

Island County

VOTER GUIDE

November General Election 2022

Editor's Note:

Thank you for taking this opportunity to read *Whidbey Weekly's Voter Guide* for the upcoming Nov. 8, 2022 general election.

Here are a few notes on our process:

We included only Whidbey Island races with multiple candidates; we did not include races with a single, unopposed candidate. We did not include any Stanwood/Camano Island races.

We emailed candidates based on the contact information provided in the Island County Auditor's filing records and the Public Disclosure Commission. An initial email with questions was sent to each candidate Oct. 6, and a follow up/reminder email was sent Oct. 12. No emails bounced back to us due to incorrect addresses, etc. It is possible our emails wound up in junk or spam folders, but out of the 16 candidates in the eight races included in this guide, 15 candidates responded.

Candidates' responses are grouped by position; it is noted within that contest which candidate did not respond. Candidates were asked to keep their responses to each question to 150 words. Those responses over the word limit were cut off at the end of the sentence closest to the 150-word mark and it is noted the response ran over the limit. Other than editing for length, *Whidbey Weekly* did not change spelling or grammar in any of the candidates' responses; they appear as we received them.

We hope this guide will prove to be useful to Whidbey Island voters.

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ISLAND COUNTY SHERIFF

Rick Felici

(Prefers Republican Party)

Current job: Island County Sheriff



Why do you seek election (or reelection)?

I am running for a second term as Sheriff, because I love the job. I get a sense of satisfaction from doing everything I can to improve the Sheriff's Office, our level of service to the community and the safety of Island County. We have an amazing team at the Island County Sheriff's Office and there is a lot of additional work to be done. We have more work to do to fill vacant positions and to find funding for more. We have accomplished a lot in the past four years and we are poised to accomplish a lot more.

What qualifies you to run for this position?

I have served as a patrol deputy, patrol sergeant, detective, detective sergeant and chief criminal deputy and I have been your Sheriff for almost four years.

I have taken advantage of many training opportunities throughout my career. As my career progressed, I began to focus on organizational leadership and management related training. I am a graduate of:

- The Northwest Command College
- The International Association of Chiefs of Police Legacy Leadership program
- The FBI LEEDA Executive Level Management Program
- I have Executive Level Certification in Leadership from the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission

In what ways, or through which organizations, have you served your community?

Oak Harbor Elks, Whidby Island Masonic Lodge, Central Whidbey Sportsman's Association, Holmes Harbor Rod and Gun Club, Ducks Unlimited Volunteer.

I have volunteered as a youth group advisor and I have assisted in coaching youth sports.

What do you believe is the biggest issue facing your community?

Drugs, mental health and homelessness and related crime are the biggest issues facing our community from a law enforcement perspective.

How do you intend to help deal with the aforementioned issue?

I believe that a combination of enforcement, education, and treatment is the most effective way to address these issues. I will continue to work closely with service and treatment providers to provide those services for those who are willing to participate and we will continue to take enforcement action whenever appropriate to address those who break the law.

What do you hope to accomplish through your public service?

I hope to have an actual impact on public safety, the Island County Sheriff's Office and the law enforcement profession. I would like to leave a legacy of leadership. I would like to leave my successor with a high quality, professional organization in a "turn key" state so that my successor can take the organization to the next level.

Why should people vote for you?

I believe that my experience, perspective, attitude and willingness to work outside traditional boundaries and political lines to find solutions sets me apart from my opponent. I have the training, experience and proven track record to continue to lead the team at the Island County Sheriff's Office to the next level. We have accomplished a lot in the past 4 years and there is a lot more to be done. I would be honored to serve this county for another term.

Lane Campbell

(Prefers Republican Party)

Current job: Deputy Sheriff



Why do you seek election (or reelection)?

For me it's pretty simple. Nothing significant has changed in the Sheriff's Office under the leadership of my opponent. We have still not filled our approved staffing numbers, public safety concerns are at an all time high, and there is a big disconnect between the deputies on the road and the Sheriff who has not been in a patrol car in over twenty years. Unless we get in front of some of our issues, we are in for a rough ride. The public needs a Sheriff that will listen and engage in the concerns of the community and lead. I am that Sheriff.

What qualifies you to run for this position?

I have over 40 years of law enforcement experience, with 32 years right here in Island County. I have thousand of hours of training, some of which are very specialized, from handling sexual abuse cases to fatal events on the road. I address mental health, substance abuse, homelessness, and crime on a daily basis, all of which are in the forefront of our society and usually run concurrent with each other. I was president of the Guild for a number of years and that provided me with knowledge and experience in contract employee negotiations, disciplinary actions, legal issues, and communication with the Commissioners and other County officials. I do have the skills, knowledge and understanding of the job requirements to effectively serve as your Island County Sheriff.

In what ways, or through which organizations, have you served your community?

As an officer of the law in our rural setting I am engaged with many organizations and actively participate in serving whenever I can. Since my hours vary and I take on many additional hours, I don't have as much time as I would like to spend. I do support CADA, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and other programs.

What do you believe is the biggest issue facing your community?

I believe the biggest issues we face in the community are concerns around public safety. Most of us moved here for the quiet, rural, quality of life, and for a great place to raise our families or retire to. There is a strong sense of community in Island County and at present, we don't have enough officers on duty to provide the amount of coverage we need to help ensure that all community members will get a quick response when they have a need for help. That is something that we must address as though our life depends upon it.

How do you intend to help deal with the aforementioned issue?

Public Safety must be addressed day one. The current Sheriff has had three years to fill the 43 openings, which will only take us a little above 2008 staffing numbers. Myself and the administrative team will work with the County Commissioners to look at utilizing some of the discretionary ARPA funds to create incentives or sign on bonuses along with specialty headhunters, so that we can hire lateral movement officers. We are going to need this so that those coming out of the Academy can be mentored. We can also look at some of the specialty training these candidates might offer so we can beef up areas where we are deficient. Also, since manpower is limited, I would like to work on a K9 program, less-than-lethal tools in each patrol car that will provide distance in difficult situations for safety, and work with the prosecuting attorney and our judges so we are on the same page at addressing public concerns. ****OVER WORD LIMIT**

What do you hope to accomplish through your public service?

I hope to bring a sense of peace and safety to all Island County residents. I hope to build an administrative team that has a strong relationship with our communities, where our department is highly visible and engaged at every age level. I want to hold public forums at each County District on a regular basis so that the community can share and know that their voices are heard. We have to have measurable goals, so that we can see how things are working. Things that aren't working will be evaluated and we can course correct and make it better. Something that has been missing for a very long time is a Sheriff that believes their elected position is to serve the community. We keep accepting the same thing expecting a different outcome, but my hope is to change that by being proactive, engaged and transparent.

Why should people vote for you?

