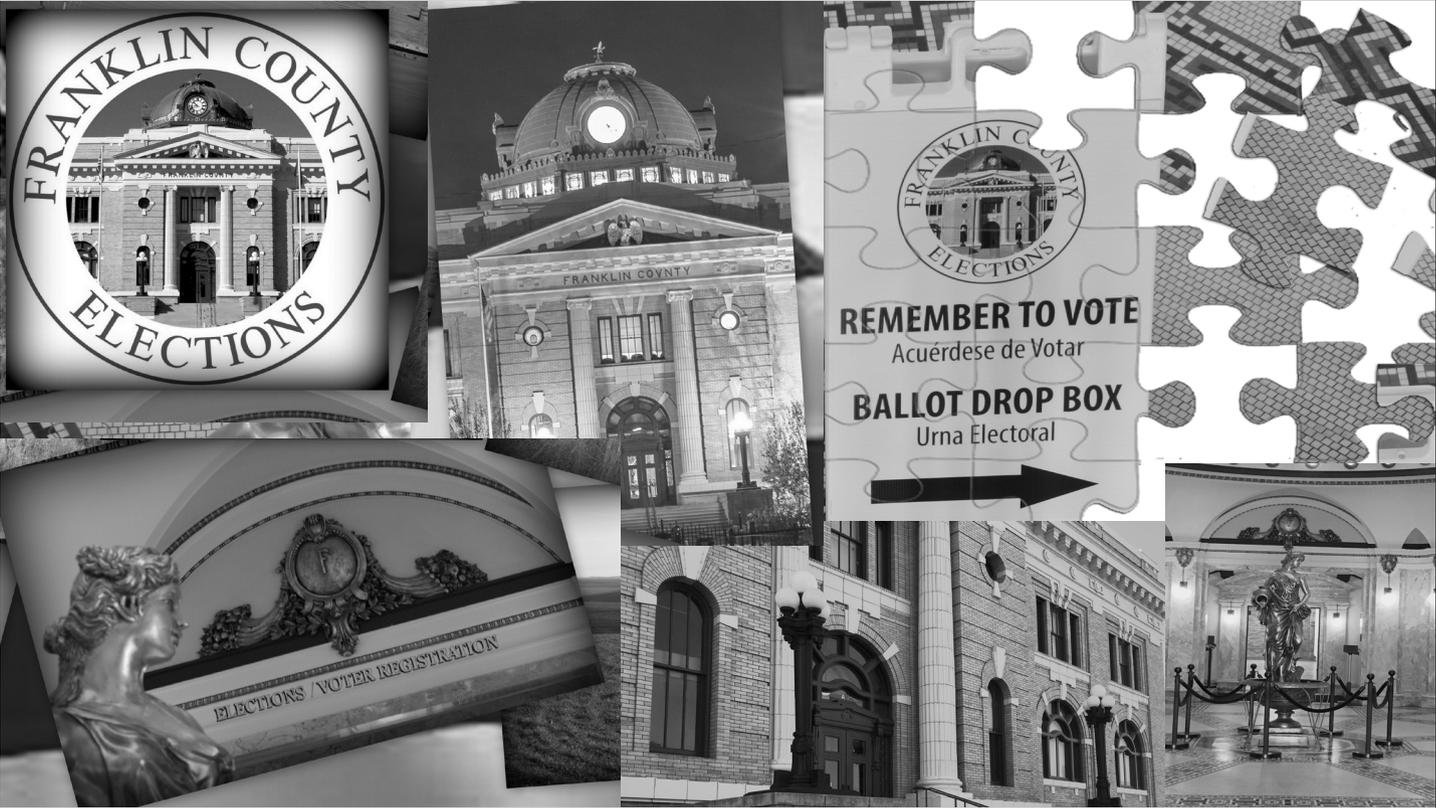


# Franklin County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

November 6, 2018 General Election



## Message from Franklin County Auditor

Dear Voter,

This pamphlet is a great resource. Please use it as a beginning point in your search for the information you will need to make an informed vote.

If you need additional information, please call us at (509) 545-3538. The Franklin County Auditor’s Office is available to answer your questions and assist with your election needs. We work hard to provide secure, accountable and transparent elections.

Although Washington State now supports pre-postage paid, we encourage you to use one of our convenient ballot drop box locations listed on your return envelope to save taxpayer money.

