



Greetings Cowlitz Republican Precinct Committee Officer,

First, allow me to extend my personal thanks and appreciation for your willingness to devote your time and your talent to the advancement of good government and Republican values in Cowlitz County. Your service to your community is clearly selfless and reflects the highest traditions of Americans serving their communities and each other.

The basic underlying principles for the creation of our nation are found in our Declaration of Independence.

“We hold these truths to be self evident. That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed;...”

That definition and association of power, and delegation of power to government, embodied in our US Constitution, are the very foundation of our system of government and the key element of the freedom and liberty that we enjoy. Individuals linked together in common purpose, pursuing a common goal are formidable. In America, individuals exercise their power through their vote. Thus, it is the people who cast those votes who must be convinced and be energized to the Republican political philosophy. Each voter must be enlisted to the cause, one voter at a time.

We have approximately 130,000 registered voters in Cowlitz County, divided into 92 political subdivisions called Precincts. Each Precinct may have a Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) representing each major political party. You are the Republican PCO for your Precinct. The position of PCO has certain responsibilities and authorities for action.

The purpose of this manual is to assist you in better understanding the structure of County government, the state and county Republican parties, and the duties and authorities of your position. A significant part of the material in the manual is intended to provide “How To” assistance and hints on how to be more effective in your efforts. The manual is intended to help you, but to be helpful, you must use it. Please let us help you.

Once again, thank you for your service to your Community and the Republican Party.

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Chairman - 2007 - 2008
Cowlitz County Republican Party

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Precinct Committee Officers (PCO) – Election/Appointment

The following is a summary of the legal requirements for election or appointment as a Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) and the additional requirements as provided for in the WSRP By-laws and the CCRP By-laws.

1. PCO eligibility (RCW 29A.80.041)
 - a. Be a member of a major political party
 - b. Be a registered voter
 - c. Pay a filing fee and file for election

2. PCO term of office
 - a. Be elected in primary election (even numbered years)
 - b. Receive at least 10 percent of the total vote received by the party candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the precinct.
 - c. Two year term commencing the first day of December following election date

3. PCO appointment (RCW 29A.28.071)
 - a. To fill a PCO vacancy – death, resignation, disqualification, or failure to elect.
 - b. When filling for failure to elect, appointment must be after date of party reorganization meeting
 - c. Eligibility is the same as for election except filing and filing fee are not required.
 - d. Appointment is by Chair of the Central Committee with approval of the Executive Board.

4. PCO Captain
 - a. Same eligibility as PCO appointment except appointee may live outside the precinct to which he/she is being appointed Captain
 - b. Appointment is by Chair of the Central Committee with approval of the Executive Board

Note: A PCO Captain does not have the legal authority to vote in matters as specified in RCW 29A.80

Precinct Committee Officers Duties, Responsibilities, and Authority

The Precinct Committee Officer is the official representative of his or her precinct to the Republican Party. This is a partisan office that is established to represent the voters within a specific geographical area (as determined by the County Auditor's office). The office of Precinct Committee Officer carries with it duties and responsibilities as set forth in law and the CCRP By-laws.

1. Legal Duties: RCW 29A.80.030 and CCRP By-laws

- a. Responsible for electing the Cowlitz County Republican Party Officers and Executive Board at the re-organizational meeting held after the even year General elections. (meeting held prior to second Saturday of following January)
- b. Responsible for electing replacements to fill vacancies in other elected partisan offices such as County Commissioner or State Legislator
- c. Serve as a voting member of the CCRP Central Committee.
- d. Petition for meeting of the Central Committee
- e. Call and conduct precinct caucus, as directed by the County Chair.

The legal duties of an appointed PCO and PCO Captain are the same as for a PCO except for the legal authority to vote in the Central Committee reorganization meeting.

In addition to the assigned legal duties, as a long standing practice, and as specified by the WSRP Convention Rules and Procedures, a PCO who completes the requirements for participation in the caucus immediately preceding the County Convention, is automatically designated as a delegate to that convention. Because PCO Captains are not resident in the precinct which they serve they are not eligible for the automatic delegate assignment but may be elected as a delegate from their actual home precinct.

