

Tri-Cities Voter's Guide

Primary Elections, August 1 2017



Introduction

The purpose of this Voter's Guide is to provide the public with a direct comparison of candidates' responses to a series of general and local questions. The questions were developed by Indivisible WA-4, with input from other community groups, in an effort to reflect the values and concerns about our city councils, schools, ports and sheriffs common to most Tri-Citizens. The Voter Guide is meant to augment the information provided in the Benton County and Franklin County Voter Pamphlets, where candidates seldom address the same set of issues currently affecting our communities.

Efforts were made to ensure that all candidates were provided with an opportunity to participate in this Voter's Guide including emailing questionnaires to all candidates, and following up in person or with phone calls. Indivisible WA-4 used the email and phone contacts provided by the candidates when they registered to run for office.

All candidate responses received by July 10, 2017, are included in this Guide. Candidates' answers have been copied and pasted into this Voter's Guide exactly as written. Candidates' experience and background statements were lightly edited to ensure consistent formatting.

Indivisible WA-4, a non-partisan group of Tri-Citizens ensuring constituents are heard, informed and represented at the federal, state and local level, is providing this Voter's Guide as a public service. We encourage you to vote.

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Additional sources of information

Washington Secretary of State

Elections and Voting information: <https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/>

Online Voter Registration: <https://weiapplets.sos.wa.gov/>

Note that deadline for online or mail registration for primary elections was July 3. In-person registration deadline for August primaries is July 24.

Benton County Auditor

Sample Ballot: https://www.bentonelections.com/Current_Election_files/2017%20Primary%20Sample.pdf

Voters Guide: http://bentonelections.com/pamphlet_list

Franklin County Auditor

Voters Guide: <https://weiapplets.sos.wa.gov/MyVoteOLVR/onlinevotersguide?language=en&countyCode=FR&Group=Local>

City of Richland - Council Position 1

Nonpartisan, 4-year term. Candidates: Rhoda Williams, Kalen M. Finn, Bob Thompson, Jess Monterey

What motivated you to run for Richland City Council?

Rhoda Williams	Kalen M. Finn	Bob Thompson	Jess Monterey
Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	It became obvious to me rather quickly that the city council members weren't listening or interested in what their residents had to say. As I learned more about our city council through reading, observation, and discussion with others, I realized that our council members didn't accurately represent our city. I was motivated by all the wonderful people of Richland that I've had the opportunity to meet and talk to. I believe residents of Richland are deserving and in need of City Council Members who reflect their values and engage them. A vote for me makes you part of the process.

What will your highest priorities be if elected?

Rhoda Williams	Kalen M. Finn	Bob Thompson	Jess Monterey
Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	While a main focus for me is increasing and improving the communication between Richland City Council and the community, there are several other efforts that I wish to get behind, support, and advocate for. There is a group of citizens, and others in support, that have, for months, requested that an inclusion statement be put on the agenda. This is on the top of my list. Other efforts include the expansion and further development of programs, like recycling, that improve sustainability, developing programs that engage youth, and working to ensure that all options have been explored and properly discussed for current Richland projects.

How can Richland maintain affordable housing options in our community?

Rhoda Williams	Kalen M. Finn	Bob Thompson	Jess Monterey
Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	There are many programs and policies that can be developed and implemented to increase affordable housing in Richland. Programs such as an Affordable Dwelling Unit program, and policy changes that would allow for inclusionary zoning could vastly increase the accessibility to affordable housing. Uptown is a point of focus for me, and mixed-use apartments as a part of the revitalization is also an idea that I would bring to the table for further discussion.

As the Tri-Cities area grows, what can Richland do to engage our new neighbors and foster a sense of pride in our community?

Rhoda Williams	Kalen M. Finn	Bob Thompson	Jess Monterey
Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	I believe that engaging our new neighbors, and new residents, can be done by focusing on how we communicate with our community and surrounding communities. Effective communication builds bridges between the city and its own residents, and also improves the collaboration between our surrounding communities. I believe that the best way to foster a sense of pride is to stand by the values and beliefs described in Richland's Mission Statement, which depicts a collaborative, progressive, diverse, and participatory community.

What opportunities do you see to further improve local government transparency and communication with residents?

Rhoda Williams	Kalen M. Finn	Bob Thompson	Jess Monterey
Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	With the internet, social media, and smartphones, we have the opportunity to reach more people in our community. The City of Richland has done a great job at publishing local events on their social media platforms, but could do a better job at publishing information about public meetings. I am also interested in surveying the need for language access. Richland has a diverse community and all members of this community should be well informed about decisions that affect them. I believe there are low-cost ways to ensure that everyone is invited to be part of the decision-making process, and that everyone understands it.

Proposals have been put forward to develop the Columbia Point South land, just south of the Pasco bridge, which is currently an undeveloped public area. What is your position on the proposed development of Columbia Point South?

Rhoda Williams	Kalen M. Finn	Bob Thompson	Jess Monterey
Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	Columbia Point South is a region that holds significant cultural and historic value. It is my position that we cannot put a price tag on the cultural significance of that land or the ecosystem that lives there. In my discussion with many residents and Richland, and in further research, our community has long expressed the position that Columbia Point South should remain an undeveloped, natural open space and I stand by this position. Development of Columbia Point South should be limited, if any, and all possible alternatives should be considered.

Candidate experience from Benton County Voters Pamphlet

Rhoda Williams	Kalen M. Finn	Bob Thompson	Jess Monterey
<p>Professional Experience: Tax prep experience with H&R Block and Jackson Hewett, Wine specialist for Safeway in Puget Sound area 6 years, 15 years total with Safeway, Bookkeeper, PIC & Assistant Manager Trainee, Small business owner in the Richland Parkway 3 yrs. Member of Richland's (Downtown) Business Improvement District,</p> <p>Education: Anniston HS, AL, Advanced Business Training, Los Angeles CC</p> <p>Community Service: During my six years in Richland I've shared my community spirit through my involvement in County Fair activities, various charitable activities and drives related to domestic violence, cancer programs, Chambers and business groups, etc.</p>	<p>Professional Experience: Equipment Coordinator for Washington River Protection Solutions, a contractor to the Department of Energy.</p> <p>Education: Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Central Washington University, 2010. Graduate of Richland High School, 2005</p>	<p>Elected experience: Richland City Council Member for 20 years. Elected by fellow counsel members to Mayor position 3 times.</p> <p>Professional Experience: Attorney for over 30 years. Appointed by the Energy Secretary to the Environmental Management Board. Chairman of the Hanford Communities, Member of Hanford National Park Committee, Past Chairman of the Energy Communities Alliance</p> <p>Education: Graduate of Richland High School in 1974; Graduate of WSU in 1978; Graduated from Willamette University in 1982 with Doctorate of Law</p> <p>Community service: Been active in supporting Sausage Fest at Christ the King; Served on the March of Dimes Board; Worked at Goodwill Industries and Tri-city Residential Services and Children's Hospital</p>	<p>Professional Experience: Bilingual. Working Mom. Paralegal at Chou Law Office, P.S. Paralegal at Murray Osorio PLLC. Paralegal at Mil Mujeres Legal Services, a national 501(c)(3).</p> <p>Education: Associate's degree from Northern Virginia Community. Attended Georgia State University.</p> <p>Community Service: Advocate volunteer with the CARA Family Detention Pro-bono Project in Dilley, Texas. ESOL Tutor with ALCES. ESOL Tutor at Wasson High School. Coordinated free, bilingual Know-Your-Rights clinics. Local Elementary School volunteer</p>

City of Richland - Council Position 3

Nonpartisan, 4-year term. Candidates: Sandra Kent, Shir Regev, Lloyd Becker

What motivated you to run for Richland City Council?

Sandra Kent	Shir Regev	Lloyd Becker
Chose not to respond.	I am running because I feel there is a real disconnect between the council and residents. When you talk to people about issues (whether it's the Duportail Bridge, Rachel Road Alignment or the Inclusion Resolution) the common thread is this sense that the council simply isn't listening to what residents have to say. This needs to stop.	I feel the Richland City Council is no longer listening to the citizens it represents. The City Council is spending money on unnecessary projects. I am running to change that. I want the Council to go in a new direction.

What will your highest priorities be if elected?

Sandra Kent	Shir Regev	Lloyd Becker
Chose not to respond.	My highest priority to create an environment where residents feel that they are being listened to and respected by the council. There are several issues the City of Richland needs to address now before they become even bigger problems like the lack of consistent infrastructure/walkability throughout the city, lack of affordable housing and the threat of over-development of remaining open space. However without getting the council to a place where it's more engaged with residents, it won't be possible to create a path forward everyone feels good about.	Re-evaluate and re-consider the method of funding for the Duportail Bridge Project.

How can Richland maintain affordable housing options in our community?

Sandra Kent	Shir Regev	Lloyd Becker
Chose not to respond.	Reading the current draft of the Richland's Action Plan (done with the Tri-Cities Home Consortium) you learn Richland does not have its own housing authority, only directly supports four units of low income housing, provides down payment assistance to 19 families annually (with HUD funding) and relies on local charities to help with transitional housing. I would like to see the city take a more active role in addressing the lack of affordable housing by strongly encouraging developers to pursue "infill" and build smaller, more affordable houses rather than just "McMansions".	Richland works with non-profits to maintain some affordable housing. We also have Habitat for Humanity that provides new and remodeled homes for sale at low interest to the low-income buyer.

As the Tri-Cities area grows, what can Richland do to engage our new neighbors and foster a sense of pride in our community?

Sandra Kent	Shir Regev	Lloyd Becker
Chose not to respond.	A good place to start as far as being able to engage with new neighbors and fostering pride is to revamp the city's vision statement. It hasn't been touched since 2001 and if recent events are any indication, it's time to revamp it in a way that shows a true and unmistakable spirit of inclusion. Many people will tell you words don't matter. They can't dictate actions of others. They are wrong. Words set the tone. If city council is willing to take a more welcoming stance towards all residents, it sets the example for everyone else.	As city limits become closer together, we may find our next door neighbor lives in Kennewick. Residents in those situations can actually work to strengthen a camaraderie because even their children can go to the same school.