We all bring different experiences and perspectives to our communities. When we vote individually, the collective outcome carries a mandate for action. Your vote matters, it is an effective and powerful way for citizens to shape our government.

Vote it, Sign it, Send it.

Franklin County Auditor’s Office

### November 6, 2018 General Election

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Peter  
**McEnderfer**  
(Prefers Republican Party)

# Unopposed

**Elected Experience**

None.

**Other Professional Experience**

I have a Residential Certification with the Washington State Department of Licensing along with being an Accredited Appraiser with the Washington State Department of Revenue.

**Education**

I graduated from Washington State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and a Bachelor of Arts in History.

**Community Service**

I have been a Pasco and Franklin County resident since 1996. I'm involved with several local civic organizations including: Tri-Cities Sunrise Rotary, Pasco Knights of Columbus, the Franklin County Republican Party and I attend St. Patrick's Church. I have been married to my Wife Julie for 25 years and we have three children.

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**Statement**

As an appraiser, with 25 years of appraisal experience in the Tri-Cities market area, it is my honor and privilege to run for the position of Franklin County Assessor. I have been the Chief Appraiser of Franklin County for 15 years- working with the current assessor and appraisal staff to complete annual revaluation and inspection of new construction. As Chief Appraiser, I administrate the Franklin County Mass Appraisal Model including: roll year creation, application of appraisal model for valuation, and construction cost and depreciation updates. I also have knowledge of the administrative functions of the Assessor's office which includes; levy calculation, current use, senior exemption, personal property, and office budget. I have prepared and presented cases to the Board of Equalization and Washington State Board of Tax Appeals.

I desire consistent and equitable distribution of property values that are compliant with the Constitution and rules of the State of Washington. My goal is to meet the Washington State Department of Revenue requirements and performance standards. It is my intention that the Franklin County Assessor's Office continues to be professional and willing to communicate with property owners.

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Matt  
**Beaton**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

Franklin County Auditor 2011 and 2015.

**Other Professional Experience**

Opened and operated Sage Appraisal Services Inc. Provided over a billion dollars in valuation services over the course of my career in the Tri-Cities region appraising single family homes, mixed-use, land and small commercial properties.

**Education**

BA in Business Administration, University of Washington; Certified Real Estate Appraiser Washington State 23 years; Real Estate Broker, Washington State Inactive 28 years.

**Community Service**

Pasco Kiwanis: Member, Lourdes Foundation Board: Member, Central Washington Catholic Foundation Board: Treasurer, NRA: Life Member, Washington Coalition for Open Government: Board Member.

**Statement**

I am committed to continuing to bring you the best leadership possible in county government. I pledged to press for transparency and open government and I have. We all deserve to know the good and the bad in our local government so we can evaluate performance and make changes where needed.

In the 8 years since being elected as your Auditor, media coverage of local government activity has collapsed as the business models no longer support dedicating staff to local government issues. What was sacrificed is the deep dive into issues and the transparency needed to assure efficiency and effectiveness.

In our most recent State Auditor review I request a review of our Indigent Veterans Advisory Fund. It had poor oversight, was underserving homeless veterans and was being ripped off. Your county government wrote the policy and never implemented it. I identified the problem, notified the proper authorities and shined a light on the problem. Now it is time to make the systemic changes to assure that this doesn't continue.

I will continue to work hard on your behalf to make sure we have an efficient and cost effective government in Franklin County. Thank you for your support.

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Diana  
**Izaguirre**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

No information submitted.

**Other Professional Experience**

Deputy Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder-Elections Manager, San Mateo County, CA, 2017-2018; Election Administrator, Franklin County Auditor's Office, Pasco, WA; Executive Aide, Ventura County Supervisor, District 1, Ventura, CA; Ben Franklin Transit, Finance Administration Secretary, Richland, WA.

**Education**

Attended Ventura Community College, Ventura, CA; Attended Columbia Basin College, Pasco, WA; Washington State Certified Election Administrator from 1991-2017.

**Community Service**

Member of P.E.O. Chapter BW-Pasco, Corresponding Secretary for two terms; St. Patrick's Catholic Parish, served as Pastoral Council Chairperson for two terms. Volunteer as many church, school and community events.

**Statement**

As a Pasco native, I have lived and worked in Franklin County most of my life. I have a dedication to family and a clear passion for public service. It would be my honor to work for you as your next County Auditor.

