

Ferry County Official Local

Voters' Pamphlet

November 2, 2021 General Election



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Message from the auditor

Dear voters,

This year marks the first year we are having a local voters' pamphlet. We will be issuing voter pamphlets for all elections special, primary and general. The only time you will not see a pamphlet is if a district decides to opt out.

You can still check the online voter guide. This will still have the issues and candidate information that is appropriate for your precinct. In ensuring that you are getting the correct ballot and information please update any and all address changes by going online, filling out a new form, or calling Ferry County Elections at (509) 775-5225 extension 1139.

November 2, 2021 is the General Election. We have many topics on the ballot; advisory votes from the state legislation to consider; Ferry County Treasurer; and Superior Court Justice; a replacement levy and capital levy for Republic School District #309.

There will be many other positions this year including, the City, school districts, fire districts, water sewer district, parks and recreation district #2, and the hospital district.

This is a full slate. Please make sure that you vote both sides of the ballot. Give your utmost consideration. This is an election that impacts you at every level. You really can make a difference! It's up to you to do so.



Dianna L. Galvan

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Local jurisdictions participating in this election:

- Ferry County Treasurer
- Judicial Superior Court Judge
- Hospital District #1
- Town of Republic
- Keller School District #03
- Curlew School District #50
- Orient School District #65
- Inchelium School District #70
- Kettle Falls School District #212
- Republic School District #309
- Park & Recreation District #2
- Fire Protection District #3
- Fire Protection District #13
- Curlew Water-Sewer District #1

State advisory vote information will be in state voter pamphlet.

Accessible voting

An accessible voting unit (AVU) is equipped with visual and audio technology. Voters requiring reasonable accommodation or assistance may vote on the AVU in the Auditor's Office starting October 15 through November 2.



To register to vote, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States;
- A legal resident of Washington State;
- At least 18 years old by Election Day;
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order; and
- Not under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington felony conviction



Register to vote

Go to VoteWA.gov on or before October 25 if you have a current Washington State driver license or I.D. card.



Complete and return a Washington State Voter Registration Form. Forms must be received in the Auditor's Office by October 25. Registration forms are available at post office, libraries, online, or by contacting the Ferry County Auditor's Office.

Come into the Ferry County Auditor's Office, Election Division, by 8:00 pm on Election Day.

Registration deadlines:

Voter registration and address changes online or by mail must be received by October 25. Starting October 26, visit our office to register to vote or change your address by 8:00 pm Election Day.

Military or overseas voters:

Maintain your voter registration while in the military or living outside the United States. To register, use your home of record (or that of a family member). You may receive your ballot by mail, email, or fax. Contact us for more information.

You are responsible for:

- Registering by the deadline;
- Updating your residential and/or mailing address; and
- Returning your ballot by 8:00 pm Election Day in an official ballot drop box, OR mailing your ballot with a postmark by Election Day.



Replacement ballots

You have a few options to receive a new ballot:

- You can request a new ballot online by visiting VoteWA.gov (log in and select Online Ballot)
- You can also call our office at 509-775-5225 ext. 1139 or e-mail delections@co.ferry.wa.us.

You are encouraged to request a replacement ballot online or by phone however you can still visit the Auditor's Office inside the Ferry County Courthouse and staff can print you a replacement.



Return your ballot on time!

- Mailing your ballot? The good news is you don't need a stamp! However, you do want to check USPS collection times to ensure that it will have a postmark on or before November 2.
- Prefer to skip the post office? Use an official ballot drop box. Locations are listed on page 31. Drop boxes are open until 8:00 pm on November 2!
- Track to see if we have received your ballot at VoteWA.gov (select ballot status).



Ballot instructions

- The ballot packet for the November 2 General Election will be mailed to you on October 15. The packet will include your official ballot, a security envelope, and a postage-paid return envelope.
- To vote the ballot, fill in the oval next to your choice with a blue or black pen. Vote for only one in each contest or measure.
- Place your voted ballot into the security envelope. If you forget the security envelope, your ballot will still be counted.
- Put the ballot/security envelope into the return envelope and seal.
- Sign and date your return envelope that has your name printed on it. Your signature on the return envelope is required for your ballot to be counted.
- Return your ballot to the Ferry County Auditor's Office by ballot drop box or mail. See pages 3 and 4 for more information on returning your ballot.
- Ballot must be in the drop box or postmarked by 8:00 pm, November 2.