What opportunities do you see to further improve local government transparency and communication with residents?

Sandra Kent	Shir Regev	Lloyd Becker
Chose not to respond.	There are simple steps which can be taken to make council more accessible and responsive. I'd like to see quarterly seminars offered to the public explaining how the council makes decisions. Sometimes when people come to a council meeting to speak about an issue, it's too late. They missed the public comment period. Residents have a right to understand how items are proposed, studied and commented on prior to being placed on the agenda for a vote. They teach in school how a bill becomes a law, but how the council votes on policy is a mystery to many.	I see many opportunities to improve communication between the Voter, the Taxpayer and city government. I will be working to establish better policies to promote the transparencies needed to keep the citizenry informed of what the Council is doing and what the city departments are doing.

Proposals have been put forward to develop the Columbia Point South land, just south of the Pasco bridge, which is currently an undeveloped public area. What is your position on the proposed development of Columbia Point South?

Sandra Kent	Shir Regev	Lloyd Becker
Chose not to respond.	I am against further development of Columbia Point South. Richland missed the boat by allowing nearly all of the shoreline between Columbia Point and Howard Amon to be developed into hotels and condos instead of setting aside some that area for restaurants. However, trying to catch up by developing some of its last riverfront space is not the answer. Instead renewed emphasis needs to be placed on revitalizing the Parkway and Uptown. Those two locations have so much potential. Making them vibrant, walkable hubs for small retail will do more to make Richland a destination for tourists and locals alike.	I have seen these areas that are under consideration. We still need to maintain some land for public usage. Developing this land is an automatic denial of use for the recreation user.

Candidate experience from Benton County Voters Pamphlet

Sandra Kent	Shir Regev	Lloyd Becker
<p>Elected Experience: Appointed Richland Council in 2008; re-elected in 2009, 2011, 2013. Served on Richland Planning Commission two years.</p> <p>Professional Experience: More than 20 years regulatory and management experience. Currently at Mission Support Alliance as Deputy Chief Counsel and Privacy Officer.</p> <p>Education: Bachelor's in Urban Affairs & Land Use Planning, University of Missouri-Kansas City; law degree, University of Kansas; Leadership Tri-Cities Program graduate. Previous certifications in hazardous waste worker/supervisor, construction, and project manager.</p> <p>Community Service: President, Regional Public Facilities District; liaison, Richland Parks and Recreation Commission; Representative, Tri-Cities Development and Economic Council. Past Member, Women Helping Women Fund, United Way and Washington Bar Association's Committee on Professionalism.</p>	<p>Professional Experience: Health Physics Technician at Hanford, United States Navy (Electronics Technician Second Class/Surface Warfare), United States Peace Corps (Regional Youth Officer, Kunene North Region, Namibia) Race Director of the Snake River Island Hop Ultra-Marathon.</p> <p>Education: Kamiakin High school 1992, Washington State University 1994 BA Foreign Languages and Literature (Cum Laude)</p> <p>Community Service: Volunteer at various runs (Camp Patriot Fourth of July Run, Badger Mountain Challenge, Chamna Chase, and Columbia River Classic), Nomad Trail Runners of Eastern Washington (original board member), Certified Jewish Lay Religious Leader for the United States Navy.</p>	<p>Professional Experience: in the US Army and retired in 1988.</p> <p>Education: Two degrees in Business Administration. Both from Colorado Technical University. Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Healthcare Management and a Masters' in Business Administration.</p>

City of Richland - Council Position 4

Nonpartisan, 4-year term. Candidates: Michael Luzzo, Ginger Wireman, Ryan Lukson

What motivated you to run for Richland City Council?

Michael Luzzo	Ginger Wireman	Ryan Lukson
I would like to know if Richland City Council (some are) are in tune with Richland voters. I felt I could bring something to the table.	I've thought about running for years because I feel like we haven't had a clear vision of what we want to be. And to develop a clear vision we need real citizen engagement. If elected I'll work with staff and council to develop more active outreach and engagement practices that might include Saturday meetings with daycare, info booths in the park or at the Farmers Market (to capture the existing audience) or using webinars or moderated forums online.	I am running for City Council because I believe that with my experience and vision, I can help make Richland a better community. I was born and raised here, and graduated from Richland High School with my wife Jessica an oncology nurse. We returned to Richland several years ago to raise our kids in this wonderful community.

What will your highest priorities be if elected?

Michael Luzzo	Ginger Wireman	Ryan Lukson
Look at place of a bypass highway bridge. Secondly preserve our city greenpaces,	Improving transparency and engagement. And I'd like to convene a community discussion on diversity and inclusion. Stories of threats or discrimination are few but real. Business owners must be aware of not just what is legal and what isn't - but how poor behavior (a bartender ignoring a person of color or LGBTQ customers for example) is bad for business. A small business person may not be able to afford training in these matters, but the city could facilitate it and invite businesses.	My main focus on City Council will be to strengthen existing partnerships with our neighboring communities. As a civil deputy prosecutor for Benton County, my duties include advising and litigating cases on behalf of the Benton County Sheriff, Jail, and the Commissioners' office. That experience has given me the unique perspective of seeing how local government works well, and how it can be improved. Through my experience I can help our city build on existing partnerships to achieve the greater good for our community.

How can Richland maintain affordable housing options in our community?

Michael Luzzo

Ginger Wireman

Ryan Lukson

Continue with tax breaks and economic based energy ideas for residents.

Richland's core has many properties suitable for urban infill (smaller houses in back yards) and mixed use, multi-story housing where we now have commercial vacancies. But we need to be careful we combine higher density with adequate walking and cycling infrastructure. People might be interested in moving into central Richland. But there are too many unkempt properties and rentals that deter them so they buy in Kennewick or Pasco. We need to figure out how to do code enforcement so a few households don't ruin a neighborhood.

In 2015 a study was released by SmartAsset that ranked Richland as the second most affordable place to live in Washington. In recent years Richland has fallen out of the top ten but relatively speaking it is one of the most affordable places to live in the state. With that said, there will always be a need for more affordable housing options and I am a strong supporter of the local housing authorities whose mission is to support affordable housing for those in need.

As the Tri-Cities area grows, what can Richland do to engage our new neighbors and foster a sense of pride in our community?

Michael Luzzo

Ginger Wireman

Ryan Lukson

Work on building a common Tricity community

I'd like the city to facilitate the creation of neighborhood associations. They wouldn't have authority like a Home Owners Association. But they could bring people together to create support networks and volunteer teams to take care of neighbors, participate in Neighborhood Watch, and beautify their section of town. These associations could help determine where to improve codes and do code enforcement if necessary -but if people know and are talking to their neighbors more, they'd be more likely to resolve concerns themselves.

We need to partner with our neighboring cities and counties to combine resources and create regional facilities for the benefit of everyone. Let's help each other toward success, and provide our community with more local options and fewer chains. We need to capture the unique culture and spirit of Richland's past and incorporate that feeling into our future development.

What opportunities do you see to further improve local government transparency and communication with residents?

Michael Luzzo

Ginger Wireman

Ryan Lukson

More FOIA support. Its vital

Make participation easier for everyone to engage. Richland has a very diverse makeup. Most voting age people are under 54, many are likely parents and two income earners. Most of Hanford works 4-10s. Most people won't go to a weeknight meeting. Broadcasting Council meetings allows residents to see government, but doesn't allow participation. Webinars, moderated online forums or offering meetings on weekends for issues of significant interest, should improve communications and transparency. Some city's even offer child care during important meetings.

We need to not only listen to our residents, but begin the process of interacting and implementing their proposals that are for the greater good of our city. The city needs to do a better job of communicating with the public through social and traditional media outlets on controversial topics. If I am elected to the city council I commit to full transparency in my decision making and I will always be available to listen to our residents.

Proposals have been put forward to develop the Columbia Point South land, just south of the Pasco bridge, which is currently an undeveloped public area. What is your position on the proposed development of Columbia Point South?

Michael Luzzo

Ginger Wireman

Ryan Lukson

As long as does not interfere with Yakima Tribal Land, I'm in.

I am opposed because of the habitat and wildlife in the Yakima Delta. Further, during the effort to build The REACH at Columbia Point South, the interior NW tribes shut down development out of concern for cultural resources. The city says it is "talking to the Umatilla's" but the Yakama, Nez Perce, and Wanapum all have traditional ties to that land. How much more staff time and resources will the city waste on this proposition the other tribes will likely fight?

I believe in smart development of the shoreline taking input from all the stakeholders. By developing the waterfront through public/private partnerships we can increase revenue for the city for much needed projects, and create a great place for Richland residents and our neighboring communities to gather.

Candidate experience from Benton County Voters Pamphlet

Michael Luzzo

Ginger Wireman

Ryan Lukson

Professional Experience: Retired U.S. Air Force Owner LTAC Education aid environmental consultation.
Public Service volunteer Spokane County solid waste advisory committee
2001-2001 Lifetime member DVFW Disabled American Veterans Drove disabled bus to Ft Wainwright RE: Kim Hemberry
Education: Southern Illinois University workforce education 2000 (BS) Webster University, Computer Resources Info management 2002 (MA) Human Resources Development 2008 Graduated 1st in class. (MA) Texas A&M -Commerce, Industrial Technology (MS 2005) Graduated 2nd in class.
Community: Longtime participant various environmentally related events. Various public comment periods 2 studies of note.

Professional Experience: Community Outreach & Environmental Education specialist, Washington Dept. of Ecology, Adjunct Faculty WSU TC Environmental Sciences, WSU Cooperative Extension, Water Quality Associate.
Education: BA Advertising, 1989 and MS Environmental Science, 1996 - California State University Fullerton. Richland (Columbia) High 1982.
International Association for Public Participation Community Engagement practitioner
Community Service: Volunteer: Confluent Space, GoGreenTriCities.org, Libby STEAM Middle School planning team, Drums Along the Columbia, numerous parent booster committees, Nature Conservancy, Friends of the Sea Lion, American Lung Association Orange County, Friends of the L.A. River.
Chair, Carmichael Middle School Science Fair 2007-9, Taptal Greenway founding board '96-2005.

