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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.

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

Ballot Box Locations

<p>1 Election Center 116 N 3rd Ave, Pasco</p>	<p>2 Courthouse 1016 N 4th Ave, Pasco</p>
<p>3 HAPO Center (TRAC) 6600 Burden Blvd, Pasco</p>	<p>4 Fire Protection District No. 3 2108 Road 84, Pasco</p>
<p>5 Connell PUD Shop 619 W Clark St, Connell</p>	

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Elections Department Contact Information

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Pasco School District No. 1, Director, At Large, Pos. 5, Nonpartisan, 4 year term

Michelle Andres



Elected Experience
First time Candidate.

Other Professional Experience
Middle School Teacher
7th/8th Grade, Rogue River,
OR; College Admissions
Counselor - Sterling College,
KS; Workforce Investment
Act Representative—Career
Path Services, Spokane,
WA; TV/Radio Broadcast-
Administrative and Promotions
Positions, KXLY - Spokane, WA;

American Heart Association Training Network
Account Representative- OR, WA, AK, MT, ID.

Education

BA in Communications with Marketing Emphasis
Whitworth University.

Community Service

Franklin County Civil Service Commission; DECA
Volunteer Judge Chiawana High School.

Statement

I believe our students need to return to in-person
education as much as possible but this time with
local control by parents and students over school
choices and school funding.

Students were not given a choice in Pasco last year
whereas other districts were. The Washington
Achievement Council reported high school students
failing to earn grades up 42% over last year.

In 2020, the CDC compared 2019 and reports
mental health related visits to the E.R. increased
24% in ages 5-11 and 31% ages 12-17.

Greater numbers of families and students
are leaving public schools which means lower
enrollment, less funding, less for students. It's time
for local driven choices by parents and students
to fund and drive their future and its time school
boards to clear the way for trades and higher
educational opportunities.

On-line education may be a better choice for
some students but far too many of these decisions
are being made for you while you foot the bill.
Shouldn't it be your choice, your school? As your
next School Board member I believe it is. I'm
Michelle Andres and I ask for your vote. Thank you.

Contact

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Amy Freeman Phillips



Elected Experience
Pasco School Board of
Directors: 2013-Present;
Pasco School Board of
Directors President:
2019-Present; Pasco School
Board of Directors Vice
President: 2017-2019.

Other Professional Experience
Substitute teacher and Long
Term Sub: 2016-Present; Stay-
at-home mom: 1996-Present;
Small business owner and

manager: 2015-Present; Acted as General
Contractor for 5 houses: 2009-2015; Homeschool
educator: 2011-2012, 2020-2021.

Education

College: B.A. in Mathematics Education from
Brigham Young University; High School: Connell
High School.

Community Service

Volunteered in the schools and ATP member at
several schools: 2005-20015; Foster Parent to
13 children: 2002-2016; School Board Member:
2013-Present; Team Pasco Member: 2015-Present;
"JustServe" representative for Franklin County:
2020-Present.

Statement

*Every student should meet their full potential. The
8 years I've served on the board have been spent
supporting a college-ready culture while offering
increasing numbers of pathways to career and
technical education to successfully propel our
students into their futures.*

Changes in our district that have been driven and
supported by myself and our board include:

*Student Achievement: Strategic plans with
measurable outcomes; State of the School reviews
at each school; Superior hiring practices; Academic
excellence through effective professional learning
committees; Policies to ensure regular curriculum
review and replacement; Dual Language Program
expansion enabling every child to graduate bi-
lingual if desired; More nurses and counselors to
support the whole child.*

*Transparency: Accountability for levy dollars; Data
dashboard for academic transparency; Tightening
the budget and removing excesses.*

*Community Voice: Community Forums; More
opportunity to speak at board meetings; Live board
meetings; Personal responses to every e-mail.*

This past year, 7 of our schools were recognized
by Washington State for academic growth and
excellence. My education background and my role
as a parent of both special needs and highly capable
students further enables me to insure excellence
in our schools.

