

Franklin County Official Local  
**Voters' Pamphlet**

November 3, 2020 General Election



# Message from the 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.

Please vote and return your ballot as soon as possible. If you are unable to mail your ballot **a week before Election Day**, it is recommended that you take the ballot inside the Post Office and ask staff to hand-cancel the ballot before placing it in a mailbox or that you use one of our ballot drop boxes to deliver it directly to Franklin County Elections. Check your ballot status at [www.votewa.gov](http://www.votewa.gov).

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.



Matt Beaton, Franklin County Auditor

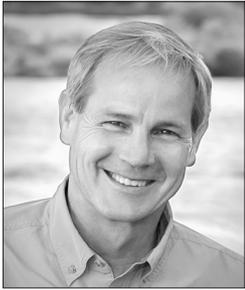
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**Brad Peck**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

Franklin County Commissioner 2009 to present; elected Chairman of the Board multiple times.

**Other Professional Experience**

Retired U.S. Air Force officer. Desert Storm (Gulf War) veteran. Advisor to Air Force Chief of Staff (Pentagon). Squadron Commander. Served in multiple Middle East countries, the Pentagon, and throughout the U.S. Managed multi-million dollar budgets leading teams of nearly 400 people. Multiple military awards and decorations. Five years experience working in nuclear power generation.

**Education**

Master of Science, Eastern Washington University. Bachelor of Arts, Central Washington University. Extensive formal management and leadership training.

**Community Service**

Serve on more than 20 local and state Boards of Directors, and community committees.

**Statement**

As a highly experienced County Commissioner – and the only candidate with any Commissioner experience - I want to lead us through the present pandemic and major budget challenges in the coming years. I was honored to provide that same leadership during the 2011-2012 recession that we survived without raising taxes or eliminating essential services.

Continuing my service will also avoid a new, inexperienced Board with a mere 24 months of total combined experience; making it one of the least experienced in the state.

My network of professional contacts extends to all 39 counties and numerous local and state agencies. Those cooperative relationships greatly strengthen our voice with the state legislature and improve our access to state and federal funding, which reduces local taxes.

I strongly support quality education with schools funded by the entire community, without placing an unfair share on selected people or businesses.

I believe in limited government, low taxes, individual accountability, and the premise that government’s primary responsibility is to help citizens succeed in their chosen endeavors, not regulate and tax those endeavors!

My wife Debra and I love Franklin County and spent the past 16 years faithfully restoring the Moore Mansion in Pasco.

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**Kim Lehrman**

(Prefers Democrat Party)

**Elected Experience**

No information submitted.

**Other Professional Experience**

Agriculture Educator and FFA Advisor, 2000-2013. Taught Agriculture Science, Horticulture, Floriculture and Welding. Award recipient as Ag. Educator at building, district and state levels. Started Chiawana High School's FFA Chapter and Floral Shop 2009. Custom swathing, baling, and hay stacking 1984-2002.

**Education**

Kamiakin High graduate. Bachelors Degree, General Agriculture Science with a teaching certificate, Minor in Public Relations Washington State University-Pullman, 2000. Masters in Educational Leadership, Washington State University-Tri-Cities, 2006.

**Community Service**

Coached youth soccer and basketball for 10 seasons, PTO member and ATP Parent Chair, Pro-bond and Levy campaign member; Title 1 School Conference representative; PSD Community Builders; iIMPACT! Compassion Center mentor.

**Statement**

In an era of divisive politics, it’s important to focus on the cooperative spirit and common-sense values that make Franklin County a wonderful place. I’m running because my strengths are listening and building bridges over divides. I learned these values while growing up on our family’s alfalfa farm.