Professional Experience: Associate Attorney, Rumberger, Kirk, Caldwell Orlando, Fla. office; Perkins Coie Contract Attorney; Benton County Civil Deputy Prosecutor.
Education: Richland High School; University of Washington- Bachelor of Arts Business-Finance; Florida State University College of Law- Juris Doctor.
Community Service: YMCA T-Ball Coach; MSCC volunteer.

City of Richland - Council Position 7

Non-partisan, 2-year term. Candidates: Dori Luzzo Gilmour, Eldon E. Eskeli, Michael Alvarez, Frank Boasen

What motivated you to run for Richland City Council?

Dori Luzzo Gilmour	Eldon E. Eskeli	Michael Alvarez	Frank Boasen
A strong commitment to community service and a love of my hometown. I believe our representative government should be made up of the people in the city. I'm an environmentally minded advocate of creating a community that supports business, art and open space. Taking care of our citizens concerns should be our mandate. I plan to continue to show up, work hard and listen.	To make Richland Affordable for the middle class citizens of Richland	Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.

What will your highest priorities be if elected?

Dori Luzzo Gilmour	Eldon E. Eskeli	Michael Alvarez	Frank Boasen
The continued planning and zoning of our city including making our streets safe for pedestrians and bikes, protecting our open space and preparing for global warming, listening to the citizen's concerns regarding revitalizing of our urban core, art in community, job growth and training creation and fair housing.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To replace the car tab to find ways to fund the bridge to attract more business to richland find ways for more affordable housing 	Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.

How can Richland maintain affordable housing options in our community?

Dori Luzzo Gilmour	Eldon E. Eskeli	Michael Alvarez	Frank Boasen
We can incentive our landlords to maintain properties both urban and residential. We can continue to seek housing funds available to all cities, promote fair housing practices, maintain safe neighborhoods and if need be use our code enforcement practices to get properties in better condition. We have homeless people in our city and we need to insure they have the services they need as well. I believe we can sell higher density housing but it will take a cultural shift.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> More infill for the houses that need to be replaced relaxed building codes so more reasonably priced housing can happen work with landlords to get them to have more attractive rentals 	Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.

As the Tri-Cities area grows, what can Richland do to engage our new neighbors and foster a sense of pride in our community?

Dori Luzzo Gilmour	Eldon E. Eskeli	Michael Alvarez	Frank Boasen
In Richland we have 58 parks and everyone in the surrounding communities knows that we have a beautiful city with a great art community. We need to continue to engage citizens to promote diversity of events and cultural exhibits.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> communication work with other cities on common problems work with the citizens of richland on community projects 	Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.

What opportunities do you see to further improve local government transparency and communication with residents?

Dori Luzzo Gilmour	Eldon E. Eskeli	Michael Alvarez	Frank Boasen
There are many ways citizens can engage with government with our open meetings and published events. In Richland we send out many announcements through the power bill which 80% still receive a paper bill. Citizens need to stay in tuned also. And hold government accountable. I am always available to answer emails and calls and will continue to do so.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> more open forums ,(having workshops in the park) engaging the public with door to door going to the public to talk to the (citizens homes to talk with them) 	Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.

Proposals have been put forward to develop the Columbia Point South land, just south of the Pasco bridge, which is currently an undeveloped public area. What is your position on the proposed development of Columbia Point South?

Dori Luzzo Gilmour	Eldon E. Eskeli	Michael Alvarez	Frank Boasen
I want to put Columbia point south in permanent preservation. No development, no zone change unless all tribal first person nations come forward together for limited access. Period.	this would be good for new affordable housing for richland	Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.

Candidate experience from Benton County Voters Pamphlet

Dori Luzzo Gilmour	Eldon E. Eskeli	Michael Alvarez	Frank Boasen
<p>Elected Experience: City of Richland City Council 2 years-Council liaison Library Board, Parks and Rec, Planning Commission and Arts Commission. Member of TC Regional Public Facilities District, Council Representative State Auditor's office annual review.</p> <p>Professional Experience: Mom and Sunday school co-coordinator Christ the King Catholic</p>	<p>Professional Experience: Reatil Experience, Small business owner with a focus in landscaping.</p>	<p>Professional Experience: Veteran U.S Marine Corp., President/owner mortgage company for 23 years. Board of Directors Tri-Cities Association of Realtors. Chairman Leadership and Professional Development for Washington Realtors providing training to promote leadership skills through local associations and non-profits. WR Adjunct Faculty/Instructor teaching Code of Ethics to professional associations. Past law enforcement New</p>	No information provided.

Church. Tasting room manager, assistant to winemaker Terra Blanca, wine buyer Yokes, Broadcaster/radio teacher Tri-Tech Skills Center.

Education: BS WSU-TC 2004
Enology/Viticulture, teaching certificate CWU 1998, Richland High 1992, Go Bombers!

Community Service: Richland Arts Commission 2 terms, pool board 2 years, Sunday school 4 years, Sausage Fest 7 years, CK school 4 year, Enological Society 3 years, school advisory 2 years.

Education:
G.E.D

Community Service: I provide landscaping maintenance for my neighborhood peers.

Mexico State University and current member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Education: Bachelors of Business Administration Human Resource Management, New Mexico State University

Community Service: Commissioner for Richland Parks & Recreation Commission, Fund Raiser Safe Harbor, National Child Identification Program, Richland youth sports, Scouts volunteer, local Coast Guard Auxiliary member

City of Kennewick Ward District #2 - Council Position 2

Nonpartisan, 4-year term. Candidates: Shane Fast, Gregory A. Jones, Steve Lee

What motivated you to run for Kennewick City Council?

Shane Fast

Gregory A. Jones

Steve Lee

Chose not to respond.

I believe it is vital to the success of any community to have residents that give back. As a result, I have been involved in leadership with numerous organizations in the Tri-Cities including Visit Tri-Cities, TRIDEC, Red Cross, St Patricks School, St. Patricks Church, and others. I decided in 2012 to apply to the Kennewick Planning Commission and very much enjoyed my time on this commission. When the Council position came open in 2013 I applied and was approved by the Council to serve the remainder of the term. I then ran for the office and was elected in 2014.

- Uniquely equipped to represents small business owners, youth, long-term Tri-Cities residents, and newly transplanting families
- Because of my incredible team and wife, I can devote as much time to the role as needed
- I am the right kind of engaged, invested, Tri-cities lifer to be an effective advocate and an accessible ear to all sectors of the community
- The community can always benefit from fierce advocates for the Arts and Sciences in positions of leadership
- To include new perspectives in the growth and management of our community

What will your highest priorities be if elected?

Shane Fast

Gregory A. Jones

Steve Lee

Chose not to respond.

In my first 4.5 years on Council I have focused on sustainable economic development, sound financial management and the safety of our residents. I believe these are important tenets to continue into the next four years. I believe my experience and background make me a valuable member of the Council and I believe governance, not political agendas are what the citizens elect us for. I will continue to focus on the broader issues affecting our city and look for long term solutions within our set of priorities.

- I would support focusing the efforts of marketing our community to high productivity, creativity individuals and families and strive to designate Kennewick as the "Startup City"
- Help attract more people starting small businesses and by any means appropriate fast track them toward infrastructural stability
- I will encourage small business owners to invest private dollars with the goal of increased public access to the arts

How can Kennewick maintain affordable housing options in our community?

Shane Fast

Gregory A. Jones

Steve Lee

Chose not to respond.

This can be a challenge for any growing community. The city needs to have intentional planning that has options for many kinds of development within the City, including affordable housing, mixed use facilities, apartments, etc... We recently updated our City planning documents to consider just these things and I believe it will lay the groundwork for these types of developments. Another key thing is working with developers and non-profits like Habitat for Humanity to provide both land and the affordable housing.

By marketing ourselves to and creating incentives for developers to build to that price range and density. The Tri-Cities is growing at an exponential rate. At some stage we are going to need to plan for and develop medium density semi-urbanized walkable neighborhoods and developments. The next 5-15 years of Kennewick's story is essential if we aim in a direction that would make us competitive with a Portland or Seattle while retaining our small-town values.

As the Tri-Cities area grows, what can Kennewick do to engage our new neighbors and foster a sense of pride in our community?

Shane Fast

Gregory A. Jones

Steve Lee

Chose not to respond.

As residents of the Tri-Cities we all can do our part to be open and friendly to people moving here. Creating an environment that nurtures young businesses is one thing the city is already doing. The City also sponsors events that bring people together to get to know the staff, and also is cool for kids as there are firetrucks, police cruisers, and other fun events for all ages. This is not something that can be accomplished with just one event however, it will take a sustained effort to make Kennewick and the Tri-Cities a place where people want to raise their families.

Once again, by attracting more people to move here who start small businesses, and by redoubling our efforts on local small business development as well. People who live in the community they work retain a vested interest in that community's well being. Making our community more able to attract and retain creative and high productivity young adults will in turn contribute to replacing a perceived sense of staleness with a reinvigorated respect for our surroundings.

What opportunities do you see to further improve local government transparency and communication with residents?

Shane Fast

Gregory A. Jones

Steve Lee

Chose not to respond.

This is an important aspect of any government agency. One of the things we are trying to do is to provide opportunities for citizens to understand how their city works. Citizens academies have been very successful. In addition, the main

I firmly believe in the notion of government transparency. Honest, good business and clear effective communication are hallmarks of effective government. I commit myself to be an ally to the everyday community member. I know that people would rather

thing we can do is to continue to hold ourselves and city staff accountable for providing information publicly to the extent practicable without impacting the workings and efficiency of the City.

not spend their time at a city council meeting. So, if they are there I assume they have something rather important that they need understood or addressed. I'm all about keeping local government boring and helpful.

What are your thoughts on major new developments proposed for Kennewick, such as the Vista Field and Duffy's Pond projects?

Shane Fast

Gregory A. Jones

Steve Lee

Chose not to respond.

I am very proud of the work the City has done at Southridge, as well as these developments in my tenure on the Council. I believe that these are important to energize the community, provide economic development and most importantly to continue to focus on family activities so our children and grandchildren will want to stay here. I am extremely excited for the Vista Field project, an opportunity to provide the region with an amazing hub with shopping, and mixed use residential. This is something the Tri-Cities really needs and it will be the center of economic growth and tax base for the community.