2. Administrative Duties

- a. Actively participate in the business of CCRP through attendance of periodic meetings, service on a committee or special interest group, and participation in party events. Provide input to the Chair, Executive Board, and/or Central Committee to make the CCRP more effective.
- b. Remain current in issues within the county and precinct and to communicate on those issues with the Executive Board and Central Committee.
- c. Maintain data file, lists or other mechanisms and other information that identifies the Republican and non-aligned voters of the precinct to provide for effective communications with those voters.
- d. Establish initial contact with the Republican and non-aligned voters of the precinct to extend an offer of service and information on voting, in general, and issues, in particular. Get to know the voters of the precinct.
- e. Serve as an information conduit between the voters of the district and the CCRP.

- f. Assist in the identification of potential candidates for elected office and appointed positions within government.
- g. Identify new residents in the precinct community for the purposes of voter registration and voter outreach.
- h. Assist in maintaining voter contact information correct through participation in CCRP voter outreach programs.
- i. Conduct precinct caucus or participate in pooled caucus, when called and as directed by the County Chair.
- j. Use and evaluate for effectiveness the tools provided in the “PCO Toolbox”, identifying deficiencies in the tools provided or identifying additional tools or assistance required.
- k. Actively participate in Get Out Our Vote programs.

To be strong and effective, the CCRP needs each PCO to perform those basic tasks

A few extra hours a month will create a strong precinct.

These few hours will allow you to build a rapport with your neighbors such that they will come to you for advice on political issues and candidates, whether they are preparing to vote or writing to their representative in government or to the local newspaper.

We are all in the same boat together when it comes to county and state government. The boat needs a strong captain to make it go in the right direction. Without an effective Republican PCO in a precinct, that precinct is fair game for misinformation and misdirection by a Democrat.

County Political Sub-Divisions

Each county in Washington is divided into various political or governance sub-divisions for the purpose of providing the most effective government service to individual citizens. Dividing the county up into its particular sub-divisions is completed every ten years following completion and reporting of the federal census. The process is called reapportionment and is carried out at the County and state level.

The Precinct

The precinct is the primary and smallest identifiable assemblage of voters. Precinct boundaries are intended to provide a geographic and common interest or “community” basis for the voters of the precinct. Two or more precincts are associated with each other to form the larger geopolitical divisions or districts of specific interest. Although there is a desire to make precincts roughly equal in population it is not a hard requirement and because of population densities throughout the county and natural geographic discriminators, precincts vary considerably in size and population. There are currently 92 precincts in Cowlitz County. Some precincts have few or no votes.

Commissioner Districts

The default system of county government in Washington is the three Commissioner system as set forth in our state Constitution. An optional form of government, the Home Rule or Charter form may be implemented by the people but the voters of Cowlitz County have rejected proposed charters on two occasions. Under our state Constitution, County Commissioner are nominated for election by the voters of their “home” district and then elected to office “at large” by all of the voters of the county. Commissioners serve terms of four years. The three commissioner districts in Cowlitz are District 1 (North Cowlitz), District 2 (South Cowlitz), and District 3 (Central Cowlitz). Commissioner districts are subject to reapportionment at the same time as are precincts. Commissioner districts are created by association of numerous precincts into a single district. Reasonable effort is made to maintain a population balance between the three Commissioner Districts during reapportionment. Commissioners, although associated with a “home” district actually serve all of the people of the county.

Legislative Districts

Our local representatives to our state government are elected from legislative districts created by our state government. Legislative districts are created with an attempt to include common geographic and community interests as well as to maintain an equitable population balance between the various districts. Total population and population density play a significant role in definition of legislative districts as the fixed number of state representative and state senators elected from those districts will represent a proportionately balanced number of voters. Legislative districts are created by associating various precincts without regard for county or municipal boundaries. Each Legislative district is represented by two state Representatives and one State Senator all of whom are elected “at large” in the

district. Cowlitz County is covered by two Legislative districts; the 18th District (Cowlitz and Clark), and the 19th Legislative District (Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Pacific and a portion of Grays Harbor).