Why vote for me? Because I'm qualified. I have managed the Franklin County Elections Department for 25 years, working with an experienced County Auditor for 17 of those years. I provided the leadership, expertise and confidence needed to maintain the excellence of the department for another 6 years following the transition of the current Auditor. Throughout my tenure in Franklin County and beyond, I built strong relationships and earned the respect of my peers and colleagues locally and across the state.

I have a strong working knowledge of the Auditor's office and its statutory responsibilities. I work effectively with the county legislative authority, other departments, and jurisdictions.

Whether you interact with Elections, Recording, Department of Licensing or Accounting, I will ensure quality, efficient and courteous service by supporting staff and leading by example.

I have worked for you with integrity and a strong work ethic; now elect me to represent you with the same values. Thank you.

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Michael  
**Killian**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

County Clerk, 2000 – Present.

**Other Professional Experience**

Member of the Superior Court Case Management System Steering Committee; Washington State Association of County Clerks, Washington State Association of Counties, National Association for Court Management.

**Education**

Ventura Community College, Ventura, CA; Certified Public Official, University of Washington; Certificates from the National Center for State Courts in Managing Technology Projects and Technology Resources; Court Performance Standards; and Managing Human Resources.

**Community Service**

Member of the Kiwanis Club of Pasco; St. Patrick Catholic Parish, Pasco; Tri-City Hispanic Chamber; Pasco Chamber of Commerce; American Legion; Knights of Columbus; LULAC; and Farm Bureau.

**Statement**

As the Franklin County Clerk, I work with an outstanding team to provide excellent customer service in, Passport and, Court services as well as Financial collections. I have converted all microfilm and the majority of paper records to digital records; in fact we have over 9 million images of superior court records in our database, giving the court 24/7 access to those records. I have lived in Franklin County for 42 years and am very involved in our community. Please Vote for Experience, Vote for a Veteran, Vote for Michael Killian.

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Jackie  
**Lopez Giddens**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

Precinct Committee Officer.

**Other Professional Experience**

Chief Deputy Clerk for six years Benton County Clerk's Office, Legal Process Assistant, and Probation / Compliance Clerk in Benton County District Court for ten years. Local Business Owner, Lead Flight Attendant / Instructor.

**Education**

Graduated Kamiakin High School, Attended Columbia Basin College. Attended Washington State University.

**Community Service**

Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce Member, Tri-Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

**Statement**

As your Clerk, I will strive to keep accurate, accessible, and secure court records for you, and the Judges that serve you. Our department will set up accounting guidelines, and procedures, designed to stop any more of your court revenues from being lost, or stolen.

As the backbone of Franklin County's judicial system, your Clerk's office will work towards creating a new atmosphere of teamwork between your Judges, Attorneys, Law Enforcement, and You, the public, of whom we serve. I have the passion, and hunger needed to pursue these goals, the confidence, and experience necessary to make them happen.

Although the Clerk is an elected position, I will always respect all regulations (RCW's), honor all requests within the laws, and Washington's State Constitution. The office has a responsibility to respect them, and all that the position serves.

This position requires more than knowledge. It requires a Clerk that's present, responsible for their actions, and those serving under them, while ensuring adherence to set policies, and implementing new policies when necessary.

I am that person. It's time for a *new voice...* a *new vision*, for all the people I will serve. Thank you, and vote for your future!

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Clint  
**Didier**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

No information submitted.

**Other Professional Experience**

2000-2008 Presidential Appt. to Federal Farm Service Agency; 2010 Candidate for U. S. Senate; 2012 Candidate for WA Lands Commissioner; 2014/2016 Candidate for the 4th Congressional District State of WA.

**Education**

Graduated from Connell High School in 1977, received a AA from Columbia Basin College, and a BA in Administration of Justice from Portland State University.

**Community Service**

Active Republican Party Member; Coached Connell High School Football for ten years w/two state championships.

**Statement**

Born and raised on a farm in Eltopia WA in Franklin County. My wife Kristie, myself and our three sons and daughter are presently farming north of Pasco WA. I am still a hands-on farmer and also own and operate an excavation company.

I have a vested interest in the well-being of all residents of Franklin County. My particular interests lie in our property tax assessments, regulations imposed locally, and in particular achieving open local government; i.e. transparency (meaning less executive sessions by our Commissioners).

By attending Franklin County Commissioner meetings over the last couple of years, I have perceived a lack of leadership. Communication is a key element for cooperation and efficiency in our local government.

Redistricting of commissioner voting lines is currently being considered. Representation of the agricultural community is at risk. It is possible that the farming community's interests would be seriously jeopardized.