I am a vocal ally for strategic economic development. Especially if it will enhance public access to the arts, or make our city more likely to retain or attract creative, high productivity young adults and families.

Candidate experience from Benton County Voters Pamphlet

Shane Fast

Gregory A. Jones

Steve Lee

Professional Experience: Owner-Manager / Fast Pipe & Supply Owner-Manager / Fast Cars Manager / Puget Sound Pipe Inside Sales: Paramount Supply Commercial Quotes: Keller Supply

No information provided.

Elected Experience: None

Professional Experience: Pasco Chamber of Commerce/ Richland PFD Development, plan, and fund the Hanford Reach Interpretive Center/ With wife, Jessy, owns a small business with 40 employees/ Member of Regional, Pasco, and West Richland Chambers of Commerce/ Member of TRIDEC/ Leadership Tri-Cities, class XV/ TCJoB Young Professional of the year 2016

Education: PHS, TCC, CBC, NSA, ASA, USSSA

Education: Columbia High School

Community Service: Kennewick Men's Softball Association Office's elected to: covering 20+ /- years President Vice President Secretary Player Rep Pasco American Legion Baseball Office elected to: President

Community Service: Volunteer and contributor to Academy of Children's Theater, The Rude Mechanicals, Safe Harbor Support Center, Tri-Cities Cancer Center, Trios Foundation, Confluent Space Tri-Cities, and the West Richland Chamber of Commerce.

City of Kennewick Ward District #4 - Council Position 4

Nonpartisan, 4-year term. Candidates: Jim Millbauer, Leo A. Perales, Bill McKay, Ed Pacheco, Christy Watts, Austin (Griff) Griffin

What motivated you to run for Kennewick City Council?

Jim Millbauer

Leo A. Perales

Bill McKay

Ed Pacheco

Christy Watts

Austin (Griff) Griffin

I am a Kennewick resident with a desire to make a difference. The only way change happens is when we choose to become significantly more involved in the political process - and that is what I am doing by running for office. I love this community - it's been my home for over 30 years and I believe in giving back. I believe that my life experiences and ability to bring diverse groups of people together to solve problems for the common good will serve me well as a councilman. This campaign is about Your Voice, Your Community.

It's time for a change. It's time for forward thinking leadership that is committed to the residents of Kennewick; leadership that truly provides transparent government. We need our millennial generation to step up and get more involved in the decisions that will affect our lives 30 years from now. We need a council that listens to its residents, one that builds relationships and works with the community to find solutions. I see many challenges on the horizon for our city but also many opportunities. These challenges and opportunities inspire me to get involved and be part of the solution.

I feel small business owners need to be better represented on the City Council. There are no small business owners that I am running against. I have an accounting degree and have been a Commercial Loan Officer, specializing in Commercial Real Estate lending. I have been through the commercial building permitting process several times when I was building my self-storage facility. I believe my work experience will help me provide a needed perspective on the City Council.

Chose not to respond.

The City does a great job of employing women in management positions, However, I have long thought that the Council needs more diversity. Half of Kennewick's residents are female yet no women are on the council. I believe it's time for a woman's perspective.

Chose not to respond.

What will your highest priorities be if elected?

Jim Millbauer

Leo A. Perales

Bill McKay

Ed Pacheco

Christy Watts

Austin (Griff) Griffin

I want to focus on continued economic development of current

Three: public safety, economic development, and infrastructure planning

The budget is my number one priority. Currently wages and

Chose not to respond.

My priorities are a safe and livable

Chose not to respond.

and new small business, developing projects that use local labor and provide family wage jobs, and partnering with opportunities and organizations to expand cultural offerings, adding a powerful dimension to our quality of life in Kennewick. By focusing on these topics, we continue to develop Kennewick as a tourist destination offering a multitude of amenities that entice others to relocate to our wonderful community. I want to see Kennewick as a vibrant city supported by business and industry that support our families and their needs with living wage jobs.

and controlled growth. Our police department needs to continue to be well funded to ensure they have the tools they need to reduce gang violence and youth crime. It needs to be easy for existing businesses to expand and new ones to start. We need to continue revitalizing downtown, develop vista field, and expand our urban growth area to attract manufacturing jobs. We must be forward thinking in our infrastructure planning and how we manage our growth. These all equate to a good quality of life here in Kennewick.

payroll expenses make up approximately 80% of the budget. That leaves very little money for City services and Infrastructure. I don't want Kennewick to become like, Chicago, Baltimore, Detroit, etc. that have gotten themselves in financial trouble by not prioritizing the budget and over spending on social programs. I believe with my financial analysis and business experience I can contribute to the City Council.

community, diversity, public/private partnerships, collaboration with other cities, expanded urban growth boundaries to accommodate new schools, a new or revitalized senior center, public and performing arts, Columbia Drive and Vista Field partnership with the Port of Kennewick.

How can Kennewick maintain affordable housing options in our community?

Jim Millbauer

The Tri-Cities economy continues to out-perform its neighbors in Washington so the concern for affordable housing will pose an issue as we grow. The issue is complex and unfortunately is not resolved by a singular solution. However, there are several suggestions we should consider. To help combat the issue we need to continue to attract businesses that offer family wage jobs, utilize apprenticeship programs that help our local labor force develop the skills to support their families, and offer educational opportunities for all of our citizens so they have the skills required for the 21st century.

Leo A. Perales

Affordable housing is important which is why I'm currently a Kennewick Housing Authority Commissioner. Poverty has risen to 18% here in Kennewick. Rent is over 9% because we have a housing shortage. I will reform regulations that impede housing developers, incentivize housing development and seek zoning changes so it's easier to find a place to rent for our families and make sure rent does not continue to rise. As a Housing Commissioner, we have been successful in utilizing the low-income housing tax credit program to build affordable housing and will be breaking ground on another complex in the fall.

Bill McKay

True competition and building fees kept as low as possible will contribute to maintaining affordable housing. When there is excess inventory prices and margins will be lower. The City has to work efficiently to get new permits through the permitting process so there is a larger inventory. The MLS inventory of homes is the lowest it has been for over 20 years; consequently, prices are the highest they have ever been.

Ed Pacheco

Chose not to respond.

Christy Watts

If elected, I will work with the city to explore options for more affordable housing.

Austin (Griff) Griffin

Chose not to respond.

As the Tri-Cities area grows, what can Kennewick do to engage our new neighbors and foster a sense of pride in our community?

Jim Millbauer

As public servants we need to make a conscious effort to interact with our stakeholders to understand their positions and concerns to ensure all voices are being represented. We do this by continuing to partnership with other groups within the Tri-Cities, listening to our constituency, and educating citizens about opportunities to get involved with shaping the direction of our city. Until 1956 our great nation's motto was E Pluribus Unum,

Leo A. Perales

Communicate. Our community has become hyperpolarized due to outside forces and I whole heartedly believe that City Councilors can foster an inclusive environment. City Councilors oversee the safety, health, and general welfare of the community and I would jump at the opportunity to have the city express their gratitude to all members of the

Bill McKay

One of the things that helped lure my family to this area 21 years ago was that there was good employment and an abundance of outdoor activities. If elected, I would continue the existing efforts the City is doing and any possible additional efforts to get total control of the waterfront property that is currently controlled by the Army Corp of Engineers. I would

Ed Pacheco

Chose not to respond.

Christy Watts

Kennewick needs to continue on its path to market itself as welcoming to all people, being culturally and ethnically diverse, and present itself as a city that is open to new ideas and opportunities. I have often

Austin (Griff) Griffin

Chose not to respond.

which means “out of many, one.” Inclusion is the only way for us as a city and society to foster a sense of pride and unity in our community.

community and highlight what they bring to our city. I believe the continuation of the Kennewick Diversity Commission is critical to seeing more multicultural understanding and growth in our community as well as ensuring that Kennewick is addressing the needs of everyone.

continue to support the development of new parks and recreational activities as the city grows.

heard people new to this area comment on how friendly the people are here. The best way to engage people and to foster a sense of pride is to encourage residents to get involved and share their opinions.

What opportunities do you see to further improve local government transparency and communication with residents?

Jim Millbauer

Our system of government, whether on a local, state, or national level is a government of the people, for the people, and by the people. To encourage civic involvement and discussion we must reach out to our community members through a variety of means and listen to our citizens’ ideas, visions and concerns. We accomplish this communication by utilizing city workshops, open houses, creating town hall meetings, urging attendance at city council meetings, and effectively utilizing all media mediums as a way of communicating with our citizens of all ages.

Leo A. Perales

Currently our City Hall is still living in the Stone Age when it comes to utilizing social media for community engagement. I would push to create a Kennewick TV channel like Pasco has so residents can watch City Council meetings at home. Live stream meetings over Facebook and YouTube. If we are about to make a bad decision I want citizens to learn about it soon enough for them to give input. Getting out of the City Hall bubble is crucial. Go into neighborhoods and meet with the residents like I’ve been doing. Nothing beats face to face interactions.

Bill McKay

Currently the largest item in the budget, as I mentioned earlier, wages and payroll expenses, are negotiated behind closed doors. There is a current City Councilman who is trying to make those negotiations public. I would whole heartedly support such an effort. All of the big ticket items in the budget need to be made public. As far as City news and events some is currently being published on the City web site, but I think that could be improved as well.

Ed Pacheco

Chose not to respond.

Christy Watts

All of the Kennewick City Council workshops and council meetings are open to the public. Minutes of these meetings can also be found online. The Comprehensive Plan is online as is the city’s two year budget. All public hearings are advertised. I don’t think most people know this or know where to look for the information. Perhaps an awareness campaign would be beneficial to educate the public.

Austin (Griff) Griffin

Chose not to respond.

What are your thoughts on major new developments proposed for Kennewick, such as the Vista Field and Duffy’s Pond projects?