Congressional Districts

Our state representation in our federal government is based, in part, on the total population of the state relative to the populations of the other states. Because there are a fixed number of Representatives or Congressmen, and because our system of representation strives for a “one man, one vote, level, each state is assigned a set number of representatives based on total population. The state government then creates appropriate districts of close to equal population, one for each representative. The Congressional Districts are created by the association of various precincts without consideration for other political sub-division boundaries other than state boundaries. Cowlitz County resides entirely in the 3rd Congressional District. Each state has two U.S. Senators who are elected at large in each state.

Taxing Districts

From time to time the citizens of one or more precincts may desire to delegate additional authority and responsibility to a government agency to perform a certain function or to provide a specific service to the voters. Such functions and services will be outside those delegated to County Government and require a separate and distinct action by the citizens to create the agency to meet their needs. Because operation of such an agency will require funding, the voters also create a limited, special purpose “tax district” to support the agency. Port Districts, Water Districts, Transit Districts, Fire Districts, and Park Districts are examples of these special taxing districts. The districts are formed by the association of precincts that will receive the services or benefit from the function and who are willing to pay for that service. Boundaries of special taxing districts are not generally constrained by other political boundaries except boundaries of incorporated municipal (generally) and that boundaries of similar service districts will not overlap. Citizens generally reserve to themselves the power to create, modify, and dissolve these special taxing districts. The election or appointment of officials to operate the district is normally established by the voters when they create the district.

Incorporated Municipalities (Cities)

The incorporated cities of Cowlitz County are Longview, Kelso, Kalama, Castle Rock and Woodland. Each of the cities is a separate entity operating under a charter granted by the State. Each city has its own form of government, elected officials, and appropriate voting districts. The boundaries of a city may be expanded by a process known as annexation which requires the approval of those voters to be annexed. New cities may be created through an election process of incorporation.

Elected Officials

Through the process of election, the voters identify their majority choice of the individual that they desire to execute the responsibilities and authority of an elected office. The process of election is unique because, except under the most unusual circumstances, it is the only method to place an individual in office or remove them from office. Elections are the “hire and fire” mechanism for office holders exercised by their “bosses”, the voters.

Partisan Offices

In general, offices responsible for establishing and executing government policies are classified as partisan. By state law, the county-wide elected officials of Cowlitz County are all partisan positions. A candidate desiring to be elected to a partisan office must declare themselves to be affiliated with a recognized political party or faction. State law controls the process through which partisan candidates may be nominated and elected to office. For primary elections, the major political parties play a significant role in having the names of candidates placed on official ballots for voter action. In our current primary system, voters desiring to cast a vote for a candidate to partisan office must select one political party for which to vote and may not cast votes for candidates of any other party. Partisan offices, in the event of a vacancy, are subject to action by the party of the vacating incumbent to nominate candidates to fill the vacancy. Because of the political power generally associated with elected partisan offices, the political parties are directly and substantially involved in the candidate recruiting, nomination, and election process.

Non-Partisan Offices

If Partisan offices are generally held to be those offices associated with establishing government policy, it follows that non-partisan offices would not generally be policy making offices. That leads to a logic that implies that is policy is not involved, the political principles of the office holder are of little concern and candidate qualification should be the critical factor. This presumes that the singular value of party association for voters is to establish the political core principles of the candidate. Even though non-partisan offices do not require a declaration of party affiliation by the candidate it would be false to presume that no such affiliation exists. Non-partisan offices tend to attract individuals who desire to serve, have specific qualifications to offer, but who do not desire to announce a party affiliation. None the less, the political parties recognize the value of non-partisan offices as “training” positions or stepping stones to higher office and are actively involved in recruiting, training, and supporting candidates for and those serving in non-partisan offices. The opportunity to extend political influence to all sectors of government is too great to not draw an active response from the political parties.

Appointments – Boards and Commissions

The operation of County Government, as required by state and federal law, includes the employment of special purpose citizen Boards and Commissions to provide advice and recommendations to the legislative body on various subject matter. Individuals assigned to service on those Boards and Commissions are appointed through the consent of elected officials. Thus elected, partisan officials have the ability to extend and amplify their political philosophies by appointment of like minded individuals to certain Boards and Commissions.