Top four reasons a ballot cannot be counted

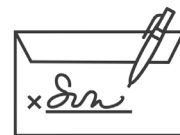
- Ballot received with a late postmark.
- Signature on the ballot envelope doesn't match the signature we have on file.*
- Ballot envelope is not signed.*
- Someone other than the voter has signed the return envelope.

* If a ballot is not signed or the signature doesn't match the signature on your voter registration, the voter is mailed a form to correct the issue.

Your signature matters!

Signature Information

- Sign and date the voter declaration on the return envelope that has your name printed on it.
- We compare the signature on your ballot envelope with the signature on your voter registration. This is how we know you voted the ballot. Every signature is reviewed and verified!
- How do we get your signature? If you register or update using a paper registration form, we capture your signature from the form. If you register or update through the Department of Motor Vehicles, we capture the signature from your Washington State Driver License or I.D. card.
- Do not sign for another registered voter.
- A Power of Attorney does not have authority to sign for the voter. If a voter is unable to sign, they should make a mark on the signature line and have their mark witnessed by two people. The two witnesses need to sign on the lines provided.
- Our office can have more than one signature on file for you. If you want to provide another signature, please contact us with that request (Signature Update request).
- Reference WAC 434-250-120 for more information.



Frequently Asked Questions

My (spouse, roommate) signed my ballot envelope. What should I do?

This is a very common mistake! If someone has mistakenly signed your ballot envelope, draw a line through the incorrect signature and sign your name directly above the correction.

I forgot to put my ballot in the included security envelope. Is that ok?

Yes! Your ballot will count as long as you have signed the return envelope.

I reopened my ballot envelope and sealed it shut with tape/glue. Will my vote still count?

Yes! As long as the signature on your return envelope matches your registration signature, your vote will count.

I received two ballots, does that mean I get to vote twice?

Sorry you don't get to vote twice! If you have recently moved or changed your address multiple ballots may be mailed to you. Each ballot envelope has a unique barcode which prevents voting multiple times. Once a ballot has been received all other ballots become void.

I got a letter saying my signature did not match the signature on file with your election office. Is my ballot no longer accepted?

All signatures are verified by staff trained by the Washington State Patrol. Staff are trained to look for signature similarities and patterns. However, signatures often change and your signature may no longer match what is currently on file. If you received a signature challenge letter, please sign the letter and promptly return it to our office via mail or email as soon as possible. Your ballot will

be counted as soon as we receive your signed letter. Your updated signature letter will also be scanned and your new signature will be added to our database.

I lost/misplaced my original ballot. How do I get another one?

You have a few options to receive a new ballot:

- You can request a new ballot online by visiting VoteWA.gov (log in and select Online Ballot)
- You can also call our office at 509-775-5225 ext. 1139 or e-mail delections@co.ferry.wa.us.

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Public records

Voter information that is available to the public (RCW 29A.08.710):

The following information is public record:

- Name
- Address
- Gender
- Date of Birth
- Elections in which a voter participated
- Date of registration

The following information is not public record:

- Social Security Number
- Driver's License number
- Phone number/email address
- Party affiliation (which is not collected by Washington State)
- Where and how a person registered
- Voter's signature

**SHANNON
JENSEN**

(Prefers Republican Party)

UNOPPOSED**Elected Experience**

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

Deputy Treasurer Ferry County Treasurer's Office - 1998 – 2008

Deputy Auditor Ferry County Auditor's Office - 2008 – 2020

Treasurer (Appointed) Ferry County Treasurer's Office - 2021

Education

Graduated Republic High School – 1988

Spokane Community College – 1988 – 1989

Community Service

I have been involved in various community activities. Some of which include volunteering at the Ferry County Fair and being a youth leader.

Statement

As the former Deputy Treasurer and Deputy Auditor for Ferry County I have all of the experience and knowledge to serve the community as the Ferry County Treasurer.

I have over 23 years of experience in county government. Of those 23 years I have spent 10 as the Ferry County Deputy Treasurer. The decade I spent in the Treasurer's office taught me how to properly address the tasks required as an elected official.

Ferry County has been my home for over 51 years. Spending my entire life in Republic has given me insight into properly leading the citizens of Ferry County.