Jim Millbauer

The proposed developments and projects for Kennewick will only help poise our community to expand and attract new businesses that will create jobs. The Bob Olson Parkway, Columbia Gardens Urban Wine and Artisan Village, Columbia Basin College Culinary Arts, revitalization of Downtown Kennewick, and the creation of a master plan to develop Vista Field will encourage business, industry, and families to make Kennewick their home. Additionally, the efforts of the Arts Center Task Force to develop the Vista Arts Center for the performing and visual arts. These projects and others work in supporting an

Leo A. Perales

First and foremost, it’s imperative that we have a transparent and shared economic vision with our community and business leaders. With the proposed projects and ones that are already underway, we are starting to see the potential of Kennewick as a waterfront and tourist destination. Outside business should be salivating over our world class workforce and be rushing to invest in our community. If we can attract businesses to relocate here while our workforce is top-notch, we won’t need to move away or settle for less once Hanford loses

Bill McKay

Neither of these projects have been finalized yet, in fact the reports that I have seen, indicate to me that they are still very fluid. I think there is tremendous potential there, but it remains to be seen what is done with the property.

Ed Pacheco

Chose not to respond.

Christy Watts

I think economic development is exciting, especially the projects that improve quality of life and recreational opportunities for its residents. That being said, the projects must be sustainable, include greenways, walking and bike paths, restricted access for automobiles, a combination of retail, business,

Austin (Griff) Griffin

Chose not to respond.

outstanding quality of life in Kennewick.

funding. We must work together to build the Kennewick of tomorrow.

entertainment and housing.

Candidate experience from Benton County Voters Pamphlet

Jim Millbauer

Leo A. Perales

Bill McKay

Ed Pacheco

Christy Watts

Austin (Griff) Griffin

Professional Experience: 37-year member pipefitter for UA Local 598; UA 598 Trustee: Health & Welfare Fund Trust and Joint Apprenticeship Training Council; Chief Steward 1995; Project Chief Steward 1998; Business Agent 2014; HAMTC Trustee: negotiating committee and grievance chair; Dan Newhouse’s Labor Working Group.

Professional Experience: 10 years of leadership experience. Code Safety Professional, 2007-Present, Hanford Nuclear Reservation and Large Industrial/Commercial Public and Private Projects.

Professional Experience: 2015 - Washington Self-Storage Association Board. Built and own 27th Ave. Self-Storage. Raised on dairy farm and operated family farm. Cost Accountant at IBP, Commercial Lender for several banks. Appointed by Idaho Governor to Idaho Dairy Products Commission and Idaho Beef Council. Bill and his wife were national chair couple of National Dairy Young Cooperators.

Experience: K9 Officer Hanford Patrol/ Chairman Planning Commission/ Hanford Advisory Board/ President Hanford Patrol Protective Forces.

Professional Experience: Marketing and Public Relations in the Tri-Cities since 1991; Ben Franklin Transit Marketing & Customer Service Manager for 15 years; Chair Citizens for Public Transportation 2001 & 2002 to restore funding lost due to Initiative-695; Development Director, Tri-Cities Prep to raise funds for school construction and scholarships.

Education: graduated from Kamiakin High School in 2013. attended Columbia Basin College.

Community service: While attending school, involved in multiple organizations including DECA and FFA.

Education: Richland High School 1977; UA Local 598 Apprenticeship 1983; Columbia Basin College HVAC/R 1994.

Community Service: Vice Chair-Kennewick Housing Authority; Vice Chair-Benton County Planning Commission, Kennewick Improvement Board, Washington State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice’s Racial & Ethnic Disparities Committee, Benton-Franklin Juvenile Justice Truancy Board. Completed both the Kennewick Police Department’s Citizen Academy and the City of Kennewick Citizen Academy on Local Governance. Park Middle School ASB President, 2000-2001.

Education: Graduate of Meridian High School, Meridian, ID. Farm Crops degree - BYU-I, 1980. Accounting degree - Boise State University, 1994.

Education: San Jose State University

Community Service: Past President Columbia Center Rotary; Columbia Center Rotary Charity Board; Kennewick Block Grant Advisory Committee; Human Services Coalition. Prior: United Way Vintner; Chair Carousel of Dreams; Columbia Basin Veterans Coalition; Benton & Franklin Counties Continuum of Care; Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board; Alliance for Livable Sustainable Communities.

Community Service: United Way; Bikes for Tikes; After School Matters; Meals on Wheels kitchen; 2nd Harvest; Labor Day Picnic; American Legion, Kennewick National Youth, YMCA baseball coach; competitive girls’ softball coach.

Community Service: Tri-City Prep High School Board member, scout master, AAU Basketball coach, YMCA board member, various positions in church.

City of West Richland - Council Position 1

Nonpartisan, 4-year term. Candidates: William (Dan) White, Robert Perkes, John E. Smart

What motivated you to run for West Richland City Council?

William (Dan) White

I have considered running for council several times previously. I am now retired and have the time to serve the residents of West Richland. I feel that the council is not receptive to citizen input and has not properly prioritized projects or costs.

Robert Perkes

The work needs to be done. Small town political office is a thankless tiring job. People don't know who you are until they have something to complain about. Still the work needs to be done. I own a business and a home in West Richland. I am raising my family here. I owe it to the future and my children to make sure we make prudent wise decisions as a city.

John E. Smart

A desire to preserve the rural and high quality residential characteristics of West Richland for our children to enjoy; and to try and stop the spending binge that has left the city in debt by over \$18M. We also need to clearly plan for future business development that will help sustain our tax base, but at the same time have minimum impact on the rural character of our town. This planning is critical, but achievable now- when West Richland's 22 square miles is still largely undeveloped.

What will your highest priorities be if elected?

William (Dan) White

Planning for future growth while maintaining property taxes as low as possible. Public safety: this includes street maintenance and storm drains as well as police services.

Robert Perkes

Being fair, right and just. I will always make the tough decisions. I believe city needs more parks and recreation opportunities for children.

John E. Smart

1) Stop efforts to densify the development of West Richland and preserve our ability to develop homes on acreage - along side the more common medium density developments. 2) Stop spending money that we do not have.

<p>Quality of life: Maintaining city parks, clean streets, and properly siting stores which serve the residents.</p>	<p>Robert Perkes</p>	<p>3) Prioritize spending to serve residents by keeping city infrastructure in top condition.</p>
<p>How can West Richland maintain affordable housing options in our community?</p>		
<p>William (Dan) White</p>	<p>We have to make sure we have appropriate zoning to encourage all forms of housing options.</p>	<p>John E. Smart</p>
<p>Keep property taxes as low as possible. Work with developers to build subdivisions homes in a variety of price ranges.</p>	<p>West Richland always has maintained options in its zoning code that allows developers to build a wide range of residential living styles. Economics will drive builders to produce styles that are in demand. City involvement in housing style (multi-acre estate all the way to apartments) will be seen when gradual transition between one land use and another is required. Buffer zones are important.</p>	
<p>As the Tri-Cities area grows, what can West Richland do to engage our new neighbors and foster a sense of pride in our community?</p>		
<p>William (Dan) White</p>	<p>Robert Perkes</p>	<p>John E. Smart</p>
<p>I think West Richland has always worked well with its neighboring cities. We need to continue working together and continue to identify and implement actions which are mutually beneficial.</p>	<p>We have excellent people and groups that host and sponsor events locally. We must attend these events and support those that are working hard for us.</p>	<p>West Richland is known for its family friendly - rural atmosphere. Citizens in our community support events like Hogs n Dogs, the Veterans Day Parade, Harvest Fest, kids sporting events and Music in the Park.</p>
<p>What opportunities do you see to further improve local government transparency and communication with residents?</p>		
<p>William (Dan) White</p>	<p>Robert Perkes</p>	<p>John E. Smart</p>
<p>More direct communication between residents and council members, more townhalls. Allow citizen groups to schedule presentations to council for issues which generate considerable interest. Perhaps even proactively add and agenda item to allow interrogatory discussion with council members and residents when sensitive issues arise.</p>	<p>The city follows all the legal requirements for communication. They have postings and mailings for any serious land or regulatory changes. They try to get buy in from all involved parties and stakeholders. It doesn't matter how much the city says if the people don't listen. Most people don't use the social media or website options to stay informed. The monthly newsletter in the utility bill is largely scanned not read.</p>	<p>West Richland is known for its family friendly - rural atmosphere. Citizens in our community support events like Hogs n Dogs, the Veterans Day Parade, Harvest Fest, kids sporting events and Music in the Park.</p>
<p>How will you protect the businesses on Van Giesen as the city administration moves to Belmont?</p>		
<p>William (Dan) White</p>	<p>Robert Perkes</p>	<p>John E. Smart</p>
<p>I do not believe there will be any negative impact on businesses along Van Giesen due to the move to Belmont.</p>	<p>There will always be great traffic on Vangiesen. The City has worked to beautify and improve the walkability and livability of the corridor. The city already frequents local business as a point of emphasis. The business owners on Vangiesen will have to step up their game. We have been successful when people had to come down the hill now we have to make them want to come down the hill. I am a business owner on Vangiesen. We will succeed and win.</p>	<p>Van Giesen is zoned for commercial development and it serves as the main gateway to our community. Our old city offices on Van Giesen should soon be available real estate. A large majority of West Richland residents travel on Van Giesen at least twice per day. Business opportunity on Van Giesen should continue to flourish as our community grows.</p>
<p>Candidate experience from Benton County Voters Pamphlet</p>		
<p>William (Dan) White</p>	<p>Robert Perkes</p>	<p>John E. Smart</p>
<p>Professional Experience: U.S. Navy 8 years active duty, 14 years Reserve. Hanford Site operations including Fast Flux Test Facility, Plutonium Finishing Plant, K-Basins, and the Tank Farms.</p>	<p>Community service: served on the Council and Planning Commission for the City of West Richland. Spent 3 years serving on the Salvation Army Advisory Board and a year on the State Chiropractic Board. Coach and manage several youth sports teams.</p>	<p>Professional Experience: Senior Research Engineer with over 17 years of project management experience.</p>
<p>Education: BS Mathematics, OK Panhandle State University, summa cum laude</p>	<p>Education: Bachelor's degree from WSU</p>	
<p>Community Service: Benton County Volunteer Fire Fighter, 16 years. Red Cross volunteer, warehouse manager following hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma. Washington State Emergency Management Division, Disaster Reservist performed preliminary damage assessment following wildfires in Chelan County. Park Board 1993-2000 (Chair 3 years) also served as Project Manager for Bombing Range Sports</p>	<p>Community Service: will complete second year as a member of the West Richland City Council in December 2017. 10th year serving as Activity Director and Unit Leader for the American Heritage Girls Troop WA3130 scouting organization. Participant in the Veterans Day Parade; past helper with the Walk for Life; Eagle Scout Award in 1980.</p>	

Complex. Youth Sports Coach for Baseball and Football, 15 years.