Contact

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John Kennedy



Elected Experience
No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience
Adjunct Instructor of History
and American Studies at
Columbia Basin College,
Washington State University-Tri-
Cities, Indiana University, and
Marian University Indianapolis.
Economic Recovery Coordinator,
Benton-Franklin Council
of Governments, Richland,
Washington.

Education

Bachelor's of Arts, History and Political Science,
Indiana University, Bloomington; Master's of
Arts, History, Purdue University, West Lafayette;
Doctorate of Philosophy, History, Purdue University,
West Lafayette.

Community Service

Assisted the Franklin County Historical Society and
Museum in Pasco with organizing its vertical files.
Assisted the East Benton County Historical Society
and Museum in Kennewick with organizing archival
documents and researching an exhibit on Tri-Cities
restaurant history.

Statement

The consequences of COVID-19 will have long-lasting
academic, psychological, and economic impacts
on our students and their futures. Parents are
wondering how our School District will navigate
the recovery from the pandemic and beyond to
prepare and equip students for success inside and
outside of the classroom. I am running for the Pasco
School Board to be a new voice and a listening ear.
I will work with Board colleagues, District staff, and
families to empower *all* students to develop the
educational tools needed for successful futures after
graduation and thrive in a competitive economy.

After 11 years of experience as a college instructor,
I understand the challenges and opportunities a
college education or skilled trades offers. I will
work towards supporting the School District in
bridging the readiness gap between K-12 and higher
education or the trades. As an Economic Recovery
Coordinator, I know the efficacy of partnerships and
the necessity of planning. I will have a collaborative
approach on the Board and will responsibly listen to
stakeholders when effectively allocating resources
and establishing policy. In my professional roles,
I put students and local jurisdictions first and
will continue to do so as a Board member for *all*
students.

Contact

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City of Pasco, Councilmember, District 3, Position 3, Nonpartisan, 4 year term

Leo A. Perales



Elected Experience
Park Middle School
ASB President,
2000-2001.

Other Professional Experience
10 years of leadership experience. Code Safety Professional, 2007 - Present, Hanford Nuclear Reservation and Large Industrial/

Commercial Public and Private Projects.

Education

Heritage University-2012, Graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. Columbia Basin College-2008 graduate. Kamiakin High School-2005 graduate.

Community Service

Tri-Cities Community Work Group on Community Policing, Tri-Cities Special Investigations Unit(SIU), Community Representative, Pasco Fiery Foods Festival Volunteer, Vice Chair-Kennewick Housing Authority; Vice Chair-Benton County Planning Commission, Kennewick Improvement Board, Washington State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice's Racial & Ethnic Disparities Committee, Benton-Franklin Juvenile Justice Truancy Board.

Statement

I'm running for Pasco City Council because I believe it's time for a new generation of leadership. I'm a Pasco native whose watched Pasco grow and prosper. It is important we retain our value of community and put families first. Public safety is one of my priorities as it greatly impacts our quality of life. I believe the city should support our Police and Fire Fighters because they put their lives on the line every day to keep our families safe. As your representative I will work to ensure that we have well-funded fire and emergency medical services because after this pandemic, we know how vital they are to our community. I believe the City should support growth and not stifle it with unreasonable regulations and fees. As your councilman, I will make certain that we always maintain our small town roots. I believe in fiscal responsibility and will work tirelessly so that when I look you in the eye, I can tell you that we spent your tax dollars wisely. Pasco needs someone in city hall that will listen to its residents needs and concerns. With a servants heart I request your vote. Elect the right leader-vote Leo Perales.

Contact

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Steven X Martinez



Elected Experience
Job Analysis -Local
69 Associated
Western Pulp &
Paper Workers.

Other Professional Experience
Former Operations
Specialist PCA of
Wallula; Job Analysis
Local 69 AWPPW.

Education

Pasco High School; Columbia Basin College.

Community Service

Strategic Consultant to Byrdtalk 101; Volunteer time, goods, and services to local migrant farm works. Yearly sneaker & backpack drive in coordination with area coaches.