Due to my drive to succeed as your Treasurer I ask for your vote to continue the work of safeguarding county funds.

For more information

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**LECH J
RADZIMSKI**

Nonpartisan

UNOPPOSED

Legal/Judicial Experience

Superior Court Judge for Ferry, Stevens, and Pend Oreille Counties June 2020 – present; Superior Court Commissioner for Ferry, Stevens, and Pend Oreille Counties September of 2019 to June 2020; Deputy Prosecutor at Stevens County Prosecuting Attorney's Office 2009 – 2019; Associate Attorney at Cooney Law Office 2007 – 2009

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted

Education

University of Washington Bachelor of Arts – Political Science 2004; Gonzaga University School of Law – Juris Doctor – 2007

Community Service

Colville Fire Department – 2017 to 2020; Colville Rotary Club – 2013 – 2017; Colville Civil Service Commission – 2016 – 2018; 2016 – Present – Christmas Lights over Colville

Statement

Lech has been serving the citizens of Ferry, Stevens, and Pend Oreille Counties since 2007 when he worked in Stevens County as a defense attorney. In 2009 Lech joined the Stevens County Prosecutor's Office where he worked on cases ranging from traffic infractions to serious felonies. In 2019 Lech was selected to serve as Superior Court Commissioner for the Tri-County Judicial District. During the summer of 2020 Lech was appointed to fill the newly created third judicial position for Ferry, Stevens, and Pend Oreille Counties.

Since his appointment, Lech was chosen to serve as Assistant Presiding Judge. Lech is currently a Stevens County Law Library Board Trustee and Guardianship Monitoring Board member.

Lech has developed a reputation as hard working, respectful of others, and exhibiting a keen sense of justice. He has brought these qualities to his service on the bench. Lech treats all who appear before him fairly and ensures that their voice is heard.

Lech resides outside of Colville, with his wife, two children, and their two dogs. His family enjoys spending time outdoors boating, hunting, camping, and hiking. Lech is grateful for the opportunity to serve as your judge and humbly asks for your vote.

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No photo
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LUNDGREN**
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**RICK
DIAMOND**
Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

I have 25 years experience in Business and Government operations. Seventeen years involved in the administration of a statewide government bureau. Currently, I serve on the Ferry County Fair Board, Fire District 14 as a volunteer fire fighter, Curlew Ambulance as a volunteer EMT and my greatest experience with serving our young students in both Republic and Curlew School District as a substitute teacher. I am an optimist by nature and believe hard work, commitment and sacrifice in our communities will serve to make Ferry County the best place to work, live and raise a family.

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted

Education

No Information Submitted

Community Service

No Information Submitted

Statement

I am excited for the opportunity to represent District 3 as a Commissioner on our Hospital Board. I have lived in Ferry County for over 5 years with a absolute passion for the people and lifestyle Ferry County has to offer. We are fortunate to have Ferry County Memorial Hospital available to our communities and the diverse health needs. The professional staff in our hospital represent the very best in service, care and compassion for our counties residents. As an EMT from Curlew I have nothing but sincere appreciation for the dedication in our only Hospital for it's patients. With limited resources, our hospital has achieved great value in health care and meeting the needs of the community. I hope to be a part in continuing the positive legacy and progress of Ferry County Memorial Hospital as it moves into the future of health care and health care services.

For more information

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JODY
JANNOT
Nonpartisan

UNOPPOSED

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**RACHEL D
SIRACUSE**

Nonpartisan

UNOPPOSED**Elected Experience**

I was elected as Ferry County Assessor in 2002 and have served in that position ever since. I was elected to city council for the City of Republic in 2017.

Other Professional Experience

I have worked in the Assessor's office and as the Assessor since 2000.

Education

I graduated high school in Republic; had one year of college in Spokane. I receive continuing education in my position as the county assessor and as an accredited appraiser.

Community Service

Member of Grace Bible Fellowship; on the board for Piece n' Pals quilt guild; organize an annual quilting retreat; I am a member of our local Republican Party.

Statement

I was born in the City of Republic and graduated from high school here. I raised three children who also attended school in Republic. They are now grown and have children of their own giving me eight grandchildren.