City of West Richland - Council Position 6

Nonpartisan, 2-year unexpired term. Candidates: Fred Brink, Steven Shupe, Kate Moran

What motivated you to run for West Richland City Council?

Fred Brink

My six years of active duty military service with the U.S. Navy combined with my 24-year career as a Special Agent of the FBI, of which five years were at the federal Senior Executive Service level, have provided me with extensive public service leadership and management experience. I now wish to offer my skills, insight and capabilities to the city of West Richland as a member of the City Council.

Steven Shupe

Chose not to respond.

Kate Moran

I believe in service, which is why I joined the Navy. Serving on the West Richland City Council would allow me to support our community and work towards solutions for our community's challenges. I'm concerned about the needs of the residents of West Richland and will fight for our shared values. We need to have less politicians and more public servants.

What will your highest priorities be if elected?

Fred Brink

I will listen to our citizens to best represent their views, concerns and interests. I will advocate openness, transparency and discipline in our city's governance and promote greater communication between City Hall and our West Richland residents. I will explore economic opportunities that make sense for West Richland while preserving our suburban nature and the high quality of life our community enjoys.

Steven Shupe

Chose not to respond.

Kate Moran

I will work to attract daytime employment to help West Richland become more self-reliant as a community and provide more local jobs to our citizens. We need to pursue economic development that invests in our city's infrastructure while keeping with our rural roots. I also want to work to facilitate better and more effective communication between the City Council and the community, so that we can encourage citizens to participate in the local governance.

How can West Richland maintain affordable housing options in our community?

Fred Brink

While West Richland has traditionally been known for its suburban setting with single family homes on large lots, the West Richland Planning Commission has embraced development of a wide range of housing choices for West Richland citizens, ranging from single family homes to multi-family housing options. As the current Chair of the West Richland Planning Commission, I have worked with the city's Community Development staff and my fellow commissioners to promote a diversity of housing options within the city.

Steven Shupe

Chose not to respond.

Kate Moran

I will work with community partners to see what housing needs exist to ensure we have what is necessary for West Richland. There are state requirements for growth and zoning that the city must meet, and these requirements focus on affordable housing. I want to maintain a good balance between the city's urban roots and the regulations we fall under regarding city planning and zoning. Currently the city is creating a Comprehensive Plan, so I would strongly suggest residents pay attention to the upcoming workshops and meetings that will cover the updated plan.

As the Tri-Cities area grows, what can West Richland do to engage our new neighbors and foster a sense of pride in our community?

Fred Brink

West Richland is actively engaged already with our neighboring communities through the hosting of several regional events such as the annual Hogs and Dogs celebration and the Veterans Day parade. Knowing the Tri-Cities area will continue to grow, is important to continue supporting regional events such as these and to recognize opportunities for establishing or developing other events or activities which will help bond our diverse Tri-Cities community.

Steven Shupe

Chose not to respond.

Kate Moran

The City of West Richland should have more community engagement activities. In the past, there have been Concerts at the Pavilion. In addition to bringing that back, we should have neighborhood block parties, and other events that bring our community together.

What opportunities do you see to further improve local government transparency and communication with residents?

Fred Brink

This topic is a key area of my campaign. As a West Richland citizen, I have already suggested to City Council that town hall style meetings be established to allow for productive two-way dialogue between the Mayor, Council and West Richland Citizens. Cities much larger than West Richland have adopted and use this concept with very positive results. As a member of City Council, I will advocate town-hall style meetings be scheduled and held on a regular basis to improve openness and promote greater communication with citizens.

Steven Shupe

Chose not to respond.

Kate Moran

The first step to transparency is having residents know when local government meetings are going to occur. Having an operating reader board would make this much easier. It would also be nice to have a newsletter that goes out to the community, especially if it isn't a part of the utility bill. Once people start attending the meetings, then we need to allow interactive communication between citizens and the Council. Open town halls would also be an excellent venue for dialogue between residents the members of the City Council.

How will you protect the businesses on Van Giesen as the city administration moves to Belmont?

Fred Brink

Movement of the City administration buildings to Belmont should have minimal impact on business currently located on Van Giesen. Van Giesen is starting to undergo a much needed revitalization, beginning with the Yakima Gateway project already underway and

Steven Shupe

Chose not to respond.

Kate Moran

This ties back to having a good communication with the members of the community, as businesses are also members of our community. I will work as a liaison between businesses along Van Giesen and the Chamber

further supported through proposed changes to the city's Comprehensive Plan which will designate parts of Van Giesen as a multi-use district. This new zoning designation will offer more diverse economic and developmental opportunities which are a good fit for our community, especially in the areas near the Yakima River.

of Commerce to find out what the needs of the businesses are and what the City of West Richland can assist with.

Candidate experience from Benton County Voters Pamphlet

Fred Brink

Professional Experience: U.S. Navy veteran; retired FBI Special Agent; Manager, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Education: B.S., United States Naval Academy; Post graduate studies in Public Administration

Community Service: Chair of West Richland Planning Commission; Vice Chair of West Richland Salary Commission; Citizen Representative to the Benton County Law and Justice Council; active member of ASIS International, Columbia Basin Chapter

Steven Shupe

Elected Experience: February 2017, selected by the West Richland (WR) City Council and Mayor to fill the vacated position on the WR City Council.

Professional Experience: City of WR Planning Commissioner. Previously was the Director of Public Works for the Hanford Site, responsible for managing and upgrading the sites' aging infrastructure. Director of the B-Reactor project, identified and implemented facility upgrades and helped to establish the robust tour program that currently exists.

Education: Graduate of Hanford High School. Graduate of the University of Idaho.

Community Service: Greater Richland Little League (GRLL) coach. GRLL Board Member responsible for field maintenance.

Kate Moran

Professional Experience: US Navy nuclear reactor operator, Military Funeral Honor Guard at Naval Base San Diego, First Class Petty Officer Volunteer Lead, Training Specialist and Building Warden for Emergency Response Organization at Hanford vitrification plant.

Education: Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering Technology from Excelsior College

Community Service: Lead active duty volunteer at Veteran's Home in San Diego, coordinator for several "Be the Match" bone marrow registry drives, workgroup leader for United Way, Fleet Reserve Association member, Veterans of Foreign Wars member.

Benton County Sheriff

1-year unexpired term. Candidates: Ken Lattin (R), Jerry Hatcher (R)

What motivated you to run for this office?

Ken Lattin

To make a positive difference in our county and reduce crime

Jerry Hatcher

Chose not to respond.

What will your highest priorities be if elected?

Ken Lattin

A reduced crime rate which will include reduced recidivism in the jail and community partnerships

Jerry Hatcher

Chose not to respond.

What do you view as the best approaches for preventing crime and building a safe community?

Ken Lattin

First we need to understand why a person engages in criminal activity. We need to support programs that offer the youth alternatives to criminal gang activity. We need to support more opportunities to divert people from jail such as drug court and mental health court.

Jerry Hatcher

Chose not to respond.

What policies do you support for police interactions with individuals who have physical or mental health considerations?

Ken Lattin

We first need to train our officers to recognize and properly deal with persons with physical and mental health considerations. Those persons have the opportunity to get better if we look for alternatives to incarceration. That is partnering with the community.

Jerry Hatcher

Chose not to respond.

How will you work to foster a professional law enforcement culture in which law and policy are executed faithfully and evenhandedly?

Ken Lattin

That kind of culture must start at the top. As a servant leader, I will demonstrate how we treat everyone with dignity and respect. I will lead by example. We will be committed to treating people right in all circumstances. That includes everyone from the employees to the people that we encounter in the course of our duties.

Jerry Hatcher

Chose not to respond.

Do you support the practice of mandating all deputies being equipped with body cameras at all times while on duty?

Ken Lattin

I do not believe that bodies cameras builds trust with the community. The officers wearing the cameras will feel like the community doesn't trust them and the citizens will watch a two dimensional video and not understand the totality of the circumstances. Technology such as cameras do have a place in law enforcement but if the goal is to build trust then this will not accomplish that. It takes building trust with the community one personal contact at a time. As the Sheriff I will ensure we have transparency within our agency. We will tell our story everyday, the good and the bad.

Jerry Hatcher

Chose not to respond.

Candidate experience from Benton County Voters Pamphlet

Ken Lattin

Professional Experience: Kennewick Police Department Sergeant; 28 years of law enforcement experience that includes leadership in D.A.R.E., Traffic Management, and Special Events Coordination; Emergency Vehicle Operations Course Instructor; Washington Traffic Safety Commission Law Enforcement Liaison to the local Chiefs and Sheriffs. Sergeant for 14 years.

Education: Bachelor’s Degree in Organizational Management; Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice Administration; Currently working on Doctorate in Business Administration, specializing in Criminal Justice; Management Certification through the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission.

Community Service: Vice President of the North American Motor Officers' Association for Washington, Benton Franklin Safe Kids Coalition, Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, Vice President of the Kennewick Police Officers' Benefit Association, and Secretary for the Kennewick Police Management Association.

Jerry Hatcher

Elected Experience: Appointed as Benton County Sheriff, April of 2017

Professional Experience: Command Level Law Enforcement and Corrections Experience; held every rank within the Department, Deputy Sheriff, Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Undersheriff, and Sheriff.

Education: Bachelor of Science in Leadership Management, Washington State CJTC: First Level Supervision Certification, Middle Management Certification, Executive Level Certification, Graduate of Law Enforcement Command Collage, Graduate of FBI National Academy.