I believe people should vote for someone they believe will bring the most to the table with regard to public safety concerns. Someone they believe shares their vision and expectations for the safety in Island County. I am a local Northwest son, and this area is my home... I am a guardian for all people. Some may not agree with everything I say, but I will always make the decisions that I believe will make my communities safe. My commitment to "Protect, Honor, Serve" has never wavered and if elected I will continue to serve our communities here in Island County. I would appreciate your vote on November 8th. Thank you.

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ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER • DISTRICT 3

Janet St. Clair

(Prefers Democratic Party)

*Current job: Island County
Commissioner, District 3*



Why do you seek election (or reelection)?

When I came to the people of Island County 4 years ago and asked for your vote, I promised to work hard and focus on the needs of our local communities. I kept that promise by working to protect our quality of life and the beauty of our farms, forests and shorelines. I worked to improve healthcare, while also unexpectedly dealing with a global pandemic. We followed the science and balanced public safety and economic resiliency of our islands. I delivered on my promise to improve internet services and we received over \$14M to improve internet in under and unserved areas. Finally, I brought transparency and accountability working with constituents on the issues that matter most, listening deeply and seeking solutions. I seek another four years to continue to serve you, bringing leadership and integrity to the helm as we navigate into the future.

What qualifies you to run for this position?

I have 30 years' experience in public service, moving steadily into roles with broader scope and responsibility. I have managed complex organizations and multimillion dollar budgets, always with a focus on fiscal stability and stewardship. I have strong management and leadership skills, working to build effective and accountable teams. As the daughter of a teacher and a navy vet, service is in my DNA and I know I bring the heart and the vision to lead our county.

In what ways, or through which organizations, have you served your community?

I am deeply involved in my community, as a volunteer and a supporter of our local non-profits that serve seniors, children and families, the arts, the environment, and our small businesses. The relationships we build to support each other weave strong strands of resiliency that help us all thrive and celebrate this beautiful place we call home. I have built those relationships in my community and in our State.

What do you believe is the biggest issue facing your community?

There are many challenges facing our community including pandemic recovery, housing, access to healthcare, ensuring public safety, and building climate resiliency to protect our homes and quality of life. Housing is currently the most pressing and we are investing to build inventory for permanent affordable housing needs. I also believe we need to rebuild civility and respect in government. Government is not the answer but government working hand-in-hand with our local communities can help us be stronger. When we come together, partnering to find solutions, and investing together our time and talent we will be more resilient. Together, we can protect our quality of life as a rural county on two islands. I bring leadership that is focused on local issues, listens to all stakeholders, does the research, and builds relationships so we all can invest in the future of our islands.

How do you intend to help deal with the aforementioned issue?

I hold monthly Town Halls and meet regularly with constituents to learn firsthand what are their concerns. I do my research, build relationships that will serve our local priorities and implement solutions. I model respectful and inclusive leadership that values all members of our community. Together, we can invest in our economy through supporting small business, building workforce housing, and strengthening childcare. We can improve and protect healthcare and continue to address the mental health needs of our community through targeted investments and community partnerships. We can strengthen public safety through a planned effort to build capacity for our sheriff and continued support of our joint outreach programs with law enforcement and mental health. But most importantly, we can strengthen community through respectful and inclusive dialogue that values all voices. This is how we make ideas a reality.

What do you hope to accomplish through your public service?

Strong and resilient communities and transparent and accountable government that serves all the people.

Why should people vote for you?

I have proven that I will show up, listen and work hard for all the people of Island County. I am focused on local issues, and I have built strong relationships at the state and federal level to impact policy to better meet local needs and to bring resources that will help our local communities. I am a leader with experience, integrity, and vision. I will serve you. I am honored to ask for your vote on Election Day.

Timothy S Hazelo

(Prefers Republican Party)

*Current job: Government Contractor/
Military Aircraft Simulator Technician
NAS Whidbey Island*



Why do you seek election (or reelection)?

As a long-time resident in Island County, I have a love for our community and our rural way of life. Unfortunately I see taxes going up, a lack of affordable housing, a homeless population growing, businesses struggling and crime increasing. Our commissioners have the power to turn these trends around, but they are failing. I have the leadership skills and the vision to take us in a better direction, and was encouraged to run by my peers.

What qualifies you to run for this position?

In addition to decades of experience in the Navy, I've been a business owner and on the board of directors of other Businesses, and run my own sustainable farm. In addition to holding leadership positions in local organizations. I pay close attention to local, state and national political matters to ensure I am informed, as well as making my voice heard. All this experience has given me the necessary skills to be qualified for this position.

In what ways, or through which organizations, have you served your community?

From youth football when my kids were young to volunteering at local events and fundraisers, I continue to be very involved in the community. I am currently participating in the Veterans Advisory Board, VFW, Fleet Reserve, Elks Lodge, Grange, and have donated time and money to Habitat for Humanity, Toys for Tots, Holiday House, Help House, and Tall Elks in addition to others.

What do you believe is the biggest issue facing your community?

As I mentioned, there are many issues that need our attention and I will try to work on all of them. I think our biggest issue and the one we can have the greatest effect on, is public safety, which unfortunately includes homelessness and addiction. I plan on collaborating with and assisting our sheriffs on this issue. I will work to institute effective programs to reduce homelessness, instead of perpetuating the problem through the housing first model that we know does not work anywhere.

How do you intend to help deal with the aforementioned issue?

I will immediately work on prioritizing our budget. The government's first and most important priority is the safety and rights of the tax payers. We will revisit and revise the budget and listen to the people! A perfect example of this is the hundreds of people who expressed their opposition to the hotel conversion in Freeland, while very few were in favor. Despite the people's wishes two of our commissioners, including my opponent, voted against the people. Only one commissioner listened to the people and voted no.

What do you hope to accomplish through your public service?

We will keep what works, fix or eliminate what doesn't. Our current government puts too many resources into efforts that do not improve our community or make it safer. There must be better stewardship of our tax dollars. Along with pushback against state and federal dictates that do no good for our Island County Community.

Why should people vote for you?

My wife and I were brought here over 26 years ago with the Navy, We fell in love with the community, the rural lifestyle, the nature and the safety and security that came with it. My kids grew up here and my grandkids are here. Even though my family and I do not plan on leaving, we've found that the very things that kept us here, seem to be leaving us. Crime and homelessness are the worst I've seen, urbanization is attacking our rural lifestyle and the cost of living is through the roof. My plan is simple work to reduce crime and addiction, reduce taxes as much as possible while revisiting the county priorities and budget, and strive to preserve the natural beauty of our precious islands.





LEGISLATIVE DIST. 10 • STATE REPRESENTATIVE POS. 1

Clyde Shavers

(Prefers Democratic Party)

Current Job: Incoming Associate Attorney



Why do you seek election (or reelection)?