Nomination and Appointment

Each political party will normally nominate a qualified candidate to fill any vacancy on any significant board or commission. Since appointment is normally for 4 or 6 years and will continue beyond the term of the appointing official, there is an opportunity to establish continued influence across election cycles. Since individual Boards or Commissions may have a residency requirement, the party will normally have several qualified candidates for boards in each district. The same applies for unique qualification for Board service. Appointment is made through majority approval by the controlling authority.

Some of the most important Boards and Commissions available for appointment are Planning Commission, Board of Equalization, Library Board, Human Rights Council, and the oversight Boards for various grant funded social services agencies. Appointed Community Councils or Sub-area Planning Working Groups or Citizen Advisory Committees provide good visibility for future candidates and provide good training in the governance processes.

Service on individual Boards or Commissions requires a time commitment particular to the Board or Commission. The service is rewarding and a great learning experience. Individuals should not request appointment if they are not willing or able to complete the assignment in a satisfactory manner.

Cowlitz County Republican Party (CCRP)

RCW 29A.80.030

The Cowlitz County Republican Party (CCRP) is a legally constituted and organized political party with membership comprised of elected Republican officials, individuals with current party membership, and individuals properly appointed to Party positions.

Purpose

The CCRP was created to ensure that the principles on which the Republican Party was created, which have been adopted and expressed within the CCRP Platform, be more effectively promoted in Cowlitz County. To that end the purpose of the CCRP shall be:

1. To elect Republicans to office
2. To attract voters and volunteers to the Republican party
3. To lead, contribute, and participate in the establishment of a Republican Party organization that is an effective vehicle for setting public policy
4. To complete the responsibilities and duties assigned by law and the Washington State Republican Party

Organization

All elected PCO form the initial County Central Committee. They elect officers and Executive Board members (Chair, Vice Chair, State Committeeman and State Committeewoman, Secretary, Treasurer, Finance Chairman, and three Executive Board members from each Commissioner District). Those elected constitute the County Executive Board and are in charge of leading the county party organization for the next two years. Members of the Board are elected by the PCO and represent those PCO. Following the reorganization election, PCO may be appointed by the County Chair with the approval of the Executive Board to fill vacant PCO positions.

Washington State Republican Party (WSRP) RCW 29A. 80 (series)

The name of this organization shall be the Republican State Committee of Washington (hereinafter referred to as the State Committee). The trade name of the organization shall be the Washington State Republican Party.

Purpose

The purpose of the State Committee shall be:

1. To elect Republicans to public office,
2. To attract voters and volunteers to the Republican Party,
3. To lead, contribute, and participate in the establishment of a Republican Party organization that is an effective vehicle for setting public policy,
4. To fulfill those functions conferred on it by state law, and
5. To plan, organize, administer, and finance the State Committee's operations to accomplish the other stated purposes.

Organization

The individual county party Chairs, State Committeewomen, and State Committeemen, who are the voting members of the Republican State Committee meet every two years to elect the State Chair and Vice Chair of the Washington State Republican Party. The State Chairman is the Chief Executive Officer and manages the party's business on a daily basis. State party officers also serve two year terms. The State Committee members also meet by congressional district and elect two people from the district to serve on the State's Executive Board. The State Executive Board, consists of 19 Congressional District members, the National Committeeman and National Committee Woman, Vice Chair, and Chair. They implement state party programs, develop party policy and review the party's finances.

The Republican National Committee

The Republican National Committee consists of three representatives from each state and four territories: the National Committeeman and Woman (elected in each Presidential election serving a four year term) and the State Party Chairman

The PCO “Toolbox”

Understanding the responsibilities assigned to a PCO and the expectations of the CCRP are one thing. Having the means to effectively complete those responsibilities is an entirely different matter. This section of the Manual serves to acquaint the PCO with the various assets and tools available to make the job easier and perhaps enjoyable.

PCO Training

In order to allow each PCO, newly elected or previously experienced to perform at highest effectiveness, the CCRP will conduct formal PCO training for all PCO. The first training session will be scheduled and conducted during the first quarter of the calendar year following election and Party reorganization. Additional training sessions will be scheduled and conducted as may be necessary to support the needs of newly appointed PCO through out the cycle. To ensure that all PCO are kept current in Party events and activities and the most current information necessary to perform effectively, PCO training topics may be included and presented in conjunction with the periodic meetings of the Executive Board. Addendum, updates and revisions to this manual will also be compiled and published as required to properly support the PCO and will be distributed in a timely manner. Comments and recommendations for the improvement of this manual are always welcome and should be directed to the PCO Education and Support Chair.

