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# Voters' Pamphlet

November 7, 2023 General Election



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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](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

## November 7, 2023 General Election

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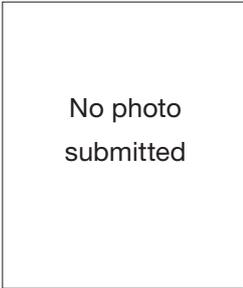
#### Logic and Accuracy

- Before each election, a public logic and accuracy test is conducted to ensure that voting equipment is ready for use and properly prepared to count ballots.
- The logic and accuracy test is verified by independent observers and the Office of Secretary of State.

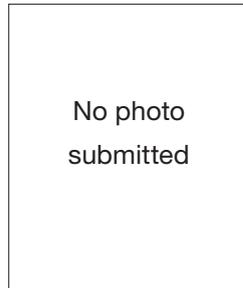
#### Post-Election Audit

- Post-election day audits are conducted prior to the certification of each election.
- The office to be audited is selected by political party and nonpartisan observers.
- Batches to be audited are randomly selected.
- The audit compares the vote totals from the tabulation system to a hand count of physical ballots.

To learn more or to view a logic and accuracy test or a post-election audit, please contact the elections department at: (509) 545-3538 or email [elections@franklincountywa.gov](mailto:elections@franklincountywa.gov)



**William  
Harder Jr**  
(Nonpartisan)

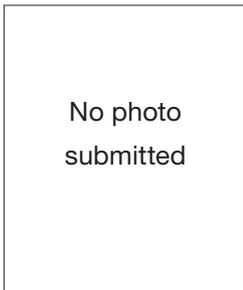


**Jon  
Andrewjeski**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Statement**  
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**Contact**  
No information submitted

**Statement**  
No statement submitted  
**Contact**  
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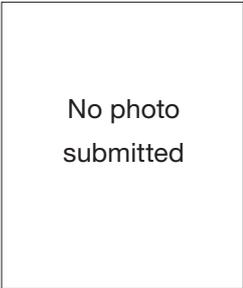
Port of Kahlotus | Commissioner, District 3 | 6 year term



**James D.  
Moore**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed**

**Statement**  
No statement submitted  
**Contact**  
No information submitted



**Vicki Gordon**  
(Nonpartisan)

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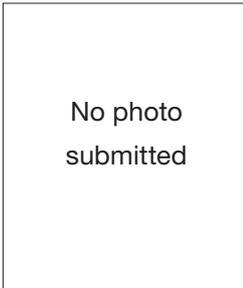
**Statement**

No statement submitted

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**Kahlotus School District No. 56 | Director, District 1, Position 1 | 4 year term**



**Melanie Ayers**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed**

**Statement**

No statement submitted

**Contact**

No information submitted

**Kahlotus School District No. 56 | Director, At Large, Position 4 | 4 year term**



**Joe Roach**  
(Nonpartisan)

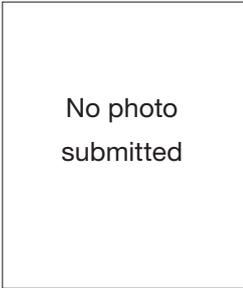
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**Statement**

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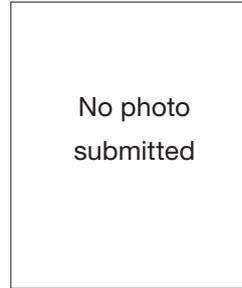
**Patricia Walker**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Statement**

No statement submitted

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**Ciera Valdez**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**

My name is Ciera Valdez, and I have been part of the Connell community for my entire life. I live here, I work here, and most importantly, I raise my family here. I attended North Franklin School District, and my kids have been enrolled here since 2014 and will continue until the Class of 2039. The families of all the children who went to school here their whole lives aren't going anywhere, and neither am I. I am the voice for parents of my generation!

**Other Professional Experience**

No information submitted

**Education**

No information submitted

**Community Service**

No information submitted

**Statement**

I am running for school board because I believe that decisions about our schools and how they are ran should be decided by parents whose children are currently enrolled in our schools. I have had children enrolled in NFSD since 2014 and will have children here until 2039. That is 25 years with children in our district! I am here to represent the parents like me, who went to school in North Franklin their whole lives and are now raising their kids in NFSD. I want to hear my community's thoughts and concerns about having a child in our schools during these trying times and I want to see the changes that this new generation of students need. I want to represent us. I am here to be the voice for the next generation of parents with children in North Franklin School District!