I am running for State Representative to stand up for my district and our shared American values, fight for what's right and fair, and defend our freedoms and liberties as part of a greater community. We need honest leaders who answer the call of duty to serve, and who care deeply about affordable housing, quality care for our seniors and veterans, good education for our children, sustainable fishing and farming, and a healthier environment.

What qualifies you to run for this position?

As a naval officer and non-profit leader, I didn't ask my fellow service- and community-members if they were a Democrat or Republican. I asked how we could work together to better serve our country. And that's how I approach government - how can we all serve and make our communities better. No matter if you're a Republican, a Democrat, or somewhere in between, I will faithfully stand up for you and our shared values as Americans.

In what ways, or through which organizations, have you served your community?

I currently serve on the board of Skagit Friendship House for Mount Vernon's homeless and working poor, South Whidbey's Goosefoot for affordable housing, and the Whidbey Veterans Resource Center for veterans and their families. I also volunteer weekly at the Skagit Friendship House Café by cooking meals for the community.

What do you believe is the biggest issue facing your community?

There is a growing, angry confusion that's more concerned with being politically right or left instead of being simply right or wrong. We need representatives who have accepted the responsibility of defending America and upholding our values when duty calls, who have the courage to welcome new ideas without rigid reactions, and who care for the welfare of others - our health, job, housing, school, rights, and environment.

How do you intend to help deal with the aforementioned issue?

I will defend our freedoms by protecting a woman's right to choose, lowering prescription drugs and healthcare costs, increasing career and technical education in high schools, and fighting for veteran benefits and services.

What do you hope to accomplish through your public service?

Our campaign is about walking away from the past politics of divisiveness and ushering in a new generation of young public servants and leaders. As the son of a police officer and U.S. Marine, I grew up in a family dedicated to public service. I answered the call of duty to serve and attended the U.S. Naval Academy. I served in the U.S. Navy for eight years stationed in the Middle East and Southeast Asia. Life-long public service is in my blood.

Why should people vote for you?

Our economy isn't working for us. We're seeing prices increase everywhere from groceries and gas to the cost of housing. We need representatives who fight for us - veterans who have defended America's freedom - who care about affordable housing, quality healthcare, and good education for our children - who will protect a woman's freedom to choose, and our environment for sustainable fishing and farming.

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Greg Gilday

(Prefers Republican Party)

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Running for Office is not for the faint of heart. This has been quite an experience, so I want to thank everyone who has come out for the meet and greets, waved signs, put a sign in your yard, played along with our fun sign placement (Sasquatch was the favorite), donated to my campaign, or just shared words of encouragement, YOU have made this journey worth taking. This community is the heartbeat of my life and I am so proud to serve you.

Now, as we turn our attention to the election, it is a process that we have the privilege of participating in. I know many who believe that their vote doesn't count, but I'm going to say, "It for sure doesn't count if you don't vote." So, if I can ask for one more thing that can truly make a difference in the outcome of this year's election, that is, please take the time to fill out your ballot and VOTE! The future of our County's Public Safety and the direction of your Island County Sheriff's Office is in your hands. vote Vote VOTE!

Best Regards,
Lane Campbell



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LEGISLATIVE DIST. 10 • STATE REPRESENTATIVE POS. 2

Dave Paul

(Prefers Democratic Party)

Current job: Educator, Skagit Valley College



Why do you seek election (or reelection)?

I'm serving in my second term as State Representative, and I've worked hard to represent the values of our community. I am committed to building bridges that help connect diverse people, groups, and communities within our District and finding points of bipartisan consensus.

What qualifies you to run for this position?

Voters can trust that I will continue to listen to all constituents and work hard to find bipartisan solutions whenever possible. This is a moderate district that expects its leaders to work across party lines. The legislation that I've sponsored to protect veterans, support education, and improve transportation policies shows my commitment to bringing people together—Democrats and Republicans alike—and finding solutions.

In what ways, or through which organizations, have you served your community?

I've completed my second term as State Representative. As an educator at Skagit Valley College, I work with students, parents, K-12 educators, and diverse community groups on a daily basis. I serve on the Island County Economic Development Council and work with community leaders to grow our economy. I've served on the Oak Harbor Educational Foundation (OHEF) since 2009 and have been the President of OHEF since 2016. I'm a member of the Oak Harbor Rotary Club.

What do you believe is the biggest issue facing your community?

Education, living-wage jobs, and housing affordability.

How do you intend to help deal with the aforementioned issue?

I will continue to work with local and state leaders to identify common sense solutions to increase housing stock of starter homes and multi-family residences. I believe it is important that we have leaders in Olympia who talk about the need for affordable housing in rural counties. Many state leaders are surprised to learn that vacancy see rates in Island County are near 1%. I will continue to focus on providing high quality public schools that prepare and train students for family wage jobs. It's critical to ensure that we have a robust community and technical college system that provides outstanding training and educational opportunities without students having to rack up student debt. I am proud of the role I played in the College and Workforce Development Committee to expand the Washington College Grant and apprenticeship programs, providing better opportunities for all Washingtonians to have access to family wage jobs.

What do you hope to accomplish through your public service?

The engine of our economy starts with outstanding K-12, trade school, apprenticeship, community college, and university programs that generate living-wage jobs. I'm working with teachers and students to develop to strengthen high school advisory programs to better help students with their next steps after graduation, including exploring career opportunities, finding training programs, and applying for financial aid. I will continue my work with K12 career and technical training centers, high schools, apprenticeship programs, and community colleges to connect young people to summer employment that will lead living-wage jobs after graduation.

Why should people vote for you?

Voters can trust that I will listen to their concerns and advocate on their behalf in the state legislature. Most of my legislative proposals are ideas from constituents, such as strengthening pathways for students to earn college credit in high school and expanding educational benefits for veterans. I've championed infrastructure investments, such as the Ken's Corner to Clinton Trail, and improvements to the Coupeville Warf. I understand the importance of K-12 public education and work closely with schools throughout our district to ensure our students are prepared for the jobs of tomorrow. This past session, I successfully worked to allow high school juniors and seniors to enroll in summer Running Start. This victory allows students to take college courses outside of the traditional academic year and truly get ahead on their college education. I hope I can earn your vote in November.

Karen Lesetmoe

(Prefers Republican Party)

Current job: Real Estate Broker



Why do you seek election (or reelection)?

As a Navy veteran, mom of six, and real estate broker, I know first-hand how the bad policies coming out of Olympia have impacted our communities. From public safety, education, housing, to the cost of living, we are not in a better position today than we were four years ago.

The current majorities in Olympia, including my opponent, are out of touch with the community and have lost sight of what truly matters. I am running to provide tax relief, ensure public safety is a top priority, and to create a better education system for all kids.

What qualifies you to run for this position?