I am proud to serve the City of Republic with my time and my effort. It isn't always easy or comfortable, but it is certainly worthwhile. I strive to make decisions according to my convictions regardless of the outside pressure put on me and I reach out to people I respect so that I might not lose perspective. My goal is to help our city be streamlined and effective; to keep our expenses low without compromising quality; to build good infrastructure that serves our community faithfully for decades to come and to support our employees and our mayor in their work.

For more information

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**TRISTAN DANIEL
ROMERO**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted

Education

No Information Submitted

Community Service

No Information Submitted

Statement

Hello,

My name is Tristan Romero. I live in Republic WA and I'm running for City Council.

I am running because I love this town, its history, and I want to be a part of its growth and success!

I am a Real Estate Broker with Brown Bear Real Estate and as a broker, I am always involved with my community and the people in it. I have also worked with the YMCA and my job there was to work with children and people with special needs.

For more information

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**ERIC
HULSE**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

Currently serving as Vice President for the Ferry County Historical Society.

Other Professional Experience

I am semi retired and returned to Ferry County after 17 years in Corporate Security.

I am on my fourth season working at Curlew Lake State Park.

Education

High School Diploma

Attended Lane Community College and Clark College

Community Service

I serve on 2 advisory boards to the Ferry County Commissioners:

The Golden Tiger Pathway along with the Off-road and Motor Vehicle board until Covid-19 closed down those boards for now.

Statement

I hope to bring a new prospective to City Government.

For more information

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**JIM****BURNSIDE**

Nonpartisan

UNOPPOSED**Elected Experience**

I am Jim Burnside and I am running for re-election for City Council position #5. I have served over 10 years on the council and served as the Mayor for a 4 year term. My knowledge of our city stems from living my entire life in the City of Republic. My position will focus on city streets, storm water, waste water, and updating our Public Works Department.

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted

Education

I graduated from Republic High School in 1984.

Community Service

No Information Submitted

Statement

I look forward to serving on the council for the City of Republic for the next 4 years and working hand in hand with all council members and the mayor to make positive changes within the City.

For more information

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No photo
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**BRANDY
KATICH**
Nonpartisan

UNOPPOSED

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Director #2 • School District 003 • 4-year term

No photo
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**KATHERINE
WALDEN**
Nonpartisan

UNOPPOSED

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Director #3 • School District 003 • 4-year term

No photo
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**ASHLEY LOUISE
BLUE EYES**
Nonpartisan

UNOPPOSED

No photo
submitted

**WILL
BEEDLE**
Nonpartisan

UNOPPOSED

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Director #3 • School District 050 • 4-year term

No photo
submitted

**BRAD L
MILLER**
Nonpartisan

UNOPPOSED

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No photo
submitted

**MARY
ROBBINS**
Nonpartisan

No photo
submitted

**PENNIE
LINDSEY**
Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

I currently don't have political experience at this time. I hope to learn from this experience. To better my knowledge on the inner workings of our community school's.

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted

Education

No Information Submitted

Community Service

Volunteer work at local food bank.
9 years experience with schools.

Statement

Hi,

I'm Mary Robbins and I'm running for school board.

I am here to help and learn more about our educational system.

I believe building a solid foundation for our children's education will help them grow to be stronger people and to push harder to succeed.

Education is where it all begins. The things we learn in school will carry with us for the rest of our lives.

Thank you,

You're local resident

For more information

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For more information

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No photo
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**DALE
MCNITT**
Nonpartisan

UNOPPOSED

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Director #4 • Orient School District 65/209 • 4-year term

No photo
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**STEVEN
SANDERS**
Nonpartisan

UNOPPOSED

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Director #5 • Orient School District 65/209 • unexpired 2-year term

No photo
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**HANNAH
SMITH**
Nonpartisan

UNOPPOSED

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K.D.
PAKOOTAS
Nonpartisan

UNOPPOSED

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**JAYA
FOWLER**

Nonpartisan

No photo
submitted

**TYLER
EDWARDS**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

Education

SFCC 2007-2009

Community Service

Tball coach 2015-2016

Kettle Falls H.S Trap coach 2016-2019

Fundraising committee kettle Falls H.s Trap coach. 2016-2019

Head of Kettle Falls MatDog wrestling fundraising committee 2019-2020

Kettle Falls MatDog wrestling coach 2019-2020

Statement

My name is Jaya Fowler and I'm running for Kettle Falls school board. Firstly, I would like to thank our current board and all their diligence towards helping our schools grow.