**Contact**

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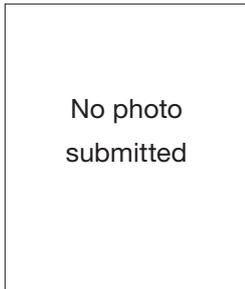


**Terry**  
**Utecht**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed**

**Statement**  
No statement submitted

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**Jon**  
**Fox**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed**

**Statement**  
No statement submitted

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**Steve Norberg**

(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**  
N/A

**Other Professional Experience**

Professor and Regional Forage Specialist with Washington State University and Franklin County Extension last 12 Years; Teaching/Research Associate at University of Nebraska; 2023 - National Distinguished Service Award by the NACAA; 2015 - Search for Excellence in Crop Production Award

**Education**

University of Nebraska - Bachelors of Science, Agriculture; University of Nebraska - Master of Science, Agronomy; Oregon State University - Ph.D. Crop Science

**Community Service**

Mentor with Forge Youth Mentoring; Ex-Officio with Washington State Hay Growers Association; Superintendent of Hay Kings Contest at Benton-Franklin County Fair; Active in a local church

**Statement**

Pasco's future lies with our kids. Our kids deserve the best education possible to prepare them for success. Success is accomplished by teaching them the basics of reading, writing, arithmetic and learning how to become independent lifelong learners. My conservative values and leadership will help guide Pasco schools to ensure a healthy learning atmosphere and result in students that are well prepared for their future. As evidence of my conservative values, I am endorsed by the Franklin County Republican Central Committee. It is critical for parents to be involved with their child's education and the school should encourage this and not interfere with their relationship or parental rights. I will do my best to wisely use the finances that are available. I have written and managed budgets, people and resources to accomplish research and extension programs, including a national team of eight Professors. My course work in teaching methods and experience in teaching will assist me in my leadership and wisdom to the Pasco School District.

**Contact**

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**Vincent Guerrero**

(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**  
No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience**

Vincent Guerrero was born and raised in Eastern Washington. Raised by parents who are farmers and still are farming. Vincent knows Eastern Washington and how life in the area is different than that of other areas.

**Education**

Vincent is married and has two children in Pasco's public schools. Vincent earned a bachelor's degree from Central Washington University and has a master's degree in public administration. Vincent is also a certified public manager.

**Community Service**

Vincent has over twenty years' experience working with local government, is a Meals on Wheels board member, and is a member of Pasco Kiwanis Club.

**Statement**

Vincent was born and raised in Eastern Washington. He knows this area is attractive, and people come to this area to raise their children in a safe place they can call home. Vincent's parents were born and raised in Texas, moved to Eastern Washington in the 60's and began their journey together soon after as farmers.

Vincent is running for Pasco School Board to help lead the district in a positive and productive manner. The area has seen tremendous growth and change in the last twenty years and a strong person is needed to help lead the district in its vision and goals. Vincent feels that he has a duty and responsibility to the citizens and children of not only district #1 but the whole school district to help guide it in a positive direction. Having a master's degree in public administration helps with being a good listener, setting goals, creating policies, collaboration, consensus, and working toward a unified vision.

Vincent knows that commitment is not just in words but in action. Vincent will work hard to ensure all children receive an opportunity for a quality education.

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**John  
Kennedy**

(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**

Pasco School Board Director, District 2, December 2022 - present

**Other Professional Experience**

Adjunct Professor 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 & Political Science, Indiana University, Bloomington; Master's of Arts, History, Purdue University, West Lafayette; Doctorate of Philosophy, History, Purdue University, West Lafayette

**Community Service**

Archival collections, Franklin County Historical Society & Museum. Archival collections and researching exhibits, East Benton County Historical Society & Museum. Student Research Project Mentor, Clean Energy Ambassadors Network, WSU-Tri-Cities.

**Statement**

Pasco School Board members have an important role as champions for all of our students. I am running for re-election to the Pasco School Board to continue serving as an advocate for them and their families. Our Board can only be effective if its members work together and make decisions as one through consensus. That is my approach as a Board Director.

As a college instructor with 13 years experience, I understand the importance of ensuring our students have the educational tools necessary to thrive in a competitive economy. I will continue to partner with Board colleagues and District staff to support strong Career and Technical Education programs and advocate for equitably providing students STEM career development opportunities. Our students have clearly expressed to us their need for *meaningful connections* with their community and true feeling of belonging in their schools. Maintaining Board support for robust and sustainable physical, social, and emotional wellness for our students will remain a high priority of mine.

I will always listen to parents, students, staff, and educators when establishing policy and equitably allocating resources for all of our students and schools in a fiscally responsible way. I humbly ask for your vote. Thank you.

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**Gabriel  
Lucatero**

(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**

No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience**

No information submitted

**Education**

No information submitted

**Community Service**

No information submitted

**Statement**

I am running for the Pasco School Board because I believe we can do better for our children and our city. As a parent of four sons and two daughters in the school district, a community member, I believe the future of our city depends on the ability of our district to bring excellence with equity to all students. This means supporting teachers to do their best work with our kids every day. This means listening to and incorporating the input of teachers, families and community members when designing district policies. And it means holding district leadership accountable when test scores flatline, enrollment fails to meet projections .

**Contact**

No information submitted



**Rosa  
Torres**

(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**  
No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience**  
Proven and insightful leader with deep finance expertise and experience at well-known organizations including Boeing Company, Ford Motor Company, Starbucks Coffee Company, Microsoft, Elite Construction and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

**Education**  
Pasco School District K-12 educated, followed by a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Gonzaga University, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Notre Dame. Continue learning through extensive leadership, management, and self-development opportunities in my professional career and personal life.

