

Pacific County, WA - Official Local Voter Pamphlet August 6, 2024 - Primary Election

Only races in your voting jurisdiction will appear on your ballot.

Dear Pacific County Voter,

Our mission is to run transparent, accessible and open elections. We want you to vote with confidence in the security of your ballot. Your vote is secret. We invite you to observe our Ballot Processing Center, where you can see how ballots are processed. You can email elections@co.pacific.wa.us or give us a call at 360-875-9317, if you have any questions or concerns.

Voting Center and Accessibility Information

Accessible voting is accessible at the South Bend Auditor’s Office beginning 18 days before Election Day, Monday through Friday, from 8am to 4pm in the Election Office. On Election Day, accessible voting is available from 8am to 8pm. The touchscreen voting unit provides an alternate method of voting independently and privately for voters with accessibility, cognitive or mobility issues. Assistance is available upon request by contacting the Elections Department.

Ballot Drop Box Locations

The following ballot drop box locations are available 24 hours a day beginning July 17, 2024 and closing promptly at 8pm on Election Night August 6, 2024. No postage needed.

North County

- Menlo - Pacific County Fairgrounds, in front of Commercial Building at 5 Fair Ln
- Raymond - Pacific County Dept. Public Works at 211 Commercial St
- South Bend - Pacific County Courthouse at 300 Memorial Dr
- Tokeland/Shoalwater Bay - Tribal Court Building at 2373 Tokeland Rd
- Bay Center - Chinook Tribal Office at 3 Park St E

South County

- Naselle - Washington State Patrol Office at 797 State Route 4
- Chinook - Chinook Community Center at 810 US Highway 101
- Long Beach - Pacific County Administration Facility at 7013 Sandridge Rd
- Ocean Park - Senior Center at 21603 O Pl

In the event that your ballot is destroyed, spoiled, or lost, contact the Elections Office for a replacement or print a replacement ballot online at www.votewa.gov.

Ballots must be postmarked on or before Election day, August 6th. No stamp is needed when returning your ballot by mail.

Pacific County Elections

Auditor’s Office, 300 Memorial Dr., South Bend, WA

Phone: (360) 875-9317

Email: elections@co.pacific.wa.us

Hours: Monday - Friday 8am - 4pm (*Election Day, 8am - 8pm*)

Voter.votewa.gov

Go to voter.votewa.gov to register to vote or update your address in Washington State. Once you have registered, you can:

- * Print a replacement ballot
- * View details of your voter registration
- * View online voter guides for each election
- * View a sample ballot for each election
- * View information on your elected officials
- * Find locations of ballot drop boxes

Voting Instructions

This is not a ballot. To cast your vote, mark your Official Ballot.

- * **In each race, you may vote for any *one* candidate listed. The two candidates who receive the most votes in the Primary will advance to the General Election.**
- * **Put your ballot in the security sleeve.**
- * **Place the security sleeve inside the return envelope and seal.**
- * **Be sure to sign and date your return envelope. Ballots received without a signature cannot be counted.**

Federal and State Candidates

The Secretary of States Office does not produce or mail paper Voter Pamphlets for the Primary. For information regarding Federal and State Candidates please visit: <https://voter.votewa.gov/genericvoterguide.aspx?e=888&c=25#/> OR scan the QR Code with your smart phone for a Video Voter’s Guide for candidates who filed for US Senate, Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Auditor, Attorney General, Commissioner of Public Lands, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Insurance Commissioner, and State Supreme Court.



Precinct Committee Officer Races on Ballot

PCO races appear on the Primary Ballot in each even numbered year. Only positions with two or more candidates appear on the ballot. PCO candidates are not featured in the Local Voter Pamphlet. In order to vote for PCO, a partisan office, you must affirm that you are a Democrat or Republican and may vote only for one candidate from the party you select.