If I were to become your next Commissioner, I would like to encourage an open-door policy where all views and comments are welcome.

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Zahra  
**Roach**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

No information submitted.

**Other Professional Experience**

Teacher at New Horizons High School & Pasco High School; Technology Support Specialist at Simmons College; Para-Professional in Special Education at McLoughlin Middle School.

**Education**

Associates of Arts Columbia Basin College; Bachelors in English Washington State University; Masters in Arts of Teaching Simmons College.

**Community Service**

7 years as City of Pasco Planning Commissioner; Vice Chair of Planning Commission; Executive Board Member of Children's Development Center; Board Member of Children's Development Center Foundation; Master Gardener WSU Tri Cities Extension; Member of Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Association Scholarship Committee; Advisor for Inter Faith Youth Group Tri Cities.

**Statement**

During my seven years of service as a City of Pasco Planning Commissioner I've often heard citizens express the need for greater transparency, engagement, and collaboration by the Franklin County Commissioners. I am answering that call, and I'm asking for your vote.

County Commissioner is an extremely important, multifaceted job. Commissioners play a critical role supporting Franklin County's agricultural base and overseeing the County Jail. They also play less well-known, but equally important, roles providing oversight or guidance in matters relating to health care, criminal justice, urban planning & transportation, and more. Over the last decade across my professional and volunteer roles, I've had direct experience working and building strong relationships in each of these service areas. As County Commissioner, I will commit to putting a strong focus in these areas which reflect the wide range of perspectives within our community.

As a Pasco Planning Commissioner I take pride in bringing a balanced approach to considering the needs of all community stakeholders as we continue to grow. I will bring this same approach to my work as a County Commissioner. Vote Zahra!

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Dan  
**Blasdel**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

No information submitted.

**Other Professional Experience**

No information submitted.

**Education**

No information submitted.

**Community Service**

No information submitted.

**Statement**

Dan Blasdel is the qualified candidate for Franklin County Coroner. I have the experience, knowledge, and compassion to assure the offices statutory responsibilities are met.

I bring 26 years of investigative experience to Franklin County and have honorably serviced as Franklin County Coroner for the past 24 years. I am a nationally certified Medico-legal Death Investigator with extensive knowledge and training in forensic investigative practices and basic forensic pathology. During my tenure, I have insisted on providing the highest quality, responsive, and compassionate services, while remaining conscious of the county's limited resources.

I have used my knowledge and experience to not only expand the institution within the Franklin County Coroner's Office but also that of my peers through my tenure in a variety of leadership positions including President of the Washington Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners, International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners, and the Washington Association of County Officials.

My commitment to the residents of Franklin County is beyond approach and is focused on the ability of my office to provide comprehensive death investigation to provide a voice for your loved ones who can no longer speak for themselves. Vote For Dan Blasdel Franklin County Coroner.

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Curtis  
**McGary**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

None.

**Other Professional Experience**

Over thirty years working in the death care industry. As a funeral director and embalmer I have experience helping families during the loss of a loved one. I am able to answer their questions and explain their options.

**Education**

I graduated from Connell High school in 1980. I graduated from BYU Idaho in 1985 and from Cypress Mortuary Science School in 1987 with a degree in Mortuary Science.

**Community Service**

Served as a Ecclesiastical Leader for several years for my church; Member of the Pasco Kiwanis. Former member of the Franklin County Board of Equalization. Leader in a Boy Scout of America unit.

**Statement**

Your coroner's responsibility, first and foremost is to serve the citizens of Franklin County. This means different things to different people. Whether it's serving as a compassionate public servant in a time of loss, or diligently working as an important criminal justice *partner* during a possible homicide, your coroner must be prepared to serve and have your trust.

As a funeral director I have over thirty years of experience helping families during the loss of a loved one. I have also assisted in countless autopsies and investigative procedures that determine the cause of death.

In my present work with the Coroner's Office I see the need for improved working relationships with fellow criminal justice partners such as law enforcement, Prosecutor's Office, medical personnel, and other local officials. If you go to my website you will see by my endorsements that relationships with our current coroner are strained. This creates a less efficient criminal justice system and does not give you, the citizens of Franklin County, the public service you deserve.

By electing me as your next Franklin County Coroner you will be gaining a Coroner's Office that is more efficient, financially responsible, and professional.