**Community Service**  
Currently serve on the Pasco School Board, Pasco Planning Commission and Washington State School Directors Association Resolutions Committee. Past mentor with Junior Achievement and Communities in Schools.

**Statement**  
I’m honored to run for the Pasco School Board at large position. Driven by personally experiencing the transformative power of education, I’m a passionate advocate for quality public education because it can unlock doors, empower individuals, and uplift our entire community.

I believe a strong, vibrant community is built through active interest, engagement, and collaboration. As a board member, I’ll work alongside families, staff, fellow board members and our community to address our schools’ needs and foster a positive, safe, and inclusive learning environment for all students. I’ll use the strategic leadership, financial discipline and relationship building skills gained from my education and professional experience in service to our community.

Representation matters. As someone who grew up in this community and is a product of the Pasco School District, I understand the challenges and aspirations of our students. I’m a committed and strong voice for the diverse perspectives and experiences within our community, ensuring that board actions reflect the needs and dreams of all our students and families.

I’m ready to serve as an advocate for all our students and community. Together, let’s build a brighter future for our students and ensure that every child receives the education they deserve.

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**Steve  
Simmons**

(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**  
2020 to Present - Franklin County Republican Precinct Committee Officer (PCO); 2022-2023 - Pasco School Board Director

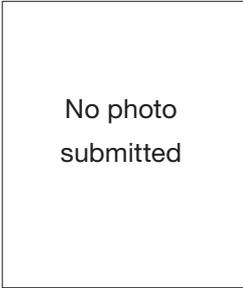
**Other Professional Experience**  
Avionics Technician; State Licensed 01 Electrician; Electrical Maintenance Planner

**Education**  
Kamiakin High School Graduate; Avionics & Electronics Trade School; NECA/IBEW Local 112 Inside Electrician Apprenticeship; Pursuing a Bachelor in Project Management at Columbia Basin College

**Community Service**  
Volunteer and serve in various capacities in local religious organization; Volunteer coach on sports teams; Volunteer at Pasco Parks and Recreation events

**Statement**  
I’m Steve Simmons. Raised in Kennewick our family has lived in Pasco for 15 years. Our children attend school in the Pasco School District, one of which is a special needs student. I have a love for our republic, state, and community. I want to serve in a fair, balanced, and ethical manner. I do not believe that our elected officials need to be perfect but that they desire to seek out common sense and truth when making crucial decisions with funds and policies that affect our lives. I will work to ensure the budget, monies, and taxpayer funds are used responsibly and not on ideological, trendy, and wasteful programs. I will work toward fiscally responsible solutions regarding the educational goals and priorities of the community. Much of what affects education in the community happens at the state level. I will be involved in the various organizations and committees as a voice for our community, parents, and students. I will help ensure district and state K-12 education policies and legislation is simple and prudent, builds individual self-reliance, prepares for the future needs of our state and communities, and provides appropriate funding. I would be honored with your vote.

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**Reed  
Wiswall**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed**

**Statement**  
No statement submitted  
**Contact**  
No information submitted

Star School District No. 54 | Director, At Large, Position 2 | 4 year term



**Steve  
Hallstrom**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed**

**Statement**  
No statement submitted  
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Star School District No. 54 | Director, At Large, Position 3 | 4 year term



**Nichole  
Van Hollebeke**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed**

**Statement**  
No statement submitted  
**Contact**  
No information submitted



**Preston  
Hart**

(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**

No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience**

No information submitted

**Education**

Bachelor in Arts - History - WSU 2005; Minor in Business Management - WSU 2005

**Community Service**

No information submitted

**Statement**

As a fifth-generation resident of Connell, I have a passion for both protecting the integrity of our town, and a desire to see it thrive for the generations to come. With nearly 20 years of experience in both domestic and international business management I bring a wide range of skills that will benefit the residents of Connell. My objectives as a city council member include, ensuring economic development, protecting the core values that make Connell such a great place to raise a family, and bringing sound judgment to major decisions that impact our community.

**Contact**

(208) 421-2357; hartpreston@hotmail.com



**Patrice  
Hebel**

(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**

Patrice Hebel has been General Manager at M&M Motel in Connell Washington for 9 years. She has served as board member elect on Chamber of Commerce since 2018, Fall Festival Committee since 2019, Hotel Motel Tax Committee since 2019 and the Salary Commission Committee in 2022. Her desire to serve the community is outstanding and would like to further her service as Councilmember, At Large, Position 5. You can reach her at mmmotel@outlook.com.

**Other Professional Experience**

GM M&M Motel

**Education**

Landmark Christian School; Everest Community College; North Central Beauty Academy

**Community Service**

Chamber of Commerce, Fall Festival, Hotel Motel Tax Committee, Salary Commission Committee

**Statement**

To the City of Connell, I would like to offer my services as Councilmember, At Large, Position 5. Twenty Years ago, we drove by on the highway looked over and saw the waterslides and the park and drove through town and thought what a nice place to live never thinking that one day I would end up being offered a job here. Nine years ago, as I came down that hill, I thought to myself this is home my new Pleasantville and it is. I have continued to strive to help the community in many different forms, Chamber of Commerce board member elect, Fall Festival, Hotel Motel Tax Committee, Salary Commission Committee and now I would like to be your new council member elect. I would like to help grow this community by listening to wants and concerns. I have turned this Hotel Into a profitable asset to the town bringing people to spend money at our restaurants and business and even seen customers fall in love with the town and move here. So, if you want someone who cares and will listen vote for me.