As commissioner, I’ll focus on transparency, collaboration, and innovation. Families are struggling more than ever with mental health during COVID-19. The county commission, working with the Sheriff's Office, should be offering greater crisis support services including an App where individuals can report unsafe situations and additional mental health services in partnership with Benton County. We need economic relief for small businesses and a shared smart urban growth criteria with our local city governments. This isn’t the time to rely on broken relationships between commissioners and local residents, and economic and health policy experts. We need collaboration to create innovative ideas and partnerships to save our county. This means engaging with our agriculturists, business owners, and residents about what families and businesses need to recover and thrive.

As a former agriculture educator/FFA Advisor, proud mother, and active community member, I’ll be a commissioner who *leads through listening*. Vote Kim Lehrman!

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Rocky

## Mullen

(Prefers Republican Party)

### Elected Experience

Precinct Committee Officer Republican Party.

### Other Professional Experience

Local business owner of Dove Financial Services and Sahara Pizza. Local Cattle Rancher and Real Estate Investor. 35 plus years of management experience working and negotiating with National and International Corporations, US Military Contracts, and the Motion Picture Industry.

### Education

Eastern Washington University, World Wide College of Auctioneering.

### Community Service

Volunteer auctioneering services for local fundraising and charity events. Work closely with Benton Franklin County Fair and Farm Fair. Support local schools through various fundraising programs. *Endorsed by Franklin County Sheriff Jim Raymond, Current Franklin County 2nd District Commissioner Bob Koch, Lincoln County Sheriff Wade Majors.*

### Statement

I am a lifelong resident of Franklin County, Local Business owner, and Cattle Rancher. I was born and raised in Pasco on our family farm which has been in operation since 1945. I want to be your voice and your representation in our local government.

I have attended the weekly County Commissioners meetings for the past four years on a regular basis to I have a better understanding of the operations, duties, and responsibilities of this position and the challenges that the office brings. I am committed to representing our community in a positive and professional manner. I will be a Commissioner for the people and will work diligently for a balanced budget to ensure that spending is closely monitored, eliminating waste or misuse of county funds.

*I believe in controlled limited spending to provide essential services.*

*I believe that our constitution rights and the traditional values that this great nation was founded on should be protected. I will work hard to protect these rights.*

As a business owner, I realize the importance of small business in our community and the need for limiting government regulations to stop over-taxation.

I appreciate your vote!

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Ana

## Ruiz Peralta

(Prefers Democratic Party)

### Elected Experience

No information submitted.

### Other Professional Experience

Interpreter & QI Monitor - Pacific Interpreters 1999 -2012, New York Life Agent 2012- 2018, Tri-Cities Community Health - Current Board Chair 2012 – Present, DPDA Board Member 2014-2016, Negotiator for City of Pasco- Colima Friendship Agreement, Somos Pasco Economic Development Strategic Vision- Executive Committee member 2016, Commissioner - Washington State Commission on Hispanic Affairs 2013- 2015, Graduate of Leadership Tri-Cities Class XVIII, Tri-Cities Regional Chamber of Commerce -Young ATHENA Award Recipient 2016.

### Education

No information submitted.

### Community Service

Co-Founder/Creator Pasco Taco Crawl, Former Mid-Columbia Mastersingers Board Member, Former Columbia Basin Badger Club Board Member, Former United Way Board Member, Former Tri-Cities Regional Chamber Board Member.

### Statement

I'm Ana Ruiz Peralta and I'm asking for your vote to be your next Franklin County Commissioner. Franklin County has been the fastest growing county in the State of Washington for the last 20 consecutive years. My goals are to improve our overwhelmed and underfunded bi-county public health system as well as our juvenile justice system.

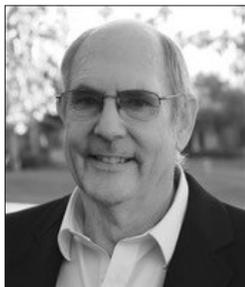
I'm running for Franklin County Commissioner because I believe It's the Moment for decisive leadership that's focused on smart growth policies that protect locally owned farms and I will work to create infrastructure for efficient internet connectivity for the county.

I'm proud to be raising my three amazing children in Franklin County. It is an attractive and welcoming community to everyone. I chose to live in here because of the quality of the education system in place and the economic growth opportunities.