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Shawn P  
**Sant**

(Prefers Republican Party)

# Unopposed

**Elected Experience**

Prosecuting Attorney (2011-Present).

**Other Professional Experience**

Associate Attorney, Mendoza Law Office (2006-2010); Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Franklin County (2004-2006); USAF Vehicle Operations Specialist (1997-2001); Police Officer, Prosser PD (1995-1997); Reserve Police Officer, Richland PD (1992-1995).

**Education**

University of Idaho, College of Law (J.D. 2004); Chapman University (BA Criminal Justice, 2001); Community College of the Air Force (AAS Transportation, 2001); Columbia Basin College (AAS Criminal Justice, 1996).

**Community Service**

Pasco Kiwanis Club, Boy Scouts Merit Badge Counselor, Lunch Buddies with Pasco Schools, Mock Interviews at Chiawana and Pasco High Schools.

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**Statement**

I want to thank the citizens of Franklin County for giving me the opportunity to serve as your prosecutor. As with any position, there are challenges along the way. Effective leadership is not measured during calm seas, but rather how we navigate life's storms. I look forward to serving another term as your prosecutor, so I may continue to protect the rights and safety of all our citizens.

As a former police officer, I recognize the challenges our officers face every day as they encounter people suffering from mental illness. Over the last few years, my office has partnered with Lourdes Counseling with the implementation of the Felony Mental Health Diversion Program. This program provides mental health services and treatment to those suffering from various mental illnesses rather than incarcerating them in jail. I will continue working to improve how we deal with mental illness in our criminal justice system.

The collaborative efforts of our police, sheriff's office, and community members have made Pasco the 3rd safest city in Washington according to a recent report by Safehome.org. This is a community effort and I will continue to do my part. Thank you!

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Jim

## Raymond

(Prefers Republican Party)

# Unopposed

**Elected Experience**

4 years as Franklin County Sheriff.

**Other Professional Experience**

31+ years in law enforcement for City of Pasco as a uniformed patrol officer, Patrol Division Sergeant, Tri-City Metro Drug Task Force Supervisor, currently hold the rank of Captain, Field Operations Division Commander, Investigative Services Division Commander, Records Division Commander, Street Crimes Unit Commander, Property & Evidence Division Commander, and Special Investigations Unit Commander.

**Education**

A.A. Degree in Criminal Justice from CBC; attended Northwest Law Enforcement Command College; certifications in Law Enforcement Executive and Middle Management.

**Community Service**

S.A.R.C. Board Trustee, Tri-Tech and CBC Curriculum Boards, Department of Correction Work Release Screening Committee, Rotarian.

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**Statement**

It has been my privilege to have served the citizens of Franklin County as the sheriff for this past term. We have been busy over the last few years changing the paradigms of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, thus bringing about robust relationships with the people we serve. Our law enforcement division has increased its training hours and realigned its patrol hours in order to better serve the public. Establishing the Sheriff Advisory Board and a Sheriff Office Foundation has allowed us to make solid connections with the people we serve. Our corrections division has been rapidly evolving and is well on the way to becoming accredited. Increased training for our corrections deputies, as well as, a complete rewrite of policy and practices is developing the Franklin County Sheriff Correction Center into a professional corrections model. It has certainly been my pleasure to be able to serve in the capacity of sheriff, and I am looking forward to the challenges in the upcoming years.

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Josie

**Koelzer**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience**

2010-2018 Elected Franklin County Treasurer.

**Other Professional Experience**

Josie was a financial manager for an insurance firm and a large agricultural business, managing significant budgets. Josie has also managed the finances of their family farm for 25 years, which is still owned and operated by Josie and her husband.

**Education**

Washington State University – Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a Minor in Human Resources.

**Community Service**

Pasco Kiwanis, Lourdes Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, Young Life and Franklin County Republican Party.

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**Statement**

Treasurer Josie Koelzer believes in bringing integrity, experience and transparency to Franklin County. Since her time in office, she has improved the way we can pay our taxes and reduced the cost of those services. Josie has saved the taxpayers nearly \$850,000 since she has been in office.

Transparency of government was important for Josie before she took office, and it continues to be a goal. The Treasurer's website breaks down how tax dollars are collected and distributed, as well as the duties of the Treasurer's Office.

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Gerald F. "Jerry"

**Roach**

(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience**

Four terms Elected Franklin County District Court Judge.

**Other Professional Experience**

Six years Franklin County Court Commissioner; 24+ years practicing attorney -- private practice emphasizing business, real estate, estate planning, probate and healthcare law.