**Contact**

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**Shelly  
Harper**

(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**

Connell City Council Position 6 (2020-2023); Franklin County Cemetery District #1 Commissioner (2022-2028)

**Other Professional Experience**

Current Office Administrator at Nutrien Ag Solutions – Connell; Connell Methodist Church now Grace United Community Church Secretary; Lamb Weston Research & Development Richland & Connell Plant 14 years

**Education**

Associate of Arts from Columbia Basin College

**Community Service**

Executive Director/President of North Franklin Heritage Museum in Connell since 2017, Community Club Vice President since 2021, North Franklin Eagles Nest Treasurer since 2022, Dream With Me Christian Preschool Treasurer, Connell Fall Festival Committee Member, Greater Connell Chamber Woman of the Year 2019, P.E.O. Chapter HA Member/Treasurer

**Statement**

I am running for my second term for Connell City Council. I have missed only 1 city council meeting since my term began in 2020. As Director of the North Franklin Heritage Museum in Connell, I designed and managed the renovations at the museum in 2017-2018 including the gardens, Hudlow Memorial Annex building and the Adams Homestead. I have also submitted the application to get the museum's church built in 1904 on the National Historic Building Registry. I have mapped Mt. View Cemetery in Connell and marked over 100 older graves that never received headstones and updated FindAGrave.com with all burials in the cemetery. I have covered graffiti around town. Through Connell Community Club and City Council, I was instrumental in getting the town clock project funding completed and the clock will be installed this fall by City Hall. I am a CHS 1989 graduate, love my hometown and would be honored to serve another 4-year term.

**Contact**

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No photo  
submitted

**David (Duey)  
Dixon**

(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**

I have been elected President of North Franklin Education Association for the past ten years. I have negotiated multi-million dollar contracts with North Franklin School District. Prior to that I was elected Vice-President to NFEA for 6 years.

**Other Professional Experience**

I have been a teacher and coach for North Franklin School District and Connell High School for 32 years.

**Education**

I have a Bachelors of Art from Central Washington University majoring in History. I have a Master's Degree from Heritage University in Professional Education and a certificate in Secondary Administration.

**Community Service**

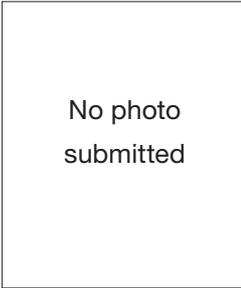
I have served in many community service projects including Fall Festival.

**Statement**

As city council member I would like to see Connell attract more business and services. This community needs more jobs opportunities, especially for young people out of high school. I love living in this small community but there is also room to grow and expand. We can still have a small community feel but grow at the same time. As a council member I will be prepared and research all decisions that I make. I am very organized and plan for everything. I will make no decision without being well informed and thought out. I plan to listen to citizens of Connell and make decisions for what's best for all of Connell. I came to Connell 32 years ago with the idea of getting some experience and moving on. But, my wife and I fell in love with place and felt this was the place for us. We raised our family here because we love the people here, its a great place to be. and I hope to continue making it great. Thank you.

**Contact**

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**Michael**  
**Robitaille**  
(Nonpartisan)

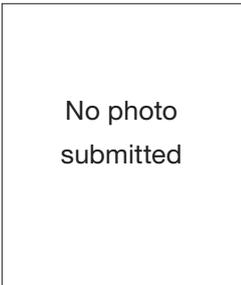
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**Statement**

No statement submitted

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**James C**  
**Hagans**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed**

**Statement**

No statement submitted

**Contact**

No information submitted

No photo  
submitted

**Maria  
Cruzan**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience**

This is my first year, I didn't know I liked community service until recently, but I found that it's very intriguing and satisfying.

**Other Professional Experience**

No information submitted

**Education**

This year I've done 7+ webinars on *AWC website*, and am an active member at *mrsc* as well.

**Community Service**

I volunteer in the *Adopt-A-Highway* program here in Kahlotus, wa.

**Statement**

Be the change you wish to see in the world.  
My biggest goal in life is to be better than I was yesterday.