Statement

I am a true Pasco kid through and through. From the time I was born at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, to my current jogs up and down the streets, paths, and dusty roads of the city. My love for the "Purple City" has never wavered. My Grandparents handed down this love of Pasco, because from the time they settled in Pasco in the early 1950's, they saw what we all see today. A community that embraces diversity, change, and most importantly, growth.

The past 30 years Pasco's growth wasn't always handled with a long term and innovative thought process. Pasco is doing a much better job now. But some residents of Pasco seem left out and wanting more. I hope to bring a voice of the everyday residents that feel unheard.

I'm hoping my voice is the one voters choose to speak on and proudly share Pasco's future growth.

Contact

(509) 205-7570

Irving L. Brown Sr.



Elected Experience
None.

Other Professional Experience

High-achieving human resources leader and trusted advisor with extensive experience leading fast-paced, service-oriented human resources operations; Red Lion

Hotel & Conference Center, Pasco; Human Resources Manager, 4/2021 to Present. Washington Potato Company, Pasco; Human Resources Supervisor, 4/2008 to 4/2019.

Education

Bachelor of Science in Business Management, expected 2022; Columbia Basin College, Pasco Professional in Human Resources, Expected 2021; Human Resources Certification Institute.

Community Service

Executive Director for local non-profit, Tri-Cities Diversity and Inclusion Council; Master of Ceremony for the Miss Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant; In service to low-income families.

Statement

My name is Irving Brown. I am running for Pasco City Council District 3 position. I have lived in Pasco since 2008 and I'm the proud father of two children. I serve as the Executive Director for the Tri-Cities Diversity and Inclusion Council; Human Resources Manager at the Red Lion Hotel and Conference Center, serve as a Deacon and Chairman of the Trustee Board at the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Pasco. I also own a small consulting business.

Pasco stands at a crossroad with a booming population. Our economy is one of the fastest growing in the state, yet entire sections of our city feel left behind. I am running because I firmly believe in Pasco and the promise of its future. If elected, I will work to strengthen our city's economy with pro-growth policies that distribute development evenly across our city. I will find ways to save money in our budget without compromising vital services while maintaining a culture of equity, inclusion and empowerment in our local government.

Let's build our future together. I respectfully ask for your vote. For more campaign information or to volunteer, please visit my website at: www.mrbrownforcitycouncil3.com.

Contact

mrbrownforcitycouncil3@gmail.com

Nikki Torres



Elected Experience
As a first-time candidate, I'll bring an experienced collaborative voice to the city council.

Other Professional Experience

Past President of Tri-Cities Hispanic Chamber, member of Association of Washington

Business Grassroots Alliance, a past Board Member of Tri-Cities Community Health, Visit Tri-Cities, and the Kennewick Police Department Foundation. Past appointment to Childcare Collaborative Task Force.

Education

I earned a Master of Business Administration from University of Phoenix and inducted into the National Society for Leadership and Success, an Honor Society.

Community Service

I have served on numerous committees such as Latino Heritage Mural, Dia De Los Muertos Scholarship Fun Run, and classroom volunteer for Junior Achievement.

Statement

My name is Nikki Torres; I am running to be your next Pasco City Councilmember for District 3. I am running because our city, which was hit hard by the COVID-19 Pandemic, needs leadership to put it on a path to full recovery. This requires an experienced collaborator who will support smart growth, address affordable housing through permitting and zoning, and promote policies that will entice new businesses and manufacturing to our city. Currently, I serve as a Strategic Partnerships Manager for Western Governors University. Prior to this, I worked with small businesses. In all, I have over 20 years of service to our community.

I believe that my work in our community and my professional experience makes me the best person for the Pasco City Council Position 3. Within our community we know that Pasco is a confident member of the Tri-Cities and moving forward as a leader. I will help our city recover from the pandemic and build a stronger economy that works for everyone in our community. I respectfully ask for your vote. Thank you to the community leaders that have endorsed my campaign: Saul Martinez, Mayor of Pasco, and Matt Watkins, Past Mayor of Pasco.