I'm a mom and a veteran. Becoming a mom was the most important thing I've ever done and join the U.S. Navy after the 9/11 attacks on our country was the second. Putting on the uniform and serving our Country is an honor and privilege that I take very seriously. I have worked to defend our Country and now I am ready to fight for Washington State.

In what ways, or through which organizations, have you served your community?

As an active member in the Oak Harbor community with kids, volunteering is a way of life. Currently, you'll find me volunteering at Oak Harbor Christian School in the classroom and helping organize and raise money at our annual auction event. I have also volunteered my time working in thrift shop for the Navy Marine Corp Relief Society to help military families in need.

What do you believe is the biggest issue facing your community?

Providing tax relief, making public safety a top priority, and creating a better education system for all kids are the biggest issues facing our state.

How do you intend to help deal with the aforementioned issue?

We had a \$15 billion budget surplus and despite crushing inflation, the Democrat Majority did not provide meaningful tax relief. My plan is to provide a sales tax cut and roll back the gas increase that will go into effect January 1, 2023 to give much needed relief to hard working Washingtonians. My plan also includes rolling back the dangerous police reform measures passed in 2021 that have caused an increase in lawlessness. As a mom of six, I know how difficult the pandemic was on our students and families. I will ensure that our kids get caught up after years out of the classroom.

What do you hope to accomplish through your public service?

The current majorities in Olympia, including my opponent, are out of touch with our community and have lost sight of what truly matters. At a time when the cost of gas and groceries are at a record high, the Legislature passed more tax increases instead of providing relief to working-class people. At a time when we don't feel safe in our homes and overdose deaths are at a record high, the Legislature failed to give our police their tools back to keep us safe and failed to address the Blake Decision that has kept dangerous fentanyl on our streets.

We need real change in Olympia and that's what I will bring. I will put people over politics and address the problems created and prolonged by the inaction of my opponent.

Why should people vote for you?

When my family moved to the United States from the Philippines when I was six years old, all I had was a suitcase. I'm living proof that the American Dream is possible and after 9/11 I joined the U.S. Navy and put on the uniform to defend it.

It's clear that we need a fresh perspective and common sense decision-making in Olympia that puts the power back into people's hands not into the Governor's mansion or the Capitol building. People are hurting and my opponent didn't do enough to help those in need. I will be that strong voice that stands up for what is right.

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If you do not receive your ballot or if your address has changed, please contact the Auditor's Office by phone (360-679-7366), by mail, by email, in person at the Island County Auditor's Office, 400 N. Main Street, (mailing address) PO Box 1410, Coupeville WA, or go online to www.votewa.gov.

Information provided by Island County Auditor's Office



ISLAND COUNTY TREASURER

Tony Lam

(Prefers Democratic Party)

Current job: Chief Deputy Treasurer for the Island County Treasurer's Office.



Why do you seek election (or reelection)?

Wanda Grone is retiring as the Island County Treasurer. With her absence, the office and the county needs someone that has the knowledge and skill to manage the Treasurer's office, assist the County departments, and help the community.

What qualifies you to run for this position?

In 2008, I started working at the Island County Treasurer's Office as the Accountant. After the current Treasurer was elected in 2015, I was asked to become the Chief Deputy Treasurer. During those years, I handled the banking, investment and accounting responsibilities for the County and its taxing districts. I supervised the office staffs, and performed all cash management functions daily, as well as administered the external investment pool. Most importantly, I provided excellent customer service for individuals and business customers. All of my work experience will result in a smooth transition from one elected official to another in the County Treasurer's Office.

In what ways, or through which organizations, have you served your community?

I am a board member for the Swantown Ridge Homeowner's Association. This year would be my 3rd year as the Treasurer. In the past years, I occasionally volunteered at different community events.

What do you believe is the biggest issue facing your community?

Due to the high cost of living, many residents are having a hard time paying their property taxes.

How do you intend to help deal with the aforementioned issue?

At the Treasurer's office, we try to explain the options that are available to them. Depending on their circumstances, they can apply for certain exemptions or a payment plan. If an exemption is not available, having someone give them different options will at least lessen their worries.

What do you hope to accomplish through your public service?

I hope to manage the Treasurer's office as well as the current Island County Treasurer, Wanda Grone. I hope to be efficient in managing the County's finance, the billing and collection of taxes & assessments, and the County's investment pool.

Why should people vote for you?

The Office of the Island County Treasurer is a nonpartisan position. Politics should not be a factor on determining the person that best fill that position. This position requires an in depth knowledge of the various functions of the Treasurer's office; collection/dissemination of property taxes, processing of Real Estate Taxes, accounting for all monetary transactions within the bank accounts that are under the Treasurer's management, etc. It also requires the knowledge of the investment policies & safekeeping of the Public's funds.

I do have the knowledge and skills that will give me an advantage of quickly learning and fulfilling the duties of the Island County Treasurer. I have 14 years of experience in government; specifically in the Island County Treasurer's office

Richard MacQuarrie

(Prefers Republican Party)

Current job: Business Development Manager



Why do you seek election (or reelection)?

I am seeking your vote for the office of Treasurer because I want to bring new eyes and new ideas into this office. I want to ensure the people of Island County are aware of how their local government is investing their money. I believe it is the people's right to be constantly informed not only what local government is doing, but why. I believe my skills in communication and outreach will help keep the public informed of what is happening in the Treasurer's Office.

What qualifies you to run for this position?

I have worked in growing businesses for over 7 years. I served in the United States Navy for 11. My business experience can offer fresh ideas and help grow our investment pool to provide the best possible rate of return for Island County.

In what ways, or through which organizations, have you served your community?

I served in the military for 11 years. I also am a member of the Camano Island Grange, the Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, and a volunteer at the Stanwood Camano food bank.

What do you believe is the biggest issue facing your community?

The biggest issue facing Camano Island is traffic on the one road we can use to leave the Island. We have serious road blockage on 532 and we need to invest in making Camano's roads safer and more accessible. In Whidbey Island we have several issues that need to be addressed such as the fire department not being able to reach certain areas in time to be effective. This will eventually lead to higher insurance costs for many residents of Island County and both Islands suffer from a serious drug crisis.

How do you intend to help deal with the aforementioned issue?

As Treasurer of Island County I'm limited in how I can help with these major issues. The best thing I can and will do is invest our money properly to ensure we receive the highest possible rate of return. The more money we bring into the Island without raising taxes the more local government can work towards solving the many issues we face. If we have a Treasurer who can grow our investment pool and make wise investments we can afford to solve problems in Island County without losing our competitive tax rates by raising taxes further. I can also be a voice in Island County to keep pressure on solving these issues. I will not be a silent Treasurer that fades in the background.

What do you hope to accomplish through your public service?