**Contact**

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**City of Kahlotus | Councilmember, At Large, Position 6 | 4 year term**

No photo  
submitted

**Shirley L.  
Ayers**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed**

**Statement**

No statement submitted

**Contact**

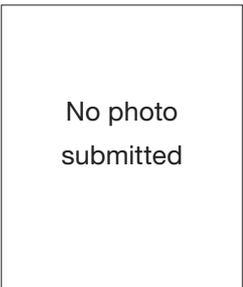
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**Agustin  
Garcia**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed**

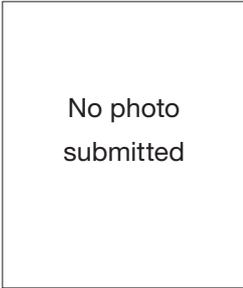
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**Brandon  
Eveland**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed**

**Statement**  
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**Contact**  
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Jay Michael  
**Dillard**  
(Nonpartisan)

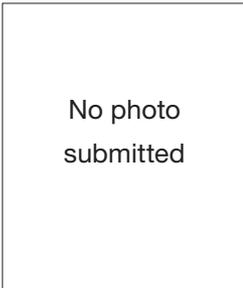
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**Statement**

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**Contact**

No information submitted



Jim  
**Cronenwett**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed**

**Statement**

No statement submitted

**Contact**

No information submitted



**J.R. Campos**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**

Appointed Pasco City Council District 2, Ben Franklin Transit Board of Directors, Benton Franklin Walla Walla Good Roads Association

**Other Professional Experience**

Washington River Protection Solutions Work Control Planner, Stevens Middle School Assistant Wrestling Coach 2017

**Education**

Bachelors of Applied Science in Project Management, Pasco Senior High School Class of 2005

**Community Service**

Pasco's Planning Commission 2017-2021

**Statement**

I am honored to present myself as a candidate for City Council Member in the City of Pasco's District 2. I am deeply invested in the well-being and success of our community. I was born and raised in Pasco, I understand the unique challenges and opportunities we face. I will be a tireless advocate for our district, working diligently to address the issues that matter most to you.

I am passionate about fostering economic growth and creating job opportunities in our district. By attracting new businesses and supporting local entrepreneurs, we can enhance our community's prosperity and improve the quality of life for all residents.

Environmental sustainability is another area close to my heart. I will champion initiatives that promote clean energy and work toward utilizing our shoreline in a responsible manner. Safety and Security of our City is crucial to me. Some complex issues such as addressing the homeless crisis, will take someone like me who's capable of creative problem solving to address it.

Above all, I am dedicated to transparency, inclusivity, and collaboration. I will actively seek your input, engage with community organizations, and work alongside fellow council members to make informed decisions that benefit our district.

**Contact**

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**Charles Grimm**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**

Precinct Committee Officer 2020-2024, Republican State Committeeman 2020-2022

**Other Professional Experience**

I have owned my own business in Franklin County for 16 years; 11 in North Franklin County, and almost 5 years in Pasco and currently employ about 20 +/- people while managing a multi-million dollar yearly budget.

**Education**

No information submitted

**Community Service**

I was on a Planning Commission for a decade where I was the Chair for the majority of that time so I understand working on a municipal Comprehensive Plan and advising the City Council on ordinances. Pasco Chamber Board Member, Franklin Co. Sheriff's Citizen Advisory Board, Volunteer Chaplain at the Union Gospel Mission.

**Statement**

*We need leadership in Pasco.* I believe in servant-style leadership that listens to the people I serve and asks tough questions on their behalf. I am a constitutional conservative that believes in limited government and fiscal responsibility. I have been married for 17 years and have 5 children. I believe family is the bedrock of civilization and I am a staunch supporter of parental rights.

*I want to work with Downtown businesses to revitalize the area* and ensure the commercial/industrial area stays relevant and represented.

*I want to fix West Pasco traffic.* We have a mess on our hands on the 68 corridor. We need to look at a holistic approach that gets people moving again and not just applying a band-aid here and there.

*I want to develop the Broadmoor area responsibly.* The area is just a little smaller than downtown Seattle with a clean slate and a real opportunity for us to create an appealing urban environment of community and commerce in Pasco.

I am a strong supporter of police and I want to find solutions for homelessness, addiction, and mental illness. I am grateful for those supporting me and I would be honored to receive your vote.

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**Irving Lee  
Brown Sr**

(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**

Current appointed Councilmember

**Other Professional Experience**

Team Leadership; Project Management; Conflict Resolution; Labor Law Compliance; Training & Development; Staffing & Scheduling Benefits & Payroll; Organizational Development

**Education**

Bachelor of Science in Business Management, *In Progress*; Columbia Basin College; Pasco, WA; Certifications; Senior Certified Professional (SHRM, SCP), *In Progress*; Human Resources Certification Institute (HRCI); Diversity and Inclusion in the workplace; Essec Business School-*Completed 2020*

**Community Service**

Support varies youth program; Support and encourage continued education; Support and work with correctional facilities to rebuild those that need encouragement to rise in their community. Address food deprivation in our communities

**Statement**

My name is Irving Brown, and I am running to stay on the Pasco City Council for District 3. I have lived in Pasco since 2008 and serve as Human Resources Manager at Oasis Farms in Prosser, WA.

Pasco stands at a crossroads. With a booming population, we are facing important decisions about planning to manage this future growth wisely. Our economy remains one of the fastest growing in the state, which is attracting more people; this is an opportunity for an even brighter future for this city. I am running because I firmly believe in Pasco and the promise of that future while continuing work on our long-term plans.

If elected, I will continue strengthening our city's economy with pro-growth policies and planning that will encourage development evenly across our city. I will promote ways to save money in our budget without compromising vital services. I want to maintain a culture of equity, inclusion, and empowerment in our local government. We can uphold that culture by restoring the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee.