I am a mother of 3, kindergarten, 3rd grade, and 5th grade. I have been highly involved with my children's extracurricular activities and through all that I have realized I need to be more involved with the educational aspect of their school careers. It is time for change. There is a lot of controversial matters our school board will be faced with and will be subject to make difficult decisions.

I will take a stand for you as parents, and for our children. I feel their needs to be an equal representation for everyone. I find it important to also have a mother's input.

I stand with you.

Jaya Fowler

For more information

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No photo
submitted

**BRETT
MCKERN**
Nonpartisan



**KAT
SNIDER**
Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

I grew up in a religious home, attending a private school from K-5. When my parents decided to leave the community, we were home-schooled for a few years, before attending the public-school system. I am married with two children, ages 8, and 10. My children are my first priority and are the reason I am applying for the school board.

I am currently employed as a CAD/CAM instructor, teaching in Continuing Education for the Dental Community. My direct experience with several educational programs gives me a rounded knowledge of the educational systems out there and benefits within them.

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted

Education

No Information Submitted

Community Service

No Information Submitted

Statement

As a mother of two school aged children, their education and childhood experience are a priority in my life. After experiencing what the lockdowns and virtual learning has done to our schools, I withdrew my children and homeschooled this last year. I was not going to allow my children to be subject to the political games being played within our school system.

I want all children to be allowed to have a childhood, to play and discover; using the resources we have, we must teach in a comfortable and interactive environment. I believe schools should be a place of education and politics should be kept out of our schools. I believe that good teachers should be rewarded, and those that do not perform should be removed. That goes the same for the heavy administration in the public-school system. I feel parents should be involved in making educational choices for their children, and parents voices should be heard.

Our children are our future, they are the greatest asset we have. As a board member, I will stand for what's right, making sure parents are heard. These are our children! This is our schools! Our opinions count. We are the parents!

For more information

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No photo
submitted

**RALPH C
ELLINGSON**
Nonpartisan

UNOPPOSED

For more information

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PHILLIP STARR

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

Republic Classified Public Employees Association

Other Professional Experience

Market Manager – Sherwin Williams Company

Theater Manager – Hallett Cinemas, LLC

Daycare Provider – Daddy Daycare (Self Employed)

School Bus Driver & Driver Trainer – Republic School District

Cattle Rancher – Stevens Pride Ranch (Self Employed)

EMS Director – Ferry County EMS District 1

Education

Republic High School (1991) – Salutatorian

Eastern Washington University (1995) – B.A. Management/
Human Resource Management, Government Minor

Community Service

Ferry County Fair

Ferry County 4H

Eureka Thrift Board of Directors (Previous)

Ferry County EMS & Trauma Care Council

East Region EMS & Trauma Care Council

Ferry County EMS District 1

Statement

I'm a proud, 3rd generation graduate of Republic High School. In 2007, my wife and I moved back to my home town, because we didn't want to raise our children in a bigger city. We wanted them to experience a better way of life. This included being educated in a small school, with the numerous opportunities such an environment can provide. Well run schools create better communities, and at that time, the school was the center of this community. We immediately knew we had made the right decision.

I've become increasingly concerned about the state of our school, the education of our children, and the treatment of our teachers and staff. I believe the school district needs a new direction, one that is based on community values, mutual respect, responsibility, and a large dose of common sense.

I also believe that if you're going to complain about a problem, you need to be part of the solution. This is why I'm running for School Board. Effective leadership is the foundation of any sound organization, and we need leaders that are focused on solving the problems in our school. Only then can it once again be the center of our community.

For more information

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TRAVIS FLETCHER

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

I've served on the school board of Republic School District for 10+ years.

Other Professional Experience

I'm employed as the District Ranger at the Republic Ranger District and spent my career working in Natural Resource Management. In addition to working at the Forest Service, my wife and I operate a family farm where we raise livestock and alfalfa hay.

Education

I attended and graduated from Colville High School and received a B.S. degree from WSU in Natural Resource Management.

Community Service

While on the school board, I also serve as President of the Ferry County Fair Board, am a 4-H leader and shooting sports instructor.

Statement

I have a passion for community service and enjoy and appreciate the time I've spent serving the students, parents, district staff, and community of the Republic School District while on the board.