Maps

To clearly understand the geographic boundaries of each precinct, and its relationship to adjacent precincts, as well as overlying Commissioner and Legislative Districts, a series of maps is required.

Precinct Map

The precinct map identifies the geographic area contained within the precinct. The map identifies the streets on which precinct resident live, the public facilities and service provider locations within the precinct, the location of “neighborhoods”, and the locations of potential problem areas or trouble spots within the precinct. The precinct map is a primary tool for the effective use of the voter data files that will be discussed later. A copy of the precinct map for your precinct is included as an attachment to this manual.

Other Maps

Voters are often confused by the differences in Commissioner Districts and Legislative Districts. Although the information for each individual is printed on their Voter Registration Information Card, they are frequently unable to visualize the concept of those districts. Maps of the Commissioner Districts and Legislative Districts for the county will assist you and your precinct voters to better understand the geographic boundaries of the districts and the areas represented by elected

officials. A copy of the Commissioner District map and Legislative District Map is attached to this manual.

List of Elected Officials

To be better prepared to answer voter questions, a PCO needs some basic information about elected offices and the incumbents for those offices. The List of Elected Officials attached to this manual provides that basic information for all elected officials in Cowlitz County. Specific information provided in the list is:

Jurisdiction (County, city, state, etc)
Office Title
Election District
Incumbent
Partisan or Non-partisan office
Incumbent party affiliation (not available for non-partisan incumbents)
Term length
Year first elected
Next election year

More information on individual offices and the incumbents may be obtained from the web site appropriate to the office. Please see the listing of websites and contacts attached to this manual.

List of Boards and Commissions

Many of the policies and decisions reached by elected officials are first considered by citizen members of appointed Boards and Commissions. In order to better understand just who in the county is exercising influence and authority in the name of elected officials, a PCO must know who is serving on those numerous Boards and Commissions. In addition, the PCO must know about the Boards and Commissions, the service status of incumbents, and the appointment process, if the PCO is to be effective in assisting in recruitment of Republicans to fill positions on those entities. Understanding who makes the appointment as well as basic “qualifications” for service is also critical to recruitment. A summary of Boards and Commissions in Cowlitz County is attached to this manual. Specific information provided on that list includes:

Board or Commission Title/Name
Incumbent identification
Appointing Authority (Commissioner District for County appointments)
Length of service term
End Date of current term

Information on the purpose/mission of individual Boards and Commissions, meeting information, and other pertinent information is available for County Boards and Commissions on the Cowlitz County web site www.Cowlitzgov.com/boards.

Information for state and city boards may be found on the web sites listed in the attachment to this manual.

Information on applying for service on County Boards and Commissions, and an application for appointment, is also available on the website at www.Cowlitzgov.com under the Volunteer Coordinator listing.

Precinct /PCO Listing

If the strength of CCRP is the individual PCO, that strength is multiplied when PCOs share ideas and work together toward a common goal. In addition, the burden of service is lighter when you know that the load is being shared and that others are working along side you.

A list of serving PCO is provided as an attachment to this manual. Additional information and updates to the list will be available at periodic CCRP meetings and available by electronic posting or distribution to help you keep your contact information current. While the basic identification information for PCOs is a matter of public record, contact information for individual PCOs should be protected and not divulged outside the CCRP Central Committee loop. If an individual desires to contact a specific PCO, it is best to take the individuals contact information and pass it to the PCO of interest for action. You will need to follow-up to make sure contact was made. Alternately, you may direct a person who wishes to make contact to the CCRP web site www.CowlitzRepublicans.com as a means of establishing contact.

Voter Information

A primary source of information about each registered voter in Cowlitz County is the Elections Branch of the Auditors office. For a small fee, the office will provide composite lists of all of the voters in the county inclusion basic registration and contact information. The office also provides various lists of voter data that are important to effective campaigning. However the data is raw and contains only that information either required by law for registration or which may be released in compliance with privacy laws.