Let's build our future together. I respectfully ask for your vote. For more campaign info or to volunteer, please visit my website at: [mrbrownforcitycouncil3.com](http://mrbrownforcitycouncil3.com).

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**Leo A.  
Perales**

(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**

Looking to restore the minds and hearts of my fellow elected officials so that we will work for you.

**Other Professional Experience**

Leo is the General Manager/Code Safety Professional for Atlas Technical Consultants and has been the lead inspector on state transportation projects as well as commercial, large industrial, and agricultural projects.

**Education**

Heritage University-2012-Graduated Summa Cum Laude; Columbia Basin College-2008-Associate of Arts Degree

**Community Service**

Chairman of the Hapo Center Advisory Board, 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 and many more.

**Statement**

I'm running for Pasco City Council because I want our kids, and your grandchildren to have the same opportunities that we've had here in Pasco. I want our children to be able to ride their bike outside safely. I want our city to be the safest in Washington, with well-funded police, fire, and public works services. I want our families to be able to go to downtown Pasco and feel safe and not worry about illicit and open drug use and homelessness that has invaded our public spaces. I'm running because I want to pass policies that will strengthen our Pasco families. I want us all to see progress and a building of community across our whole city so that we can live up to our city's motto of One Pasco. I'm running because we need reform at the Tri-City Animal Shelter; that we address the fees and regulations that have made housing unaffordable and that we humanize local government to create a business and developer friendly city hall that facilitates growth and not obstruct it. I'm proud to have the endorsement of many community leaders and small businesses and with a servant's heart, I humbly ask for your vote.

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**David  
Milne**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**

Elected to the Pasco City Council for the past 6 years, Head football coach for PYF, Boy Scout Leader, board member to Pasco Parks & Recreation and represent WA for STAFDA.

**Other Professional Experience**

I started my business at 21 which has become the largest tool store in South-Eastern Washington which is Milne Nail, Power Tool and Repair. Member of Pasco Advisory Council, Copa, Leadership Tri-Cities class XXII.

**Education**

Attended CBC and WSU Tri-Cities with a major in business.

**Community Service**

As a Rotarian there is always a project or need in the community. Active in the Duck Races, C3SLAM, Multi-Club International Grants and other endeavors.

**Statement**

I have been honored to live and raise my family here in Pasco for the past 23 years. I have a great wife and I've been blessed to raise our 4 kids.

America is a great country and I feel it is my civic duty to be involved in our community when given the chance. That is why I believe I bring a special set of skills to the Council as a small business owner and lifelong Republican. Safety for our residents and business's is my number one goal as a Pasco Councilman hence the reason I strongly support our local law enforcement. Other goals are smart growth for the Broadmoor area, oversight for the Animal shelter, keeping taxes to a minimum, a large family friendly central park, and a small government footprint for our community. I also strongly support our local trade apprenticeship programs and fire department. On another note I strongly believe Marijuana stores in our downtown and in other business areas will only bring crime and other unwanted consequences to our community. I am asking for your support in this election and would be honored to represent you, the voter, in November. Thank You and God Bless!!

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**James  
Czebotar**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**

James Czebotar is a husband, father, scientist, and engineer. He and His wife of 20 years, Kendra Bell Czebotar, grew up with extended family in Pasco and Kennewick. They jointly decided to raise their three children in Pasco.

**Other Professional Experience**

James is currently a Senior Information Technology Engineer at Pacific National Northwest Laboratories. Previously he was an Information Technology Specialist for Mid Columbia Libraries & Benton County where he worked closely with elected officials, district court, and superior court judges.

**Education**

Washington State University Bachelors of Arts in Business Management Information Systems

**Community Service**

12+ years Kennewick School District / Tri-Tech Computer Science Advisory Committee

**Statement**

As a long time resident, born in Pasco, I seek to serve you on the City Council. I offer my values, experience, and commitment to keep Pasco moving in a positive direction.

Effective city government must be transparent and inclusive. As a past employee of Benton County and Mid-Columbia Libraries, I strived to be an effective and fair steward of public resources—your tax dollars. I believe in using local talent and open source technologies as opposed to remote outsourcing, opaque contracts, and proprietary solutions.

For over a decade, I've nurtured our children's technological skillsets by serving on the Tri-Tech & Kennewick School District Computer Science Advisory Committee. I've stressed that while our kids need these skills to successfully participate in the global information economy, it is a disservice to not prepare kids to defend themselves against fraud, bullying, and online scams.

These are the same values I will bring to City Council. The growing number of unhoused individuals, gang activity, street racing, infrastructure and job growth are all sophisticated issues with many moving parts, some of which overlap. Our modern complex problems call for serious leaders who value science over slogans and pursue data driven outcomes. [www.vote4zeb.com](http://www.vote4zeb.com)

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**Peter**  
**Harpster**

(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**  
With your vote.

**Other Professional Experience**

I have spent the last 13 years working as a planner and project manager in the U.S. Air Force, and homebuilding, agribusiness, and land development sectors. I received my Lean Six Sigma certification from the Juran Institute in 2021. In my role as a project manager with Aqtera Engineering, I get the unique opportunity of helping to build and design communities within the City of Pasco.