In addition to being a school board member, I'm a parent with kids in the school. This gives me a good base of understanding on how to serve the needs of students so they receive a quality education, have ample opportunities and are prepared for life after high school. I value a safe and healthy environment for students to learn in and hope our students have fun while learning.

While on the school board, I've supported and pushed for improvements in curriculum, facilities, nutrition, student safety, Career Technical offerings and athletics. I fully believe that we need to prepare our students for college or careers once they graduate and send them off well prepared for what's next.

If elected to serve another term as School Director, I will continue to let my focus be on "what's best for kids", while being community minded and financially efficient. It would be my honor to continue serving on the school board and I would greatly appreciate your vote.

For more information

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Republic School District

Proposition No. 1

REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY

☐ YES

☐ NO

Explanatory Statement

Written by Jim McNeill, Attorney, Foster Garvey PC

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the Republic School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2022. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operation that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, music, athletics and early childhood learning. Further information is available at the District's website <https://www.republic309.org/>.

The proposed three-year replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$495,000 each year from 2023 through and including 2025. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.47 in 2023, \$1.46 in 2024, and \$1.44 in 2025 (estimated levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value). The exact tax levy rate and amount to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Ferry County Assessor at (509) 775-5225 or Okanogan County Assessor at (509) 422-7190.

Arguments for and against this measure are on next page →

Statement for Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy

Written by Cherie Exner

The Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy is not an additional tax, but a continuation of the existing levy. It is a three year levy starting in 2023. The new levy will ensure the daily operation of our school's programs. These programs include music, athletics and early childhood development as well as other educational programs and operating expenses.

The tax pays for the gap between state funding and the cost of our current programs. For a number of years the state has failed to fund the schools adequately and our local levy has to supplement our school to make up the difference. While the state has increased its support of the public schools, it still does not fully fund the state education system.

Our community has voted in the past to support our students and school district. Our students deserve the best education possible. Please vote YES for the levy!

Rebuttal of Statement against:

Written by Shannon Young

This replacement levy allows our students continued access to athletics, music, early childhood learning, and other extra/co-curricular programs that are not fully-funded by the State of Washington. It is an Educational Programs and Operations levy (EPO) that replaces the expiring one to begin collection in 2022-2023.

Statement against Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy

Written by Jeff Heckathorn

Local property taxpayers (homeowners and renters in their rent) are maxed out. We are still facing economic instability due to Covid-19, while many parents have incurred additional education expenses such as home tutoring, or had to quit jobs to do so themselves, for the last year and a half.

In 2018, the legislature determined levies are unfair and dramatically increased state school property taxes. Districts should no longer be relying on local levies to provide basic education because the state is now fully funding schools. The Republic SD, as of 2019-2020, is already excessively spending \$17,500 per student per year for operational expenditures, capital outlays, and interest on debt. More than tuition at most private schools, and all from your taxes.

Currently, our nation's school districts are flush with federal Covid-19 relief cash. Most are still trying to decide what to do with all the extra money. They don't need to ask taxpayers for more. The district needs to respect hardworking taxpayers, stick to a budget, and continually reduce overhead and waste. Stop taxing people out of their homes.

The district needs to act frugally, starting now.

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Rebuttal of Statement for:

The schools are fully funded. The district has bad spending habits, and is asking taxpayers to fund their bad decisions. If needed, parents can advise on sensible belt-tightening measures. Also, for a 2023 levy, the district should be asking voters in 2022.

State taxpayers (from our dramatically increased property taxes) are the ones supplying state school funds. The constant refrain of not enough funds for schools is tiresome.

Republic School District

Proposition No. 2

CAPITAL LEVY FOR LIFE SAFETY, SECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

☐ YES

☐ NO

Explanatory Statement

Written by Jim McNeill, Attorney, Foster Garvey PC

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would help Republic School District pay costs of making life safety, security and infrastructure improvements throughout existing school facilities, including, but not limited to: (1) replacing and/or repairing roofs; (2) upgrading and/or improving heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems and equipment (HVAC); (3) replacing elementary school fire suppression system; and (4) remodeling main entrances and acquiring, installing, replacing, implementing and modernizing entry controls, security cameras and other life safety and security systems. The School Board determined that these improvements are necessary due to deteriorating infrastructure and student and staff life safety and security needs. Further information is available at the District's website <https://www.republic309.org/>.