Local Measures | Fire Protection Districts

<p>Pacific County Fire Protection District No. 1 Proposition No. 1 Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services</p> <p>The Board of Pacific County Fire Protection District No. 1 adopted Resolution No. 2024-04 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations.</p> <p>This proposition authorizes the District to restore its regular property tax levy to \$1.15 per \$1,000 of assessed value to be assessed in 2024 and collected in 2025. The funds will maintain and improve fire protection and emergency medical services, replace apparatus, equipment and facilities and provide for firefighter safety. The maximum allowable levy in 2024 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by chapter 84.55 RCW.</p> <p>Should this proposition be:</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Rejected</p>	<p>Explanatory Statement</p> <p>Pacific County Fire Protection District No. 1 provides emergency fire protection and emergency medical services to its citizens. Due to the statutory 1% limitation on property tax increases, the Fire District’s current levy has dropped to approximately \$.85 per thousand in 2023. The maximum regular levy rate for Washington fire districts is \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value.</p> <p>If approved by the voters, this proposition will authorize the District to restore its levy rate to \$1.15 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2025. The dollar amount levied in the 2024 year shall serve as the District’s future tax levy base.</p> <p>The Board of Commissioners has determined that this proposition is necessary to maintain an effective level of services, fire fighter staffing, equipment and facilities in light of rising costs, rising demands and the continued growth of our community. Approval of this measure will allow the District to maintain the level of fire protection and emergency medical services provided to its citizens.</p> <p>Prepared by: Brian K. Snure Attorney for District 612 S. 227th St. Des Moines, WA 98198-6836 (206) 824-5630</p>
No arguments “For” were submitted	No arguments “Against” were submitted

<p>Proposition No. 1 South Beach Regional Fire Authority Excess Levy for Maintenance and Operations</p> <p>The Board of South Beach Regional Fire Authority adopted Resolution No. 2024-60 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations.</p> <p>This proposition authorizes South Beach Regional Fire Authority to restore its regular property tax levy to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value to be assessed in 2024. The funds will be used to maintain and improve fire protection and emergency medical services, replace apparatus and equipment, and provide for firefighter safety. The maximum allowable levy for 2024 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by chapter 84.55 RCW.</p> <p>Should this proposition be:</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Rejected</p>	<p>Explanatory Statement</p> <p>South Beach Regional Fire Authority provides emergency fire protection and medical services to its citizens. The maximum regular levy rate for Washington fire authorities is \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value.</p> <p>Due to the statutory 1% limitation on property tax increases, South Beach Fire’s current levy rate has dropped to \$0.95 per thousand. If approved by the voters, this proposition will authorize the Authority to restore its levy rate to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2024 for collection in 2025 which is the amount originally approved by the voters in 2017. Approval of this levy would replace the expiring excess levy approved by the voters in 2023.</p> <p>The Authority’s Governing Board has determined that this proposition is necessary to maintain an effective level of services, fire fighter staffing, equipment and facilities in light of rising costs, rising demands and the continued growth of our community. Approval of this measure will allow the Authority to maintain the level of fire protection and emergency medical services provided to its citizens.</p> <p>Prepared by: Brian K. Snure Attorney for District 612 S. 227th St. Des Moines, WA 98198-6836 (206) 824-5630</p>
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County Partisan Races Continued on Back

READ: Each candidate for partisan office may state a political party that he or she prefers.

A candidate's preference does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with the candidate.

County Partisan Offices | Pacific County Commissioner

County Commissioner District No. 1 | 4 Year Regular Term



Lisa Olsen

**Party Preference
Republican**

Elected Experience: Pacific County Commissioner, Dist. 1 since January 1, 2017, South Bend City Council 2013-2016, South Bend School Board in the 1990's.

Other Professional Experience: Pacific County Assessor's Office for 35 yrs, 28 of those as an appraiser.

Education: South Bend HS graduate in 1981.

Community Service: I have been actively involved in my community all of my adult life. At school events when my kids were little. Currently an active member and volunteer at the Eagles and Elks clubs, as well as volunteering for community events. I have been on the Labor Day Committee for almost 20 years and co-chaired several festivals.

Statement: I have called South Bend and Pacific County my home since I was 9 years old and have always been proud to do so. I have been advocating for this county and our residents since being elected your county commissioner in 2017. I have worked to gain knowledge and connections to be able to support our natural resource communities: timber, aquaculture, agriculture and fishing. Our county was built on these industries and we need to do everything we can to keep them strong and vibrant while also mindfully growing and revitalizing our communities in creative and responsible ways. I have developed a good working relationship with our representatives of Legislative District 19 (Rep's Walsh, McEntire and Sen. Wilson) as well as the 3rd U.S. Congressional District (Rep. Gluesenkamp Perez) which has resulted in several county/community issues being recognized. These are some of the connections that will be helpful as we continue to address ongoing issues such as the North Cove erosion project, the regional septage issue that impacts Pacific County, housing issues and many others that still need addressing. I enjoy working on these items as your county commissioner and would love to continue to do so.

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County Commissioner District No. 2 | 4 Year Regular Term



Rita Cole Hall

**Party Preference
Republican**

Elected Experience: Elected to School Board, serving 8 years. Elected as Precinct Committee Representative for the Republican Party, serving 6 years.