My goal in the Treasurer's office is to bring Transparency, Efficiency, and Responsiveness. I will bring Transparency by constantly reaching out to the public to explain what their Treasurer's office is working on. I will keep the public informed with a monthly online brief of where we stand financially and I'll inform the public why I have made the investments we choose at our quarterly finance meetings. I will bring efficiency by working to find and eliminate wasteful spending. I've never seen a company or government organization where I didn't find waste. Furthermore I will be a responsive Treasurer that ensures all residents of Island County in both Whidbey and Camano have access to their Treasurer. I will spend at least 1 day a week working in the Annex building in Camano so the residents of Camano won't have to drive all the way to Coupeville to see me.

Why should people vote for you?

If the people of Island County honor me with their vote, I will strive to improve the Treasurer's office through constant outreach, wise investments, and easier accessibility. I would be honored by your vote.

RETURNING YOUR BALLOT:

Ballots must be postmarked no later than Election Day. Please check with your local Post Office to clarify the last pickup of the day. State Law requires a ballot must have a postmark on or before Election Day (RCW 29A.40.091(4)). If a ballot is received with a postmark on it that is after Election Day, it cannot be counted.

ADA Compliant Ballot drop boxes are available 24-hours per day from the time ballots are mailed to voters. They will close promptly at 8:00 p.m. on election night.

No stamp is required to return your ballot.

Ballot drop boxes are located at:

- Island County Election Office - 400 N Main Street, Coupeville
- Trinity Lutheran Church - 18341 SR 525, Freeland
- Ken's Korner Shopping Center - 4141 SR 525, Clinton
- Camano Island - 121 N. East Camano Drive, Camano Island
- Oak Harbor - City Hall - 865 S.E. Barrington Dr., Oak Harbor
- Langley - Post Office (front patio) - 115 2nd St., Langley



Information Provided by Island County Auditor's Office

Vote Responsibly

STEP #1
Become an informed citizen.

STEP #2
Cast a ballot!





RE-ELECT AUDITOR SHEILAH CRIDER

It has been my honor to serve as Auditor for all the citizens of Island County in a nonpartisan atmosphere for almost 15 years. My actions are those of a defender of democracy and protector of public resources.

As a working auditor, I have ensured our work is performed with transparency, accountability and accuracy in all divisions of my office. I have specialized in Elections work where I earned my certification of WA State Certified Election Administrator from the Secretary of State. This certification verifies my knowledge and ability to perform all aspects of elections work.

Having an experienced, qualified Auditor is critical. I work with federal, state and local partners to ensure Island County Elections are secure and accurate; and will continue to ensure the safety and security of your vote in all Island County Elections.

I ask for your vote on November 8 for re-election as your County Auditor.

Thank you,
Sheilah Crider



Endorsements

Washington State Farm Bureau
Skagit/Island Counties
Builders Association
North Puget Sound
Association of Realtors
Island County Republican Party

Experience

Island County Auditor –
January 2008 to current
Oak Harbor City Councilmember –
10 years
Island County Planning Commissioner –
15 years

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PO Box 526, Oak Harbor, WA 98277



ELECT

RICHARD MACQUARRIE

ISLAND COUNTY TREASURER (R)
Transparent, Efficient, Responsive

Richard MacQuarrie For Treasurer
1992 S. Elger Bay Road #435 • Camano Island, WA 98282

VOTE TIM HAZELO FOR ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER • POS. 3

MY OPPONENT'S TOP PRIORITIES:

- Taxpayer funded broadband internet
- Multi-million dollar homeless projects that go nowhere
- Global urbanization projects using our tax dollars

TIM HAZELO'S TOP PRIORITIES:

- Preservation of our rural environment
- Public safety & transparency in government
- Make living in Island County more affordable
- Self-sustaining solutions for our homeless persons

Keep it Rural

TimHazelo4Commissioner.com

ISLAND COUNTY ASSESSOR

Kelly Todd Mauck

(Prefers Republican Party)

Current job: I am currently a full-time Washington State licensed real estate broker and have been working in this capacity for almost 4 years. As such I have 4 years of experience involving real estate transactions. In Washington State, an accredited appraiser must have at least one year of this type of experience.

Why do you seek election (or reelection)?

I am running for the Office of Assessor because I see a need for strong steady leadership. There has been significant turnover in the Assessors Office over the past few years. Our Citizens and the Assessor's staff deserve consistent leadership and support from someone who will be committed to leading by example, providing ongoing professional development, and has the knowledge, experience, and dedication to improving the office.

What qualifies you to run for this position?

I have over 7000 hours of full-time experience in transactions involving real estate. I have 4 years of experience as a general contractor and licensed home inspector which gives me the knowledge in the repair and remodeling of buildings and improvement of land. I understand the standards for appraising property set forth by the Department of Revenue. This experience and training meet or exceed the requirements to become an accredited appraiser.

The duties of the Elected Assessor extend far beyond the line-level task of physically appraising property. I have 9 years of experience as a public office administrator in Island County having led every aspect of the Sheriff's Office. I have extensive relevant experience and training in organizational leadership, human resources, risk management, policy/procedure, and much more.

I have proven that I can effectively lead a public organization in Island County and will do so as Assessor.

In what ways, or through which organizations, have you served your community?

I have served our community, first as a volunteer Reserve Deputy Sheriff when I moved to Oak Harbor in 1993. My service to Island County as a full-time deputy Sheriff began in January of 1996 and extended through 2014.

I have volunteered at a local food bank, served meals at the Seattle Gospel Mission, and have held a sock drive for the homeless in King County.

I have been active in coaching youth athletics through various local area leagues throughout my life.

I have always consistently attended and contributed to local charity events.

What do you believe is the biggest issue facing your community?

With regard to the Assessor's Office and property assessments the biggest issue I see is uniformity in property assessments. Uniformity is the key to providing fundamentally fair and equitable assessments, particularly in a volatile real estate market.

The Assessor does not collect taxes but the basis upon which those taxes are determined is the value of property in Island County. It is critically important to ensure that the best and most accurate data is being collected and used. It is also extremely important that the most subjective areas of assessment, class and condition, is being evaluated by the appraisers uniformly. Accurate values across the board ensure fairness and equity in the distribution of your property taxes.

How do you intend to help deal with the aforementioned issue?

There are several ways to improve uniformity and consistency in property assessments. Public education and outreach are extremely important. Many people do not know where to find or how to understand the assessment of their property and verify the accuracy, allowing errors and mistakes to go unnoticed. I will increase public education and will make data more readily accessible to our property owners.

When gathering relevant data it is important to make sure you are using the best and most up-to-date relevant data, particularly when building cost tables. I will assure that the best and most accurate data is being utilized. Data Quality is critical in mass appraisals.

Uniformity among appraisers in subjective areas is achievable through, creating comprehensive field procedures, training, collaboration, auditing, and having a quality assurance process. I will be dedicated to constant improvement and providing fair and equitable property assessments for our community.