Community Service: Rotarian, GCBH Board Member, SARC, Community fund raising

Pasco School District - Director, At Large, Position 3

Nonpartisan Office, 4-year term. Candidates: Debi Maxwell, Brian V. Griffith, Steve Christensen

What motivated you to run for this office?

Debi Maxwell	Brian V. Griffith	Steve Christensen
Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	Initially I wanted to serve my community and this opportunity came up. Now I have served nearly four years on the board and believe I have learned some things that will make me more effective in providing direction for our school district.

What will your highest priorities be if elected?

Debi Maxwell	Brian V. Griffith	Steve Christensen
Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	Three things: Make sure tax payer money is spent responsibly and in the way that is most beneficial to our students; make sure our students have adequate facilities; make sure we have the best people in teaching and administrative positions.

What are your plans to deal with local growth, and the increased burden it is causing on the local school system?

Debi Maxwell	Brian V. Griffith	Steve Christensen
Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	We have to make sure our dollars are spent where they do the most good. This means hiring the best teachers and administrators and providing them the training and tools they need to be effective. We also need a long range facilities plan to keep up with the growth and to eliminate some of the portables in our district.

How do you intend to meet the needs of a diverse student body, including students with disabilities or those who would benefit from nontraditional learning methods?

Debi Maxwell	Brian V. Griffith	Steve Christensen
Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	We have to provide a good education for ALL students from those with special needs to those who are highly capable. Education is changing. We have to find out what is working in other areas and bring those methods to our schools.

What are your thoughts on increasing the availability of voluntary dual language and maintenance bilingual educational opportunities to more English- and Spanish-speaking students in our community?

Debi Maxwell	Brian V. Griffith	Steve Christensen
Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	Learning a second language enhances a persons educational experience and increases their ability to learn. We have an excellent two way dual language program and excellent English language learning programs in our district. Finding qualified teachers is the challenge. We have made an effort to work with the legislature to provide incentives to those who want to be bilingual teachers, which will increase our ability to offer additional programs.

What collective bargaining rights should educators have?

Debi Maxwell	Brian V. Griffith	Steve Christensen
Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	It looks like the legislature in our state is going to be setting salaries so they will no longer be part of bargaining. What remains is working conditions - class size, professional development opportunities, preparation time, etc. These should all be part of the bargain.

Candidate experience from Franklin County Voters Pamphlet

Debi Maxwell

No information provided.

Brian V. Griffith

Professional Experience: Assistant Vice President of Marketing – Gesa Credit Union.

Education: Master of Fine Arts (MFA) – University of Delaware; Bachelor of Arts (BA) – Chadron State College; Credit Union Development Educator (CUDE) – National Credit Union Foundation.

Community Service: Previous volunteer experience with Junior Achievement, Habitat for Humanity, the Mid-Columbia Mastersingers, and the March of Dimes.

Steve Christensen

Elected Experience: Four year term - Pasco School District Board of Directors.

Professional Experience: Over 25 years experience as a mechanical engineer; small business owner; licensed mechanical engineer in Washington; fluent in the Spanish language; Leadership Tri-Cities Class XXII.

Education: Graduate of Royal High School, Royal City, Washington; Bachelor of Science degree from Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

Community Service: Served as church leader in local congregation; many years working with church youth groups; currently serving as Scoutmaster; Chairman of White Bluffs District, Boy Scouts of America; Pasco Youth Football board of directors.

Pasco School District - Director, At Large, Position 5

Nonpartisan Office, 4-year term. Candidates: Amy L. Phillips, Marlando D. Sparks Sr., Jeffrey A. Peterson

What motivated you to run for this office?

Amy L. Phillips

I volunteered in schools for years and was concerned about the lack of adequate curriculum, transparency, and poor scores coming from kids in an incredible, family-centered community like Pasco. Some parents got together and encouraged me to run. I realized that if I complained about problems, I ought to be willing to help. With kids at every school level and with experience as a mother and in education, I felt that I could bring a desperately needed perspective to the board. I decided to re-run to continue the work that I helped initiate.

Marlando D. Sparks Sr.

Chose not to respond.

Jeffrey A. Peterson

I have seen the struggle that parents have in getting the resources they need for their children to be successful. I have seen the lack of trust that parents and teachers have in the current School Board (largely due to the strike from 2 years ago). I feel that I have the right skills to change the direction as well as motivation to be successful.

What will your highest priorities be if elected?

Amy L. Phillips

Getting students to achieve to the best of their abilities is crucial. New curriculum helps but the work of our newly adopted curriculum must be continued through effective implementation.

The board formulated 5 goals focused on helping kids succeed throughout school and into adulthood. These goals focus the work at every school level and will help our kids be more successful than ever.

We are also in the process of improving services for our highly capable and special needs kids. We are working to expand career possibilities for all students preparing for technical schools, college, and careers.

Marlando D. Sparks Sr.

Chose not to respond.

Jeffrey A. Peterson

3 items, fiscal responsibility-use the taxpayers money wisely, the school district has a huge budget and it needs to be managed wisely. 2nd, improve district efficiency. There is a lot of areas where we can be much more efficient in what we do and how it is done. Being efficient also ties into fiscal responsibility. 3rd, Special Needs need Special Focus-this is get the right resources to the right students, be it special education, AP classes, Vocational training or any number of other areas. The resources are largely there, but getting them is extremely difficult.

What are your plans to deal with local growth, and the increased burden it is causing on the local school system?

Amy L. Phillips

This is a grave concern of mine. Pasco has less industry, and therefore a lower tax base, than other communities in the area, so homeowners shoulder more of the tax burden to support schools. That can be a strain on our families and retirees. Impact fees barely scratch the surface. An internal review, accountability, and re-prioritizing of funds has helped. We are also working in Olympia for more equitable tax systems and grants offered for school construction. Until then, I'll be as responsible with each tax and bond dollar as I can to alleviate overcrowding.

Marlando D. Sparks Sr.

Chose not to respond.

Jeffrey A. Peterson

We need a long term plan for growth. We cannot continue to ask for more money if we don't have a long term plan. The current Status Quo is no longer acceptable. Currently I fully support the community builders group who is looking at this issue and making the plan. I would continue to support this effort.

How do you intend to meet the needs of a diverse student body, including students with disabilities or those who would benefit from nontraditional learning methods?

Amy L. Phillips

Marlando D. Sparks Sr.

Jeffrey A. Peterson

My family includes special needs kids and children who need nontraditional learning methods so this is a priority for me personally. To do more to support our kids with disabilities, we have consulted experts, teachers, and parents, to identify and prioritize how to best support students, families, and especially teachers who work with students with disabilities. We are working to offer several additional avenues of support for these teachers, students, and their families, keeping in mind how critical it is that we encourage and support our kids to reach their highest potential despite their learning style or level of academics.

Chose not to respond.

Once again, we need to get the right resources to the right students. With the right resources, almost any student can be successful. We need to respect all students and part of this is ensuring that they area accommodated as much as possible.

What are your thoughts on increasing the availability of voluntary dual language and maintenance bilingual educational opportunities to more English- and Spanish-speaking students in our community?

Amy L. Phillips

We live in a global economy and our students would greatly benefit from being bilingual in almost any career. Despite its limited capacity, Pasco's dual language program has been highly successful, increasing overall test scores of both native English and Spanish speakers. I feel this should be expanded to eventually include all students interested in participating. To do that, we need more bilingual teachers. We need to encourage our graduating bilingual students who want to teach to return and seek that career right here in our district as well as expand our recruiting efforts to develop the program.

Marlando D. Sparks Sr.

Chose not to respond.

Jeffrey A. Peterson

As the resources are available, and with the communities support, this is a good program. We need to ensure that we do not put it as a higher priority than the basic education that we are mandated to provide.

What collective bargaining rights should educators have?

Amy L. Phillips

It is always beneficial for management and teachers to get together to discuss problems and find solutions. This can be a powerful tool to improve the quality of education for our students. The state of Washington claims that basic education costs should be covered by the state and I can think of nothing as basic to education as our teacher's salaries. Therefore, I feel the most equitable approach is to bargain teacher's salaries at the state level, then negotiate incentives and other needs at the local level.

Marlando D. Sparks Sr.

Chose not to respond.

Jeffrey A. Peterson

Educators have a right to be represented. As a school board, we need to be a better partner with the Union. The bargaining needs to be as transparent as possible due to the fact that they are spending the largest portion of the school districts budget.

Candidate experience from Franklin County Voters Pamphlet

Amy L. Phillips

Elected Experience: 4 years School Director.

Professional Experience: Homemaker and mother of many, Tutor/Student Tracker, Substitute Teacher, General Contractor/Home builder. Small business owner.

Education: Graduate Connell High School; BA in Mathematics Education from Brigham Young University, 1996.

Community Service: Classroom volunteer, PTA & ATP member, Foster Parent, Church Youth Group leader, Cub Scout leader. Boy Scout committee member.

Marlando D. Sparks Sr.

Professional Experience: USAF Veteran, 20+ years Youth Advocate, Family and Outreach Pastor, Student Intervention Preventionist, Small Business Owner, Founder of a not for profit organization benefiting the disenfranchised and underrepresented families of our community.

Education: Pasco High School 1994, Community College of the Air Force 1996, Columbia Basin College 2016-2017.

Community Service: Church outreach organizer benefiting thousands of children in our community Pasco School District: Area 6 DECA competition judge, Senior Projects Judge, Mock Interviews, Enterprise and School Assembly keynote speaker My Friends Place Teen Shelter: Food and Clothing drive organizer Operation Red Eye: Provided food and clothing for homeless.

Jeffrey A. Peterson

Professional Experience: Project Manager, Operations Manager, Senior Safety Specialist, Operations Specialist and Enlisted member of the United States Air Force for 6 years.

Education: MBA in Project Management, BA in Organizational Management from Ashford University. MAS in Operations and Safety and BS in Business Management from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Airman Leadership School (USAF), Eagle Scout.

Community Service: Boy Scouts of America Leader, Sunday School Teacher.

City of Pasco - Councilmember, District 4, Position 4

Nonpartisan, 4-year term. Candidates: Roberto (RJ) Garcia, Trevor Sall, Pete Serrano, Dan Hatch, Abel Campos, Chi A. Flores

What motivated you to run for Pasco City Council?