Over a number of years, starting with the Auditor's listings, using a process known as Elephant Hunt, the Republican Party has verified and expanded on the basic data. Party volunteers have made contact with individual voters to fill in the blanks in Auditor data, identify and correct list errors, and add new information about political affiliation and particular 'hot button' issues for individual voters. The revised information is maintained and controlled in a Republican Party owned data base called "RNC Voter Vault". Access to the data is closely controlled and limited availability of the data is contingent on acceptance of a release agreement and acknowledgement of responsibility to protect the data by the recipient. The data base is subject to continuous upgrade and one of the conditions of use is an agreement to provide feedback of new and corrected data.

The information available in "Voter Vault" is recoverable at the individual precinct level in various sorts. The information will support contact activities such as mailings,

telephone contact, or face-to-face contact by doorbelling. The lists also provide the PCO a general understanding of who resides in the precinct, the overall political flavor of the precinct and the voting history of the precinct, all of which will aid the PCO in making contact decisions and preparations.

A copy of your precinct voter information, in walking list order, can be provided as needed. Other data sorts are available on request. Attached (in Electronic format only) is a list of Know Republicans in Each Precinct from Voter Vault.

Contact information

Voters often have questions dealing with general government services or issues pertaining to their community. While a PCO is not expected to be expert in the full range of government services or all community issues, being able to assist the voter by pointing them in the right direction is important. Demonstrating the ability to actually help solve problems is always a good thing and will leave a favorable impression of you as a neighbor and a Republican.

A list of key contacts is provided as an enclosure to this manual.

Party Platform

Perhaps one of the most surprising things you will learn when dealing with voters, aside from how little they know about our systems of government, is how misinformed they are about what Republicans and Democrats stand for. A direct result of bitter partisan campaigns waged by “sound bite” on television and radio is that issues are buried by invective and principles are overshadowed by lies and misinformation. Perhaps the most difficult challenge for a PCO is to clearly state who we are and what we stand for to individual voters. Reality will provide a sufficiency of “failed” Republicans and “faulted” Republican ideas. The appropriate counter to those arguments is to be well versed and comfortable in the basic principles of Republicanism and our party platform. The other necessity is to remain “local” in your discussions. While we might like to have a Republican elected to every office, the most critical offices to our precinct voters are those with greatest impact on them. The most significant impact on our local people is by elected officials in the following order:

- City officials (for city residents)
- County Commissioners
- State Representatives and Senators
- Governor
- US Representative and Senators
- President

It is interesting that the order of significance is generally the inverse of the order of visibility.

It has been very properly said that “All politics are local”. The immediate and direct impact of city, county and state, elected officials and their decisions is far more crucial to individual voters than are national level decisions. A copy of the current CCRP and WSRP platforms are attached to this manual. A comparison of the current Cowlitz Republican and Democrat Party platforms is also provided in that attachment.

Voter Registration Material

Although it is the responsibility of the Secretary of State and the County Auditor to register new voters and maintain voter registration files current, you as a PCO may be best equipped to first realize the departure of existing voters and the arrival of new voters. The appearance of “for sale” and “for rent” signs in your precinct or the construction of new homes in the precinct; all indicate a change in voter status. Even for relocations, a registration action may be required because of change of precinct, district or contact information. You can assist the voters of the home if you have the registration materials readily available. You can help even more if you offer to get the completed materials properly submitted for them and they can avoid the mailing charge. The benefits of you submitting the material are (1) you capture the appropriate voter information for your files and for “Voter Vault” and, (2) you can submit the forms via the Auditor’s office and get the new voter on the rolls more quickly.

An initial packet of voter registration materials is attached to this manual. Instructions for completing registration are also provided. Additional materials are available through CCRP or the Auditors Office.

Voter Contact Materials

A primary responsibility of each PCO is effective communications with the voters of the precinct. The contact may be by mailing, telephone, or face-to-face. Each type of contact has different communications requirements and each requires a different approach to be most effective and to achieve the purpose of the contact. Over time, a number of effective messages and techniques have been developed that will fit individual PCO styles and the needs of specific contacts. These proven messages and scripts are included as an attachment to this manual. The samples provide do not constitute the only effective messages or ones that must be used. They are provided to help you develop your messages and your style to be most effective. In the “**HOW To**” and **HINTS** section of this manual, you will find an extended discussion on communicating effectively with voters.