**Education**

Pasco High School '70; Seattle University BA '74; Gonzaga University Law School JD '77; New York University LLM (Taxation) '78.

**Community Service**

During my years practicing law and since elected, active in civic and community activities serving on boards and committees of various non-profits including United Way, Goodwill Industries, Boy Scouts, Lourdes Medical Center and Tri-Cities Cancer Center, Kadlec Regional Medical Center and Pasco Kiwanis. Served 10 years on Washington State Judicial Conduct Commission.

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**Statement**

Born and raised in Pasco, I am a lifelong 3rd generation resident of Franklin County. With my wife of 32 years, Maria Roozen-Roach, I have five grown children and 2 grandchildren.

It has been an honor to serve as Franklin County's District Court judge; I look forward to a final term.

I would appreciate your vote in the November election.

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Cynthia N.  
**Parker**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**  
None.

**Other Professional Experience**  
Primary Administrator for a large child care center.

**Education**  
High School Diploma, ECE certified from College of the Desert.

**Community Service**  
Community fundraising, leading youth activities, Treasurer for my church.

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**Statement**

Franklin PUD has a monthly service charge (system charge) of \$34 per month. This is more than double what the average electric customer pays to have access to power. Franklin PUD has based this charge on flawed analysis. Expert economists argue that this analysis over allocates costs to residential customers and regulators of private utilities have rejected the use of this analysis. Commissioners should represent the people and not abuse their monopoly pricing power by charging high unavoidable fees.

This election presents us all with a clear choice. That choice is between continuing with high fees and the status quo. Or embracing new ideas, modern technology and smart rate design. This will provide huge long-term benefits for our community. It's time for new leadership, who will listen and represent you, the ratepayers.

Vote Cynthia Parker for Franklin PUD Commissioner.

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Stu  
**Nelson**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**  
Franklin PUD Commissioner, appointed 2003, elected in 2004.

**Other Professional Experience**  
Small business owner – over 40 years; Board of Directors Trustee – Northwest Public Power Association; Energy Northwest Participant Review Board member; Franklin PUD representative for Washington PUD Association, Public Power Council, Pasco and Tri-Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

**Education**  
Lewis & Clark High School, Spokane, WA; attended Columbia Basin College, Pasco.

**Community Service**  
Active member Pasco and Hispanic Chambers of Commerce; approved/constructed first community solar project in Pasco; support schools with Traveling Renewable Energy Kiosk (TREK) educating students about baseload power and renewable energy; City of Pasco Planning Commission – seven years; President – Pasco Parent Teach Association.

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**Statement**

While serving as Franklin PUD Commissioner, the Commission has ensured the reliability of our customer's electric system by replacing old and outdated infrastructure. The PUD modernized and improved its billing and mapping systems. All this, while keeping utility rates as low as possible.

The PUD values its customer's voice and input. During my tenure, the PUD created the Rate Advisory Committee which is comprised of customers from each rate class, to represent the PUD and hold the Board of Commissioners accountable. Franklin PUD provides open access and transparency during our rate setting process.

It's been my honor to serve Franklin PUD for the past 14 years. The utility industry is full of complex issues. It takes time to understand the nuances of issues in order to protect Franklin PUD customers. I have worked to ensure customers have access to safe, reliable electric service, at the lowest possible cost. Please allow me to continue serving in this capacity for another term. I will uphold my civic responsibility and ethical business practices to protect and serve our ratepayers in the most responsible manner. I'm committed to serving our community as partners, ratepayers, friends, and as your Franklin PUD Commissioner for District 3.

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**Proposition No. 1**  
**Submitted by Franklin County Fire**  
**Protection District No. 3**

**Authorization for single-year**  
**permanent levy lid lift.**

Franklin County Fire Protection District No. 3 Commissioners adopted Second Amended Resolution No. 405 to maintain current level of property taxes to adequately fund District operations including emergency medical services. This proposition would authorize the District to maintain the property tax levy rate of \$1.27 per \$1000 for assessment in 2019 and collection in 2020. The dollar amount of the levy collected in 2020 shall be used to calculate the levy limit in subsequent years. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

**Explanatory Statement**

If enacted, this proposition would authorize the fire protection district to maintain the tax levy rate of \$1.27 per \$1000 of assessed value for collection in 2020, and use the dollar amount of the levy collected in 2020 as base for subsequent levy limitations provided in RCW 84.55. If enacted, it would prevent the District from having to roll back its levy rate to the rate collected prior to the levy lid lift approved by voters in 2012 for 2013 collection, and would enable the District to continue maintaining and adequately funding District operations, including emergency medical services (ambulance).