The proposed four-year capital levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$500,000 each year from 2022 through and including 2025. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.48 in 2022, \$1.47 in 2023, \$1.46 in 2024, and \$1.44 in 2025 (estimated levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value). Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Ferry County Assessor at (509) 775-5225 or Okanogan County Assessor at (509) 422-7190.

Arguments for and against this measure are on next page →

Statement for Capital Levy for Life Safety, Security and Infrastructure Improvements

Written by Cherie Exner

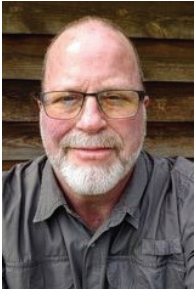
The Capital Levy for Life Safety, Security and Infrastructure Improvements will help the district to attend to critical needs in the existing buildings. It will allow the district to replace or repair aging roofs and systems in the school which have deteriorated.

The levy allows the district to make life safety, security and infrastructure improvements in both the elementary and high school buildings. These include upgrading HVAC, replacing the elementary school fire suppression system, remodeling main entrances and installing entry controls and security cameras.

Vote YES for Republic schools and support a safe environment for our students.

Statement against Capital Levy for Life Safety, Security and Infrastructure Improvements

No information submitted.



**DAN
CAMPBELL**

Nonpartisan

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Elected Experience

PCO belcher Precinct

Professional Experience

Mechanical Engineering Tech, Cad Design, Tool and Die Maker/Machinist for 25+ years

Education

Associates Degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology,
Mt. Hood Community College, Gresham Oregon.

Community Service

Roadside/Forest clean up in my spare time.

Statement

I believe most voters do not know of Parks and Recreation District #2. It is small and has no budget to speak of. So why would I want to be involved in such a diminutive office?

Because this is my home, I love Ferry County and the people who live here. I want to expand the recreational opportunities for the citizens of Ferry County. To do this we will need to come up with new ways to get funding, private or public.

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No photo
submitted

**DAVID
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Commissioner #3 • Parks and Recreation District #2 • 4-year term

No photo
submitted

**WENDY
BRAUN**
Nonpartisan

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Commissioner #4 • Parks and Recreation District #2 • unexpired 2-year term

No photo
submitted

**DEAN
BREMNER**
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**SHIRLY
NEVIN**
Nonpartisan

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**BILL
ACKERSON**

Nonpartisan

UNOPPOSED**Elected Experience**

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

volunteered for Ferry County EMS as a first responder driver for 10 years.

volunteered for Search and Rescue 5 years.

Education

No Information Submitted

Community Service

Currently a board member for Grace Christian Academy.

Served as a church board member for Republic Nazarene for 6 years.

Statement

I have been a long time resident of Ferry County since 1980. I have been married for 31 years, have two daughters and four grandchildren.

I have volunteered over the years for many positions that I have been dedicated to. I am currently a fire fighter with the Ferry/Okanogan Fire District #13 for over 25 years. In this time of volunteering I have been a fireman, safety officer, training officer and current fire chief.

I have been to numerous fire commissioners meetings and have learned everything I can and continue learning about the Fire District #13. I want to be one you can trust with your tax payers dollars.

I will do everything I can to keep up the standards of Ferry/Okanogan Fire District #13. The protection of our properties, homes, families, community, businesses and fire personnel is my priority. To the tax payers and residents that reside in this community I want to be your commissioner that you can trust and depend on.

Having over 25 years of experience, training and dedication I would love to be your Ferry/Okanogan Fire District #13 Commissioner.

For further information please contact me at 509-680-2173 or ackersonfire1@gmail.com

For more information

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submitted

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WUERTH**
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350 E Delaware Ave

Republic WA

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Republic City Hall

987 S Clark Ave

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Curlew Drop Box

Curlew Fire Station

30 Customs Rd

Curlew WA

Keller Drop Box

Sanpoil Valley Community Health

11665 S Hwy 21

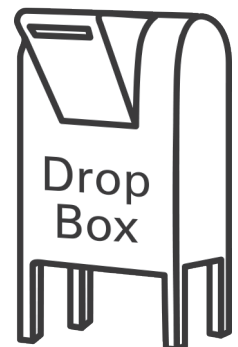
Keller WA

Inchelium Drop Box

Lake Roosevelt Community Health Center

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Inchelium WA





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