What do you hope to accomplish through your public service?

Through my public service, I will bring an attitude of service. I will provide steady leadership and support to my staff and will be committed to constantly improving the operations of the Assessors Office to provide fundamentally fair and equitable property assessments. I will lead a transparent organization that brings trust to the local government. I will work with and for all community members impartially to improve our community and do my part to keep Island County a beautiful and affordable place to live and work.

Why should people vote for you?

I ask for your vote because I believe I am the best candidate for Assessor.



Theodore James Kubisiak

(States No Party Preference)

Current job: Retired Navy Pilot, Owner Sole Proprietor Business, Sports Official

Why do you seek election (or reelection)?

Go to tjkubisiak.com for the most up to date information on my candidacy. I am running to offer voters some stability as a long-time resident of the county and as the only candidate for the office with experience having served in the Assessor's Office as a Level One Residential Appraiser completing the Washington State Appraiser 101 course and accumulating almost 1000 hours of residential appraisal training here in Island County.

Before deciding to run for office, I deemed it critical to experience the Assessor's office operations from the inside. Equipped with a master's degree in Organizational Leadership and Change, I took a \$15 an hour part-time job to get the experience I needed that has prepared me to lead the office.

What qualifies you to run for this position?

The role of the assessor is highly complex requiring daily, in person, hands on leadership. I am the only candidate with experience as an Appraiser and experience working in the Assessor's office. I am a trusted Navy veteran with 22 years of leadership experience. I have lead Combat Aircrew's into battle flying combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. This experience equipped me with the required knowledge to quickly build credibility amongst the staff who support my campaign and stress the need for appraisal experience and a working understanding of the statutory duties required of the County Assessor. I have used my master's degree in Organizational Leadership and Change to lead organizations and develop successful strategies for future growth and development.

In what ways, or through which organizations, have you served your community?

Board of Directors Whidbey Golf Club. As part of the Whidbey Golf Club leadership, we have invested in our community by hosting numerous charity raising events. We help raise thousands of dollars for The Boys and Girls Club, Young Life, Oak Harbor/Coupeville Chamber of Commerce, Whidbey Health Foundation and Oak Harbor Athletics. We donate our golf course to the Oak Harbor High School golf teams and support numerous Junior Golf Events bringing growth and prosperity to the Island County community. Additionally, I served on the Board of Directors Northwest Board of Basketball Officials; Member North Whidbey Officials Association; Skagit Umpires Association; WSI Football Association; In fourteen years officiating, I have officiated thousands of games from Lower AAU to the highest levels of High School. This experience has taught me how to manage conflict, apply the rules quickly and fairly, developing community relationships of trust and integrity from coaches and players.

What do you believe is the biggest issue facing your community?

Currently, Island County senior exemptions are set at \$40k of annual income to qualify for the senior exemptions program. In comparison, Snohomish County threshold is \$60k annual income to qualify.

How do you intend to help deal with the aforementioned issue?

As a member of the Washington State Association of County Assessor's, I plan to sit on the Legislative Committee to lobby our state legislature to equalize income requirements across similarly impacted economic areas. This effort would hopefully equalize the threshold of Island County with that of neighboring Snohomish County thus lowering the tax burden on our seniors who are increasingly being taxed out of their homes.

What do you hope to accomplish through your public service?

I believe the county assessor's position should be a Non-Partisan office. We do not make policy; we follow the law. When our property owners walk in the door, I want them to know we are there to listen to their concerns without any bias as to partisan politics. I have three things I intend to accomplish in my four-year term. I will bring transparency to the public through a quarterly newsletter. I will bring standardization through a new Appraiser Qualification Systems program. Lastly, I intend to form a Farm and Agricultural Commission made up of farmers from Island County to help us value those properties fairly and equitably as they are the subject matter experts on costs, lease programs and commodities. This will help us keep the community involved, provide transparency, and get the most accurate and up to date values for these vital programs.

Why should people vote for you?

On day one, I have the experience and qualifications needed to hit the ground running as our office will be in the middle of the revaluation cycle and property value appeals. Our County needs an assessor who can do the job immediately upon being elected. With over \$22 billion dollars in assessed value, this is not the time to conduct on the job training for an assessor with no experience in Ad Valorem tax valuations.

Unlike my opponent whose campaign is funded by the extreme right-wing of the island county republican party, I'm running for office as a Non-Partisan candidate because having worked in the Assessor's office I know first-hand that there is no room for partisan politics in this position. We don't make policy, nor do we make legislative law; we follow the law and guidance from the DOR. I will be focused on valuing property accurately and fairly.





ISLAND COUNTY CLERK

Debra Van Pelt

(Prefers Democratic Party)

Current job: Island County Clerk



Why do you seek election (or reelection)?

Our community needs equal and open access to accurate court records and I have proven I can deliver. For a decade our community, our judges, and local lawyers have trusted me to provide that equal and open access consistently and with integrity. I want to give the talented and committed team I've built to be able to continue to serve the public with proficiency and kindness.

What qualifies you to run for this position?

I am the current Island County Clerk. I was hired as a Deputy Clerk in 2005 and was first elected in 2010. I have years of hands-on experience and an unmatched knowledge of the many different responsibilities of the position. The previous County Clerk and both retired Island County Judges have endorsed my track record of running the Clerk's office with excellence and integrity. I have the support of people I have worked with for a long time - including current and former staff, many of our local attorneys, and the statewide network of County Clerks.

In what ways, or through which organizations, have you served your community?

Last year, in partnership with Van Pelt Construction, we distributed donations to individuals and groups nominated through social media. It was a great experience for everyone involved, and we hope to do it again in 2023.

What do you believe is the biggest issue facing your community?

The most significant issue facing the office of County Clerk is staff retention. Highly qualified people choose to work elsewhere because wages are not competitive. The fluid nature of our military community makes it difficult to keep quality employees longer than a few years. Most of our customers come in seeking relief from a difficult situation, and handling these high-emotion situations with compassion day in and day out takes a toll on staff. This is not an easy job to do, and I am proud of my team.

How do you intend to help deal with the aforementioned issue?

For the last few years, the Clerk's office has been fortunate in its ability to hire and retain team members - more than 50% of my current staff have been in their positions for three years or more. Each courtroom requires the physical presence of a Deputy Clerk when in session, and that can leave the office understaffed. In collaboration with the County Commissioners, I created a new part-time counter clerk position to provide general customer service during high-traffic times when the office might be short-staffed. We're hopeful this change will maintain the level of customer service and responsiveness the residents of Island County have come to expect from the Clerk's office.

What do you hope to accomplish through your public service?