**Statement For Proposition No. 1**

The "Vote Yes! for FCFD#3 Fire & Ambulance Levy" committee requests that Franklin County Fire District #3 voters approve a single-year permanent levy lid lift to maintain the current District levy assessment. This is not a new tax. Nor, is this a tax increase. With that said, and without going back to voters, Washington State RCW statutes allow for a 1% annual levy increase to somewhat offset inflation. If this levy were to fail then the levy would return to an adjusted, pre-2013 rate which is insufficient to provide current levels of service. FCFD#3 residents, your Yes vote for this levy lift is crucial. Help save someone's property, or life...possibly your own!

**Rebuttal of Statement Against**

Don't be confused by opponent's facts, numbers and percentages being thrown around loosely. Residents of FCFD#3 want and need affordable and dependable fire and EMT services which the District has and will continue to provide with passage of this levy. The opposition's numbers are suspect and indefensible. The District's budget is sufficient to cover satisfactory fire and EMT services, plus inflation. Yet, this levy is not a new tax, nor tax increase.

**Statement For Proposition No. 1 Prepared by:**

"Vote Yes! for FCFD#3 Fire & Ambulance Levy" Committee

**Rebuttal of Statement Against Proposition No. 1**

**Prepared by:** "Vote Yes! for FCFD#3 Fire & Ambulance Levy" Committee

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### Statement Against Proposition No. 1

All should understand Fire District finances prior to voting on Proposition 1. The proposed Excess Levy Property Tax will increase annual District revenues to \$2,007,029.95, growing each year. However, annual District expenditures are only \$1,691,808.30. The Excess Levy will annually generate \$315,221.65 (19%) over and above that necessary to operate the District.

Since 2012, District Property Tax Levies increased from \$163.11/year to the current Excess Levy, \$365.11/year, for a median priced home.

Proposition 1 will further increase District Levies to \$483.02/year for owners of today's median priced home. Residents will pay the District 196.2% per year more than in 2012! Property tax bills for all other agencies combined, increased 15% from 2012 (all attributable to Pasco schools) while the District's increased 196.2%! The District's fire and ambulance services will cost you 19.5% more than paid for all Franklin County's services (Sherriff/Courts/Assesor/Elections/Auditor/Coroner/Treasurer/Planning/Etc.)!

Similarly, the District's "excess reserve" fund swelled 77% (\$829,000 in 2013 to \$1,465,246.97 today). This equals 87% of annual District expenditures (a typical Fire District maintains a 20% "excess reserve").

All appreciate services provided by District employees. However, the 196.2% increase in District property tax over five years and 77% increase in the District's "excess reserve" fund is outrageous. Taxing residents \$315,221.65 over and above what it annually spends is immoral. The District must show concern for its taxpayers. The statutory Levy is sufficient to cover operations. No Excess Levy is necessary. Demand fiscal responsibility from Fire District No. 3. Vote *Rejected* on Proposition 1.

### Rebuttal of Statement For

If the Excess Levy is *Rejected*, District Revenues will be \$1,762,711.64/year, increasing annually. Annual Expenditures remain \$1,691,808.30. Revenues will exceed expenditures \$70,903.34/year. District Property Taxes (median priced home) will be \$376.38/year, not \$483.02/year. The District will retain its "excess reserve" fund of \$1,465,246.97, increasing by \$70,903.34/year. The statutory levy is more than sufficient to provide District services at levels residents are accustomed and prevents bloating of revenues and "excess reserves".

Vote *Rejected* for fiscal responsibility.

**Statement Against Proposition No. 1 Prepared by:**  
Committee in Opposition to Fire Protection District No. 3 Excess Levy Authorization

**Rebuttal of Statement For Proposition No. 1 Prepared by:** Committee in Opposition to Fire Protection District No. 3 Excess Levy Authorization

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**1** Election Center  
116 N 3rd Ave, Pasco

**2** Courthouse  
1016 N 4th Ave, Pasco

**3** TRAC  
6600 Burden Blvd, Pasco

**4** Fire Protection District 3  
2108 Road 84, Pasco

**5** Connell PUD Shop  
619 W Clark St, Connell