Other Professional Experience: Reservations and Property Manager for a Ski Resort. 13 years experience as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)

Education: Attended Gale Institute in Minneapolis Minnesota earning an AA Degree in Airline Procedure Management. I also received my Realtor License to work as a realtor in Montana.

Community Service: Girl Scout Leader; PTA; Act for America; Montanan's for Multiple Use Board Member; County Advisory Board Member; Concerned Citizen for West Montana Water Rights.

Statement: I am running for Pacific County District #2 commissioner for a number of reasons. I'm a people person, a doer who wants to help where and when I can to make life better for someone today. I was raised in a family very involved with church, school, community outreach, and veterans activities, community service is second nature to me. I live my life by the Golden Rule, and I answer to God, my higher power, for all I do. I've been very involved with community issues. First I served as Girl Scout leader, was the PTA, on the school board, and served on the county special ed advisory board. We lived off-grid on a timber homestead, with hydroelectricity from the creek. I'm experienced with forestry matters and USFS, the DNRC and water rights, FERC and US bureaucracy, the endangered species codes, and how people and things work, and don't work. I've been trained in mediation and collaboration. I have a genuine desire to serve, my array of experiences prepared me for wrestling matches against the atrocities out there. Some battles are found at the grassroots level. I'm a freedom fighter. I look forward to serving the needs of Pacific County.

Contact Information: No Information Submitted



David Tobin

**Party Preference
Democratic**

Elected Experience: County Commissioner, Pacific County District #2 since January of 2023

Other Professional Experience: Served 41 years in public education, 29 of which were in administration. The last 14 of these were here on the Long Beach Peninsula.

Education: Washington State University: Bachelor's Degree – Social Studies Education
Seattle Pacific University: Master's Degree – Educational Administration

Community Service: Currently serving as Pacific County Commissioner District #2; City of Long Beach Planning Commission Chair; Volunteer Firefighter/EMT Pacific County Fire District #1. Previously served multiple years as a Reserve Police Officer for the City of Long Beach.

Statement: It's an honor to represent you as your current County Commissioner. I seek reelection with energy, enthusiasm, a love for our community, and a desire to selflessly serve all citizens. As a long-time Pacific County resident (16 years) I have no agenda other than to serve, and to make a positive difference for our county and its wonderful people.

My record demonstrates a heart for service, for servant leadership, and for teamwork. I believe that every voice matters and that my role includes being accessible, actively listening, and responding. I believe in the power of we and us, and in building relationships.

As we work together to overcome our challenges it's important that we take the high road. This means to: get involved, collaborate more, be fully transparent and engaging, tell the truth, listen, and seek solutions together. It means understanding that it's okay to respectfully discuss and disagree.

Small power is meaningful power: Casting a vote, helping a neighbor, lending your time and energy to a cause you believe in, and speaking up when you see someone being dehumanized. It all matters. All our words and actions make a difference and remind us that we all matter.

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David Anderson

**Party Preference
Independent**

Elected Experience: Highlight: Elected to serve as board member and chairman of board for a semi-public company in MN from 1996-2006 (1,100 shareholders).

Other Professional Experience: Summary: 35 years of senior level experience in businesses and county governments. Diverse roles across multiple organizations. Small companies to large corporations. Start-ups, turnarounds, business development, business optimization. Currently run a small business in Long Beach.

Education: BA (St Olaf College), MBA/MIM (Thunderbird/ASU), and a graduate degree in Christian Studies (Regent College/University of British Columbia).

Community Service: Largest Role: I managed the Temporary Assistance for Needy Family Program (TANF) in Minneapolis that served 8,500 families and 27,000 people.

Statement: Pacific County is a beautiful garden that needs wise tending. A \$50 million budget isn't much to tend a garden this large. Three elected commissioners control every penny of that budget. A huge responsibility that impacts every one of us.

Commissioner success requires insightful prioritization of what is important, vision for what is coming, and wise allocation of limited human and financial resources to implement and pay for these things. Not many people have these skills. I do. I won an unsolicited award in the year 2000 from City Business/Twin Cities for being one of the top 40 business people in the State of MN under 40 years old in the entrepreneurship category.

We do Not need a bureaucrat or administrator for County Commissioner; we need someone like me, with proven business success, who cares, has creative vision, and knows how to get things done on limited budgets. I will work for changes that foster: infrastructure improvements, trail system extensions, education, wellness/health, park enhancements, small business growth, regulation minimization, affordable housing.

I will initiate these changes and shake things up. Tending our beautiful garden now. Eye towards what to plant next. Preserving our rich heritage, history and, wild natural wonders.

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