Roberto (RJ) Garcia

Trevor Sall

Pete Serrano

Dan Hatch

Abel Campos

Chi A. Flores

Chose not to respond.

What will your highest priorities be if elected?

Roberto (RJ) Garcia

Trevor Sall

Pete Serrano

Dan Hatch

Abel Campos

Chi A. Flores

Chose not to respond.

What will your highest priorities be if elected?

Roberto (RJ) Garcia

Trevor Sall

Pete Serrano

Dan Hatch

Abel Campos

Chi A. Flores

Chose not to respond. | Chose not to respond.

As the Tri-Cities area grows, what can Pasco do to engage our new neighbors and foster a sense of pride in our community?

Roberto (RJ) Garcia | Trevor Sall | Pete Serrano | Dan Hatch | Abel Campos | Chi A. Flores
 Chose not to respond. | Chose not to respond.

What opportunities do you see to further improve local government transparency and communication with residents?

Roberto (RJ) Garcia | Trevor Sall | Pete Serrano | Dan Hatch | Abel Campos | Chi A. Flores
 Chose not to respond. | Chose not to respond.

Which region of Pasco do you feel the city government should focus on for growth and development during the next four years?

Roberto (RJ) Garcia | Trevor Sall | Pete Serrano | Dan Hatch | Abel Campos | Chi A. Flores
 Chose not to respond. | Chose not to respond.

Candidate experience from Franklin County Voters Pamphlet

Roberto (RJ) Garcia	Trevor Sall	Pete Serrano	Dan Hatch	Abel Campos	Chi A. Flores
<p>Professional Experience: US Army Veteran, Field Scout-Ag Industry, Human Resources, Process Improvement Leader, Continuous Improvement Specialist and Industrial Engineer.</p> <p>Education: BA in Education from Heritage University, AAS in Business Administration, studied Agriculture Business and Technology at Columbia Basin College.</p> <p>Community Service: Chairman-City of Pasco Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Truancy Boards Volunteer, Veterans of Foreign Wars member, League of Latin American Citizens member, PTO On-Call Translator, Sports Coach and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer (Team Mama Mia) supporter.</p>	<p>Professional Experience: Radiation Control at Hanford.</p> <p>Education: Pasco High School, Nuclear Technology Program at Columbia Basin College.</p>	<p>Professional Experience: Attorney for the Department of Energy. Several years representing local governmental agencies.</p> <p>Education: Bachelor's degree in Italian from the University of California, Davis; Juris Doctor from Florida Coastal School of Law; Master of Laws from Vermont Law School.</p> <p>Community Service: Overseeing the needs (financing, welfare, instruction, etc.) for over 3,000 members and 12 congregations and providing weekly youth instruction.</p>	<p>Professional Experience: General Manager for over 10 years in customer service.</p> <p>Education: Pasco High School.</p> <p>Community Service: I have in the past or currently have volunteered for Union Gospel Mission, Boys and Girls Club, Kiwanis and Children's Miracle Network.</p>	<p>Professional Experience: Pastor of The River Church and Student Achievement Specialist for Pasco School District. Worked for Jubilee Leadership Academy, Lutheran Community Services Northwest, and Washington State Migrant Council.</p> <p>Education: Pasco High Graduate, 1995; Pastoral Degree, LABI College, 1998; Bachelor in Science in Interdisciplinary Studies, SAGU, 2018.</p> <p>Community Service: Board Member with Tri Cities Dream Center serving the homeless, at-risk youth and adopt the block outreaches. Through The River Church, served in donations to community and classes in education achievement, finances, career development, and parenting. Collaborated with schools in providing food and clothes to students and their families.</p>	<p>Elected Experience: Pasco City Council 6 months.</p> <p>Professional Experience: Assistant store manager for Lowes. Background in successful business leadership for several Fortune 500 companies and in relationship driven industries.</p> <p>Education: BA in Sociology with emphasis in culture, criminology and diversity. MBA with emphasis in marketing.</p> <p>Community Service: Board member for Visit Tri-Cities, TRIDEC and TRAC. Past coaching in the schools; Meals on Wheels, Toys for Tots and Boys and Girls club volunteer.</p>

City of Pasco - Councilmember, District 5, Position 5

Nonpartisan, 4-year term. Candidates: Joan Larson, Mark “Doc” MacFarlan, Russell E. Glatt, David Milne, Rebecca Francik

What motivated you to run for Pasco City Council?

Joan Larson	Mark “Doc” MacFarlan	Russell E. Glatt	David Milne	Rebecca Francik
Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	I have a passion for being involved in my community and I enjoy being able to help wherever I'm needed. Between Rotary and serving on the Pasco Parks and Rec board these organizations promote being a positive influence in the community. It is with this understanding I'd like to bring with me to the city council.	Chose not to respond.

What will your highest priorities be if elected?

Joan Larson	Mark “Doc” MacFarlan	Russell E. Glatt	David Milne	Rebecca Francik
Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	My highest priorities would be business recruitment and retention, a fiscally conservative budget, constantly trying to improve traffic flow while increasing our bike paths, and doing whatever possible to bring the community together. I'm a firm believer in listening to the citizens of Pasco and making it my mission to always uphold their trust.	Chose not to respond.

What will your highest priorities be if elected?

Joan Larson	Mark “Doc” MacFarlan	Russell E. Glatt	David Milne	Rebecca Francik

Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	The quickest way to encourage affordable housing while building a sense of community is by eliminating impact fees on new homes. I am supportive of the school district and understand that the school district needs more money to support a growing community. I believe there is other ways the school district can raise funds or cut costs and that penalizing new home ownership vs. renters is not the correct way.	Chose not to respond.
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As the Tri-Cities area grows, what can Pasco do to engage our new neighbors and foster a sense of pride in our community?

Joan Larson	Mark "Doc" MacFarlan	Russell E. Glatt	David Milne	Rebecca Francik
Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	A large community park one that invests in a theater type stage, water fountains for the kids to play in and a park that supports youth activities such as basketball courts and soccer fields, this would be a great way to improve our community. Maybe even having the future aquatic facility in the area of the park as well would be nice.	Chose not to respond.

What opportunities do you see to further improve local government transparency and communication with residents?

Joan Larson	Mark "Doc" MacFarlan	Russell E. Glatt	David Milne	Rebecca Francik
Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	Having a once a month day in which the community is encouraged to have lunch or coffee with the mayor, police chief and other members of the city council. This will foster a better relationship of trust and understanding between the local government and it's residents.	Chose not to respond.

Which region of Pasco do you feel the city government should focus on for growth and development during the next four years?

Joan Larson	Mark "Doc" MacFarlan	Russell E. Glatt	David Milne	Rebecca Francik
Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	Chose not to respond.	The next big area for development is the project off of road 100, as a local city council there is a opportunity to correct the mistakes of road 68 while giving the citizens of Pasco what they want. As a resident of this area I'd like to be involved so as traffic situations are solved before they arise. Another concern is downtown Pasco. I'd like to be involved in seeing a plan for the revitalization of the downtown while at the same time coming up with a concept of what the local business will maintain and be able to afford.	Chose not to respond.

Candidate experience from Franklin County Voters Pamphlet

Joan Larson	Mark "Doc" MacFarlan	Russell E. Glatt	David Milne	Rebecca Francik
<p>Elected Experience: Franklin County Precinct Committee Officer.</p> <p>Professional Experience: Accountant for seventeen years at La Clinica. Taught accounting and other business classes at Trend College in Kennewick. Realtor sales person in the Tri-Cities; taught 7th through 12th grade.</p> <p>Education: AA degree in Accounting from East Los Angeles Junior College--received the Outstanding Accounting Student Award. Earned a BA degree in Home Economics from Los Angeles State College.</p> <p>Community Service: Cub Scout den leader. Past treasurer for Franklin County Republicans and also served as executive secretary. Taught children, youth, and adults classes at church. Relief Society president.</p>	<p>Professional Experience: Assistant Professor-University of Illinois College of Medicine; Medical Director-Pekin Medical Clinic; Electronics Technician-US Navy; Owner-MacFarlan Family Medicine.</p> <p>Education: Medical Degree from Baylor University, Houston, TX; Bachelors Degree Washington State University.</p> <p>Community Service: Therapeutic Riding of Tri-Cities (TROT) volunteer; Northwest Medical Teams; Heritage University Instructor; Grace Clinic-Planned. Homeowners Association.</p>	<p>Professional Experience: Social Service Specialist with the Workfirst Program, Department of Social and Health Services. Emphasis on returning clients to employment; Union Shop Steward with AFSCME Council 28/ Washington Federation of State Employees Local 1253, Statewide Representative for Union Management Communication Committee; Real Estate investor including experience rehabilitating properties located in Pasco.</p> <p>Education: Pasco High, graduate 1983; Columbia Basin College, graduate 1986; Central Washington University, BS, Business Administration 1988.</p> <p>Community Service: City of Pasco Code Enforcement Board, three years and two and half years as the Chairperson.</p>	<p>Elected Experience: Pasco Parks and Recreation Board, Franklin County Committeeman for Republican Party, International Chair for Sunrise Rotary.</p> <p>Professional Experience: Owns and operates Milne Power Tool and Repair.</p> <p>Education: Graduated from CBC, took business classes at WSU Tri-Cities, participated in the American/German foreign exchange program while in college and started own business at the age of 21.</p> <p>Community Service: Sunrise Rotary, Leadership Tri-Cities Class XXII, Treasurer for the Franklin County Republican Party, also served as a head coach for Pasco Youth Football for two years.</p>	<p>Elected Experience: Pasco City Council 1996 - present, Association of Washington Cities 2002-2012.</p> <p>Professional Experience: Secretary, Para Professional, Library Clerk and Nationally board certified teacher-librarian, Pasco School District.</p> <p>Education: Bachelor of Science, Agronomy, Washington State University; Master in Teaching, Heritage University; Master in Library Information Science, University of Washington.</p> <p>Community Service: Leoff 1 Board, Tri-Cities Regional Public Facilities Board.</p>