**Education**

Pasco High School, 2009. Columbia Basin College, BA, Applied Management, 2023.

**Community Service**

Commissioner, Franklin County Planning Commission. Member, Pasco School District Instructional Materials Committee. Coach, Three Rivers Soccer Club.

**Statement**

I am troubled by what I see happening in our community. Drug use is becoming more commonplace, the unhoused population grows and wanders the streets of our city, mental health issues continue to increase in our community, and entire groups of our population cannot afford adequate housing. These are complex issues that require well-coordinated solutions. Our two-party system must set aside its differences to regain control of our communities and provide help to those in dire situations, protection to those who need it, accountability for criminals, and justice for victims. The same low-crime, safe community that I grew up in is the same community that I want my kids and your kids to grow up in. I'm willing to put in the work and effort to make that happen because I believe there is hope for our future yet. I humbly ask for your vote.

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**Kim**  
**Lehrman**

(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**  
No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience**

Serves on the City of Pasco Planning Commission. Financial Literacy, Welding and Agriculture Science Teacher.

**Education**

Kamiakin High graduate. Minor in Public Relations Washington State University. Bachelors of Science Agriculture WSU. Masters in Educational Leadership WSU.

**Community Service**

Volunteered on Pasco School District Long-Term Facility Management Plan. Action Team for Partnership Parent-Chair, PTO; a decade of volunteer coaching for the Pasco Parks and Recreation youth sports programs. Committee member of Pasco Citizens for Better Schools levy and bond campaigns. Food drives organizer and volunteer at Second Harvest. Trained to mentor mothers by iMPACT! Compassion Center. Vacation Bible School volunteer. Voter registration drive volunteer.

**Statement**

Pasco has been my home for over 20 years. I am a mother of four school-aged children, a Pasco Planning Commissioner, Pasco School District Teacher, and a youth volunteer coach. Serving in these roles gives me the opportunity to see and hear the diverse needs of our community. Pasco needs a council member who understands the scope of the position and listens to all residents.

Pasco invests in our children, but will they have the option of establishing their own roots in Pasco? How do we not lose our local talent and keep our town's charm? City staff predict 40,000 new residents in the next 20 years, who will need 15,000 additional housing units. The opportunities this will create requires innovative thinking and partnership, a leadership style I can provide.

I will prioritize continued safety improvements, removal of barriers to the affordable housing crisis, and attracting new businesses while implementing responsible growth planning. I will work to improve community engagement, streamline permitting processes, and collaborate with local, state and federal elected officials. Most importantly, I will listen to and serve all residents.

Making Pasco work for you, with real results, now and into the future. Vote Lehrman!

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**Burl  
Booker**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed**

**Statement**  
No statement submitted

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Fire Protection District 2 | Commissioner, At Large, Position 2 | 4 year unexpired term



**Don  
Hentges**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed**

**Statement**  
No statement submitted

**Contact**  
No information submitted



Todd

**Blackman**

(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience**

Current board member and legislative committee member of the Washington Fire Commissioners Association. Current president of the Tri-County Fire Commissioners Association. Past president of the Southeast Washington Fire Commissioners Association, the (SE WA) Hazardous Materials Response Group, and the FCFD#3 Firefighters Association.

**Other Professional Experience**

Utility Hazardous Materials Response.

**Education**

No information submitted

**Community Service**

Tri Cities Water Follies Association past president; Sustainable Living Center president. Past FCFD#3 volunteer firefighter & first responder.

**Statement**

The fire service is a lifelong passion for me, my father was a volunteer firefighter and I grew up in a small town fire community. After volunteering myself I was asked to fill an open commissioners seat and found that serving this role was even more challenging and rewarding. FCFD#3 has faced many challenges and grown through many changes since I first became involved. Nothing in the fire service has grown easier, less expensive or less complicated in that time. Meeting expanding needs with tighter budgets, finding and keeping exceptional staffing, recruitment and retainment of dedicated volunteers, maintaining a high level of training and equipment readiness are all paramount and key to operating a successful fire district. I also understand the financial stresses taxpayers face during these tough economical times. I feel that FCFD#3 spending has shown a strong dedication to financial responsibly without sacrificing the mission. When I dial 911 in FCFD#3 district I feel confident the quality help I need is rushing my way and I do not feel that I have overpaid for that resource. It's difficult to imagine how we could do better for less, but I will always remain watchful for those opportunities. Thank You.

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## Proposition No. 1

### Franklin County Fire Protection District No. 3

#### Authorization for a 6 year levy lid lift.

Franklin County Fire Protection District No. 3 Commissioners adopted Amended Resolution No. 447 concerning funding for fire protection and emergency medical services.

This proposition would authorize an increase of the District’s property tax levy rate to \$1.34 per \$1,000 assessed valuation for 2024 collection to fund District fire protection and emergency medical services operations, including maintenance, staffing, training, capital facilities, and equipment. It would also authorize annual levy rate increases up to 6% per year above the prior year for collection in 2025-2029, and use the 2029 levy amount to calculate the levy limit in subsequent years.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

### Statement For Proposition No. 1

No statement in favor submitted.