I serve the public because I know I can make a difference in our community. Every day, my staff and I provide access to court records and help people navigate legal issues with compassion, efficiency, and accuracy. I see the worry when someone who doesn't know anything about the court system comes in with a problem and I see their relief when they leave with a plan. I hope to maintain this level of compassionate, competent service for the next four years.

Why should people vote for you?

I am asking for your vote because I have the experience we need to continue to provide equal and open access to our local court with excellence and compassion. I've earned the support of the people I work with and the legal community.

Dierdre Butler

(States No Party Preference)

Current job: Accounts Payable Deputy in the Island County Auditor's Office



Why do you seek election (or reelection)?

I am running because I believe there are several areas within the clerk's office that can be improved upon, not only for the people who work there, but also for my community such as employee retention, cooperation between the Clerk's office and other county departments, and providing a better experience for the public when seeking help from the Clerk's Office.

What qualifies you to run for this position?

I've lived in Island County for over 15 years and have worked within the County for most of that time. I have worked in the Environmental Health Department, the Island County Clerk's office, and the Island County Auditor's office. I served in the Clerk's office from 2014 to 2021 and served the last few years as the Chief Deputy. This provided me the unique opportunity to learn every aspect of what entails running the Clerk's office.

In what ways, or through which organizations, have you served your community?

I have worked in the Island County Environmental Health Department, the Island County Clerk's office, and the Island County Auditor's office. I am also a member of the Coupeville Lions Club and worked with the Coupeville chapter of the Boy Scouts of America as a den mother.

What do you believe is the biggest issue facing your community?

Regarding the Clerk's office, I believe the biggest issue facing the community is the lack of compassion and patience when dealing with the public.

How do you intend to help deal with the aforementioned issue?

I would make it a policy that employees spend as much time as needed to help educate a customer on the requirements for court procedures and documentation all within legal boundaries. This can all be done with understanding and compassion.

What do you hope to accomplish through your public service?

I hope to improve customer experience for the community when accessing the services of the Clerk's office. I also hope to improve employee retention by evaluating the working environment and making necessary changes based on observations, input, and performance. I would also like to improve the communication and working relationships with the other departments within Island County.

Why should people vote for you?

I'm confident in my ability to bring much needed changes to the Clerk's office. I am familiar with the position and what is needed to do a good job, but more importantly I genuinely care about my community and the people in it.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Oct. 21:** Deadline to mail out standard ballots
- Oct. 31:** Deadline to receive new registrations and voter updates online and by mail
- Nov. 8:** Deadline for in-person registrations and voter updates for the Nov. 8 General Election
- Nov. 8:** GENERAL ELECTION
- Nov. 28:** Canvassing Board Meeting
- Nov. 29:** Canvassing Board Meeting to certify election
- Dec. 8:** Deadline for Secretary of State to certify election results
- Dec. 16:** Last day to file a resolution for February Special Election

Information Courtesy of Island County Auditor's Office

IT'S THE LAW:

- Return postage prepaid for all elections**
Return postage is paid for all elections. Voters may use a ballot drop box or return ballots by postal mail at no cost.
- Same day registration**
Voters may register to vote in person up to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- Electronic registrations**
Registrations submitted electronically (Motor Voter, Online, etc.) must be submitted no later than 8 days prior to an election.
- Mail In registrations**
Registrations submitted through the postal mail must be received by an Elections Official no later than 8 days prior to an election.
- Early registration**
Future voters age 16 and 17 may register to vote. Your registration will be kept "on hold" until you will be 18 years of age at the next election. At that time, you will be registered to vote.

-Information Courtesy of Island County Auditor's Office



ISLAND COUNTY AUDITOR

Sheilah Crider

(Prefers Republican Party)

Current job: Island County Auditor



Why do you seek election (or reelection)?

I am seeking re-lection so that I may continue to serve our citizens with honesty, transparency and accountability. It has been my honor to serve the citizens of Island County as the County Auditor for almost 15 years.

A great deal of work must be done in preparation for the 2024 elections; this requires a calm, experienced Auditor who can conduct the work to ensure the security and safety of voters, ballots and elections staff/workers. I have those qualifications and the experience to do so.

What qualifies you to run for this position?

I am a highly skilled, well-trained and experienced Auditor. As a working Auditor, I serve the public, while managing the public side of my office.

I have amassed thousands of hours in work and training classes directly related to the functions of my elections division. Upon completion of the requisite 2 years of work hours of election training, coursework and exam, I became a WA State Certified Elections Administrator through the Secretary of State's Office and have maintained this certification.

I remain current on local, national, and global issues impacting our state and county. I have focused on cybersecurity mitigation through national organizations – CISA, MI-ISAC, MS-ISAC as well as Dept. of Homeland Security, and federal agencies.

I am the most experienced candidate; I have the capabilities and qualifications to successfully conduct the work of Auditor and lead our team

In what ways, or through which organizations, have you served your community?

I have served my community for the past 37 years as an active volunteer of many civic organizations and appointed groups. An exhaustive list is too long, but some are:

North Whidbey Association of Realtors Legislative Liaison

SAVE NAS Whidbey Task Force

Oak Harbor Comprehensive Plan Task Force

Island County Republican Party Chair

Island County Planning Commissioner – 15 years;

Oak Harbor City Councilmember– 10 years;

Island County RTPO & SIRTPO

WAIF Board Member

Oak Harbor Community Harvest

Oak Harbor Elks

PBY Memorial Foundation

Emblem Club of Oak Harbor

Economic Development Committee

Numerous national agencies supporting local issues, including the American Cancer Society

What do you believe is the biggest issue facing your community?

In the Auditor's Office, elections security and cybersecurity are our biggest concerns.

How do you intend to help deal with the aforementioned issue?

We will address cybersecurity and physical security using all the federal, state and local resources available to us.

What do you hope to accomplish through your public service?

It has always been my intent to give back to my community. I have been fortunate to serve the citizens of our beloved Island County for over 30 years. Service to others is a philosophy I was raised with; I have always embraced this attitude.

Why should people vote for you?

People should vote for me because I have the experience, knowledge and qualifications for the position. I am the only candidate with the credentials and experience to conduct the vital work before us in 2024. Everyone is welcome in my office; my work is conducted in a non-partisan atmosphere in an open and transparent manner. In elections, our goal is to enable the voter to trust the work that we perform. I invite everyone to observe our processes, become knowledgeable and informed.

I ask for your vote so I may continue to serve the citizens of Island County.

Janet St. Clair

EXPERIENCE • LEADERSHIP • INTEGRITY

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Rep. Rick Larsen,
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IAFF Local 3438,
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Patricia "Trish" Rose,
United States Air Force
Major General Retired

Attorney General Bob Ferguson,
Washington State

For the last four years, I've served Island County, our beautiful coastal community. Before running for office, I was a teacher, social worker and nonprofit director. I use my collaborative and leadership experience to deliver common sense policies for all who call Island County their home.