I will be an inclusive servant-leader to Franklin County as I work on the expansion and access to Franklin County Commissioner meetings and I will advocate to provide interpretation services at said meetings. Lastly, I will work to improve relationships with the Benton County Commissioners through cooperation and collaboration on key bi-county issues that impact all residents.

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**Bill  
Gordon**

(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**

PUD Commissioner for 17+ years.

**Other Professional Experience**

Gordon Brothers Cellars co-owner; Gordon Brothers Farm co-owner.

**Education**

Bachelor of Arts in Hotel and Restaurant Administration from Washington State University.

**Community Service**

Columbia Basin College Trustee 2013 to Present.

**Statement**

Good things are happening at Franklin PUD. When I became a PUD Commissioner 17 years ago chaos reigned. Large rate increases were being imposed, board members were bickering, declining bond rating was adding to customers' electric bills. I am happy to report that we now enjoy stable rates, Commissioners and staff work together for the benefit of customers, and our current business practices resulted in a 4 level increase in bond rating.

My knowledge and experience will benefit the PUD in the coming years to maintain rate stability as well as electrical service reliability while we face the unknown, somewhat scary, times ahead. The PUD's power purchase contract with BPA will soon expire requiring the Commission to make critical decisions regarding future power sources. The Snake River Dams which provide clean, renewable, low-cost power to PUD customers are under continual attack from groups fighting for their removal. Resisting demands for spilling more water and using less for generation as well as resisting attacks from dam removal advocates requires heightened efforts and scientific information. It requires an experienced Board of Commissioners.

I look forward to continuing to work for you to bring my knowledge and experience to Franklin PUD.

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**Casey  
Cochrane**

(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**

Has not held public office.

**Other Professional Experience**

Government and Community issues Manager; Tacoma-Pierce Chamber, Local Government and Community Relations Manager; Puget Sound Energy.

**Education**

BA Business and English; Washington State University.

**Community Service**

Chair; Thurston County Chamber of Commerce, Thurston County United Way; Chair, Lewis County United Way; Chair, Thurston County Economic Development Council, Pierce County Election Advisory Board, ROTARY, St. Theresa Parish, Youth Soccer and Baseball League Coach.

**Statement**

I am running for Franklin County PUD Commissioner because I have the skills, experience and understanding what role Public Power plays in the community and economic health of our County. I was raised and live and work in Kahlotus on our 105 year old wheat ranch, graduated from Washington State University and have over 30 years of experience in public policy working for chambers of commerce and utilities. I will represent, every day, the needs of the rural as well as the developed areas Franklin county that make up District 2. The rapid growth of our county will present challenges for the PUD to effectively serve all customers going forward. I will advocate to provide an environment that will have strong economic development opportunities, forward thinking communication and the ability to strengthen the underserved areas in the county. Working from the Utility Strategic Plan I will work to:

Promote Employee and Public Safety; Enhance Systems to Provide Enhanced Reliability for both Power and Rural Broadband internet; Ensure Stable Power Rates Through Transparent Rate Making Processes and Responsible Policy Decisions; Assure that Customer and Community Service is a Priority.

I appreciate your support as we move forward together.

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## FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE

### Elections Department

Voter registration, ballot requests and accessible voting:

1016 N 4th Ave, Suite A206  
Pasco, WA 99301

Monday through Friday, 8:30am - 5:00pm, open until 8pm on Election Day.

Ballot processing:

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Website: [www.co.franklin.wa.us/elections](http://www.co.franklin.wa.us/elections)

## BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS

1

Election Center  
116 N 3rd Ave, Pasco

2

Courthouse  
1016 N 4th Ave, Pasco

3

HAPO Center (TRAC)  
6600 Burden Blvd, Pasco

4

Fire Protection District No. 3  
2108 Road 84, Pasco

5

Connell PUD Shop  
619 W Clark St, Connell