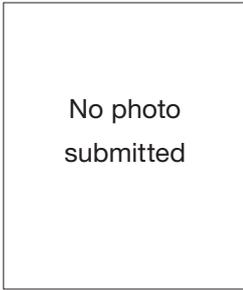
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### Statement Against Proposition No. 1

No statement against submitted.

## Explanatory Statement

If enacted, this proposition would authorize the fire protection district to increase the tax levy rate to \$1.34 per \$1000 of assessed value for collection in 2024. It would also allow the fire protection district to assess up to 6% per year above the prior year instead of 1% per year above the prior year for collection in the years 2025 through 2029. The district would be authorized to use the amount of the levy collected in 2029 as base for subsequent levy limitations provided in RCW 84.55. This would enable the district to continue maintaining and adequately funding district operations, including emergency medical services (ambulance).

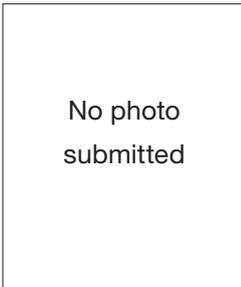


**Jim**  
**Klaustermeyer Jr.**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed**

**Statement**  
No statement submitted  
**Contact**  
No information submitted

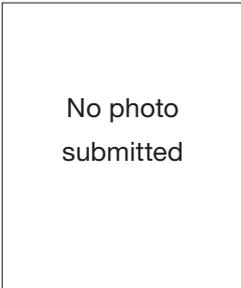
Cemetery District 1 | Commissioner, At Large, Position 2 | 6 year term



**Rebecca (Becky)**  
**Cochrane**  
(Nonpartisan)

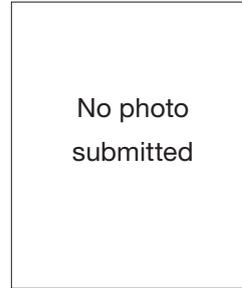
**Unopposed**

**Statement**  
No statement submitted  
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**Carol**  
**Lindner**  
(Nonpartisan)

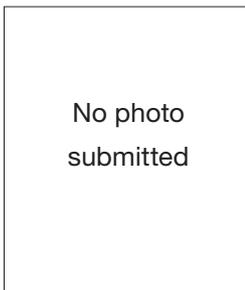
**Statement**  
No statement submitted  
**Contact**  
No information submitted



**Amy K.**  
**Thompson**  
(Nonpartisan)

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No statement submitted  
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Hospital District 1 | Commissioner, District 1, Position 1 | 6 year term



**Robert**  
**Andrews**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed**

**Statement**  
No statement submitted  
**Contact**  
No information submitted

### Proposition No. 1

Franklin County Public Hospital District No. 1

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

Franklin County Public Hospital District No. 1 Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2023-1 to increase the level of property taxes to adequately fund District operations including emergency medical services. This proposition would authorize the District to increase the property tax levy rate to \$0.40 per \$1,000 for assessment in 2023 and collection in 2024. The dollar amount of the levy collected in 2024 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 hospital district to increase the tax levy rate to \$0.40 per \$1000 of assessed value for collection in 2024, and use the dollar amount of the levy collected in 2024 as base for subsequent levy limitations provided in RCW 84.55. This would enable the district to continue maintaining and adequately funding district operations, including emergency medical services (ambulance).

#### Statement For Proposition No. 1

Franklin County Public Hospital District No. 1 was established in 1945 with a clear mission - to provide crucial medical assistance to our community. Back in 1970, the levy rate was set at \$1.00, and it played a significant role in funding the much-needed emergency services that we rely on to this day.

The levy rate has decreased significantly over the years and currently stands at just 18 cents and at the same time we must recognize that the cost of healthcare has skyrocketed over the last 50 years. Our financial support for emergency services has not kept pace with these rising costs, and growing population which poses a challenge for our North Franklin County community. As ambulance calls have increased by 21% over the past two years, it becomes more crucial than ever to provide the necessary funding for our EMS teams to continue their life-saving work effectively.

#### Statement For Proposition No. 1 (continued)

By supporting the levy lid lift, we can bridge this funding gap and ensure that our EMS teams have the resources they need to respond efficiently and effectively while at the same time providing the highest standard of care for our community and our families.

Let's honor the legacy of FCPHD1 and the mission it was founded upon by supporting the levy lid lift. Together, we can ensure that our emergency services remain strong and capable of meeting the growing needs of our residents. This is an investment in our communities that we must support.

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#### Rebuttal of Statement For

No rebuttal of statement for submitted.

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#### Statement Against Proposition No. 1

No statement against submitted.

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### Ballot Box Locations

**1** Courthouse Auditor's Office  
1016 N 4th Ave, Pasco Ste A206

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

**3** HAPO Center (TRAC)  
6600 Burden Blvd, Pasco

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

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

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

**7** Fire Protection District 2  
115 N Violet Ave, Kahlotus

**8** Mesa City Hall  
103 Franklin St, Mesa