Contact

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Elections and Voter Registration

How do I register to vote in Washington?

Qualifications

You must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, a resident of Washington, and not under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington felony conviction. 16- and 17-year-olds can sign up as Future Voters and will be registered to vote when they turn 18.

Registration deadlines

By mail or online: Your application must be received no later than July 26.

In person: Franklin County Elections Department, 1016 N 4th Ave in Pasco, no later than 8 p.m. on August 3.

How do I register to vote?

Online: Register at VoteWA.gov

By mail: Request a paper form be mailed to you by calling (509) 545-3538 or print your own at sos.wa.gov/elections.

In person: Visit the elections department at 1016 N. 4th Ave, in Pasco.

Moved? Update your voting address

Contact the elections department to request a ballot at your new address.

By July 26: Have your application received by mail or updated online.

Or By August 3: Visit the elections department in person at 1016 N. 4th Ave, Pasco.

#Future Voter

What if I'm not 18 yet?

If you are 16 or 17, become a Future Voter! 16- and 17-year-olds can use the Voter Registration form to sign up as Future Voters and be automatically registered to vote when they turn 18.

Every January on Temperance and Good Citizenship Day, high school students 16 and older are given the opportunity to complete a voter registration in class.

How do I cast a ballot?

- 1 Your ballot will be mailed no later than **July 16** to the address you provide in your voter registration. If you need a replacement ballot, contact the Franklin County Elections Department.

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- 2 Vote your ballot and sign your return envelope. You are not required to vote every race on your ballot. We encourage using this pamphlet to help you decide.

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- 3 **Return your ballot by mail, no stamp needed.** If mailed, your ballot must be postmarked by **August 3**. A late postmark could disqualify your ballot. The USPS recommends that you mail a week before Election Day.

Or

Return your ballot to an official ballot drop box, no stamp needed. Drop boxes are open until 8pm on **August 3**. Find drop box locations at VoteWA.gov.

If you cannot personally return your ballot, let only people you trust deliver it for you.

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- 4 Check the status of your ballot on VoteWA.gov to see if it has been received by Franklin County elections.

Election staff will contact you before your ballot is processed if:

 - Your signature is missing
 - Your signature doesn't match your voter registration record

View election results online

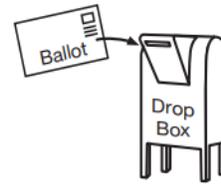
After 8 p.m. on election night, tallied results from each county are posted at sos.wa.gov/elections. Results are updated as counties report and unofficial until certification.

How is my ballot counted?

1

Franklin County receives your ballot

Deposit your ballot in an official drop box **by 8 p.m. on August 3, Election Day**, or return your ballot by mail — postage paid — but make sure it's postmarked no later than Election Day! A late postmark could disqualify your ballot. The USPS recommends that you **mail your ballot a week before Election Day**.



Election staff will contact you before your ballot is processed if:

- Your signature is missing
- Your signature doesn't match your voter registration record

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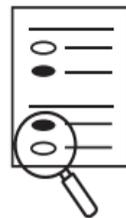
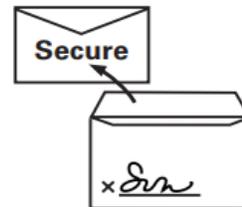
Your signature is verified

The signature on your return envelope is compared to the signature on your voter registration record. If the signature matches, your ballot is accepted and you are credited for voting to ensure only one ballot is counted for you.

3

Envelopes and sleeves are separated

The return envelope is opened and the security envelope or sleeve containing your ballot is removed. They are separated to ensure the secrecy of your vote.



4

Your ballot is reviewed and scanned

The security envelope or sleeve is opened and election staff review your ballot to verify that it can be successfully scanned.

5

Your ballot is counted

After 8 p.m. on Election Day all scanned ballots are tallied. Ballots will be scanned and tallied over the next several days until all the votes are counted.

