classrooms and schools.

Late in the game, the State provided a better option for building additional schools and classrooms *without this Bond*. Pasco Schools will receive \$82.5 million new/discretionary funds for School Years 2018-2021 under the State Budget/McCleary Decision. Beyond 2021, the District will additionally receive \$34 million/year. Rather than issuing Bonds, the District should be efficient, and offset new State funds/existing levy dollars to cover the costs of additional schools. This win-win scenario will save taxpayers \$160 million in principal and interest payments, *while additional schools get built*. The Public cannot allow these new discretionary funds to be wasted, staffing-up the Booth Building with legions of highly compensated administrators and teachers not assigned to the classroom who do nothing to improve student outcomes.

Pasco already has the highest tax rate of the State's 295 Districts. School Property Taxes on a median priced home will increase to \$1,885.60 in 2018. State School Property Taxes increase to \$510.84. Bond payments increase to \$556.62. M&O Levy, \$818.14. School Property Taxes alone will increase 15.1% in 2018! The District can avoid significant Bond payment increases by using the new State/levy funds.

Pasco School District's problems can only be solved by increasing efficiency, utilizing existing resources (without continually asking for more), and strict Board Member accountability. The Public cannot continue to fund Pasco School District's "champagne wishes and caviar dreams" while our children receive "Dollar Store" educations.

Vote *Rejected* for a better option to build additional Pasco schools.

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## Rebuttal of Statement For

The District claims this Bond will decrease Middle School overcrowding. However, when Middle School #4 is opened in August 2020, the District will transfer all 6th graders back to the Middle Schools. 4,800 students in four Middle Schools equals 1,200 students per school (there are currently 843 students/Middle School). Middle Schools will be far more overcrowded than they currently are should this Bond pass.

Vote *Rejected* for a better option to build additional Pasco schools.

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**City of Connell  
Proposition No. 1  
Sales and Use Tax for Transportation  
Improvements**

The City Council of the City of Connell adopted Resolution No. 2017-13 concerning a sales and use tax to fund transportation improvements. This proposition would authorize a sales and use tax of two-tenths of one percent (0.002) to be collected from all taxable retail sales and uses within the district in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455 for a term of ten (10) years for the purpose of paying the costs of transportation improvements as they exist now and may exist in the future identified in the following; the City of Connell's Transportation Improvement Plan, the Washington Transportation Plan, expanded projects identified in accordance with section 36.73.050(2)(b) RCW, and projects changed in accordance with the material change policy of the Connell TBD.

- Yes
- No

**Statement For Proposition No. 1**

After winter, many of us discovered our crumbly, pothole-ridden streets. Not only is this an irritation, but we all know it is a significant safety issue. Proposition 1 is designed to generate revenue for the exclusive support of street operations and maintenance projects. Per \$100 spent, the added coinage is 20 cents. A .2% sales and use tax is a very small price to pay for safe roads. This will also produce the 20% funds that are generally required to match the highly coveted and sought after state and federal grants. Without grants and/or low interest loans our streets would fall into great disrepair as our General Fund can no longer be a primary resource. Additionally, Proposition 1 will sunset in 10 years unless renewed, and it will be paid by residents and visitors alike who shop in Connell.

Please support this investment for the good of our home. Vote yes on Proposition 1.

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**Rebuttal of Statement Against**

No Rebuttal of Statement Submitted.

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**Statement Against Proposition No. 1**

No Statement Against Submitted.

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**Explanatory Statement**

Proposition 1 will authorize an additional retail sales and use tax of 0.002 for a period of 10 years, estimated to generate an additional \$50,000 per year. The revenue generated from the tax is restricted and can only be used to fund transportation improvements such as: preventative and routine pavement maintenance and reconstruction, such as pavement repair, overlay, chip seal, and patching; street and traffic maintenance and operation, such as signing, striping, sidewalks, and traffic signals, and other capital projects identified in the City's Transportation Improvement Program.

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