In a time when we're facing uncertainties in the future, from women's rights to choose, to job security, to housing affordability, we must have experienced leaders advocating for us.

I'd be honored to have your vote this November.

Vote to re-elect

Janet St. Clair
by November 8.

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Janet St. Clair (D) 370 NE Camano Dr. #5-214 Camano Island, WA 98282

LOW OR IMPAIRED VISION? Island County Offers Large Print Ballots

As part of its ongoing efforts to ensure all voters have the opportunity to vote a private ballot, Island County Auditor's Elections offers large print ballots to voters with vision impairment or low vision. The large print ballots are available upon request for all elections.

Contact the Elections Office at 360-679-7366 or by email at elections@islandcountywa.gov and to let them know if you wish to be added to the large print ballot list. From that point forward, all of your ballots will be sent to you in the large print format.

-Information Courtesy of Island County Auditor's Office



ADA COMPLIANT IN-PERSON VOTING

Beginning no later than 18 days before any election, the Elections Office (400 N. Main St., Coupeville) has an ADA Compliant Touch Screen Voting Device available. The voting device is available Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Election Day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

These devices can display larger type or can provide an audio ballot to assist with visual or cognitive issues.

Voters can cast their ballot by using a select wheel or tactile button options. The equipment also supports a limited number of assistive switches, like foot pedals or sip and puff devices.

ASSISTANCE WITH VOTING

Voters can get personal assistance with voting by coming to the Elections Office (400 N. Main St., Coupeville). Voting assistance is confidential and requires no appointment. Voting assistance is available during office hours, and on Election Day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.



ISLAND COUNTY AUDITOR

Barbara Fuller

(Prefers Democratic Party)

Current job: Associate Faculty/HSE Consultant



Why do you seek election (or reelection)?

First and foremost, I believe in serving the community in which I live. Beyond that, I have seen many elections where candidates run unopposed with questionable qualifications and without even bothering to provide a statement for the Voters' Pamphlet. Further, politics over the last few years have convinced me that it is important that more people including myself become involved.

What qualifies you to run for this position?

I hope to bring to Island County over twenty years in compliance and auditing roles coupled with almost a decade in law enforcement. I have spent decades working to identify gaps and implement continuous improvement. My experience includes work both in private industry and the public sector. In addition, I have a strong education including an MBA.

In what ways, or through which organizations, have you served your community?

Current President of the Basset Hound Club of Whidbey Island

Served as a law enforcement officer for almost a decade

What do you believe is the biggest issue facing your community?

There are several significant issues for the Auditor's Office.

The most significant challenge to the Auditor's office without a doubt is election integrity. Questioning election integrity whether through disinformation or misinformation seems to have become the norm. The threats or actual filing of lawsuits against many County Auditor's Offices in attempts to discredit election results, as well as groups such as the Island County Republican Party adopting a resolution rejecting the 2020 Presidential Election further stresses the Auditor's Office.

Ensuring staff are provided with the proper training and processes is crucial. This is exemplified by audits from the State Auditor's office. In the audit for calendar year 2019, it would appear there was a lack of adequate technical training on generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). In the audit for calendar year 2018, there was a finding that the "County Auditor's Office staff responsible for preparing the financial statements were unaware that interest earned is distributed to each special purpose district by the County Treasurer's Office."**OVER WORD LIMIT

How do you intend to help deal with the aforementioned issue?

As the new County Auditor, I would establish a baseline of the current practices of the Auditor's Office. In addition to analyzing current practices, I would do the following:

- Benchmark best practices from other counties and other relevant government organizations
- Develop processes that are not reliant upon individual people (tribal knowledge) and are integrated throughout the County.
- Invest in development of staff within the Auditor's Office to ensure competence and succession planning
- Evaluate secure IT solutions to fill gaps.

What do you hope to accomplish through your public service?

Public service provides me with several things. It offers me the opportunity to elevate Island County by ensuring there are more efficient and sustainable processes. In doing so, I help preserve the wonderful communities within Island County. This also serves to give me personal fulfillment through serving a larger purpose.

Why should people vote for you?

Voters should choose me based upon my devotion, integrity, and ethics. I would bring a different perspective to the office that thrives on continuous improvement and investment in staff.

Holding the office does not necessarily make someone the best person for the office. Island County needs someone that is willing to recognize areas for improvement and move Island County forward. To that end, I believe that I am different in many ways. There are two significant things that I will point out:

1. I have experience both in the public sector and private industry. I am familiar with best practices both for resolving process issues as well as managing a diverse workforce.
2. Throughout my life, I have been willing to step forward and point out deficiencies and work to not only correct those deficiencies but develop processes that prevent them from occurring in the future.

When voting for Island County Sheriff, you might consider the following comparison:

SHERIFF FELICI

DEPUTY CAMPBELL

Over 30 years of progressively responsible leadership training and experience

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4 Years of experience as the Island County Sheriff

X

US Navy Veteran

X

Experienced Patrol Deputy

X

X

Experienced Detective

X

Experienced Patrol Sergeant

X

Experienced Corrections Deputy

X

Experienced Detective Sergeant

X

Experienced Chief Deputy

X

Graduate of FBI Command College

X

Graduate of International Association of Chiefs of Police Legacy Leadership Program

X

Endorsed by 21 of Washington's Elected Sheriffs

X

Endorsed by both of the police chiefs in Island County

X

Member of Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs

X

Graduate FBI LEEDA Executive Leadership Institute

X

WA Notary Public

X

Has a lot of campaign signs

X

X

SHERIFF

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RE-ELECT

Rick Felici

ISLAND COUNTY SHERIFF

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It's Not Too Late to Register to Vote!

You can still register to vote in the Nov. 8 general election!

Voters may register to vote in person up to 8:00 p.m. on election day. In Island County, go to 400 N Main Street in Coupeville.

Voter registrations submitted by U.S. Mail must be received no later than eight days before an election, which is Oct. 31 for this election.

Electronic voter registrations must be submitted no later than eight days before an election, which is Oct. 31 for the Nov. 8 general election.

Learn more at www.islandcountywa.gov/Auditor/Elections/pages/home.aspx. You can also go to www.votewa.gov to register to vote, update your name or address, check to see if your registration is current or get a replacement ballot.

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL ELECTIONS OFFICE

On Whidbey Island:

Elections Office, 400 N Main St., Coupeville

Email: Elections@islandcountywa.gov

Phone 360-679-7366

Fax Number: 360-678-2326

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1410 Coupeville, WA 98239

Office Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday

On Camano Island:

Camano Annex, 121 N East Camano Dr., Camano Island

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 5000, Coupeville, WA 98239-5000

Phone: 360-387-3443

Office Hours: 8 a.m.–Noon/ 1-3 p.m., Monday-Friday



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