PCO “How To” and Hints

You are not Normal

One of the earliest lessons to be learned by a PCO is that you are by choice different from most other people in Cowlitz County. Consider that with a population of nearly 98,000 and with over 52,000 active registered voters less than 2000 citizens in the county are truly active in governance or political arenas. When you count the office holders from both parties and the non-partisans, all of the persons serving on boards and commissions, and those active in party building, the number is small. Even of that number, the majority are not truly involved in political party business or working actively toward accomplishing the goals of a party or political philosophy. By stepping forward to serve your fellow citizens you have stepped away from the norm. Fear not the choice you have made but find comfort that you are the one who has made that choice for the benefit of others. You are no longer normal and that is good.

Build your comfort zone

Accepting the responsibility to carry out the duties as a PCO may temporarily move you outside of your “comfort zone”. That simply means you need to build a new zone or extend your existing zone to cover your expanded horizons. Sometimes it looks like a PCO is a cross between a door-to-door salesman, a telemarketer, a nosey neighbor, and everybody’s best friend. Actually there is some of all of those elements in the job but the persona you bring to the effort is the one you create and the one you can operate in effectively and comfortably. Sitting on the couch and wishing for success will not work. Since the primary task for a PCO is communications, you must build a personal communications style that gets the job done without driving you crazy. It may take a bit of time to develop but it is a great personal skill to have. Remember that you are not in this alone. There are a number of PCO’s who have considerable experience with the job and they are available and willing to help you get started and to be successful. This is a team effort and everybody plays.

Appearance matters

Your work as a PCO does not require a new wardrobe (but we won’t rat out on you if you want to use it as an excuse to extend your current closet holdings). You need not dress constantly in red, white, and blue but you may if that is your natural desire. A clean neat appearance, comfortable for weather and task are all that is required. Experience clearly indicates that comfortable shoes and a light purse or backpack are essential for doorbelling. Don’t kill your feet or your back while you are out on the trail. Remember, the people you are meeting are your neighbors. They do not expect a fashion plate to arrive on their door step and might react to you as if you were a door-to-door salesperson if you were over dressed for the area and climate. The general rule is be clean, be neat, and be comfortable.

You are not a candidate

Because voters are not well versed in local events or election issues, it would not be uncommon for some voters to think you are running for office or trying to get their vote on some levy or proposition. It is important that you separate yourself from candidates and ballot issues as a PCO making information calls. This is where having a good opening for your scripts or written material will help. While you may show up during an active political campaign seeking their support you need to stay in your PCO help mode during initial contacts.

Learn your precinct first

To gain best benefit from the tools available to you and to make your task easier, it is best to invest your initial effort in learning your precinct. Drive around (better yet, walk around) your precinct with map and walking list in hand. Identify the houses that are apparently empty and for sale or rent. Identify the addresses not on your list. Mark up the map with notes to help you find your way around and to make your job easier. Look for places that might be good for candidate signs. Look for houses that have flags (we found houses with flags more frequently belong to conservatives). Look for homes that appear to have everyone working or which have children. Collect and record the information that you think will make it easier to effectively communicate with the voters who live in the house. Take your time and make sure you record your information for easy recovery and use. You should receive your voter list in electronic format so you can print a special edition just for the purpose of collecting information. That electronic format will also make it easy for you to record the data in file so that you will have it available when making phone calls, writing notes or to make data update reports. Become very familiar with the streets in your precinct, the store, the schools, the churches, the day care centers, etc. You need to be well enough versed so that you are not caught totally unaware of a geographic location when you begin talking to people. As you continue through the precinct for the second or third round, people will begin to notice you and you will begin to gain recognition as someone who “belongs”.

Build your action schedule

Everything in politics is based on the “election cycle”. Every two years (even numbered years) elections are held for partisan county, state, and national offices. Every four years those elections include most of the major county and state offices and a Presidential election. During the odd years it is common for non-partisan elections for cities and other local jurisdictions to be held. Effectively, every November some offices are up for election and candidates are actively seeking the support of the voters. As a part of this “natural” cycle there are a number of activities that occur on a relatively fixed schedule. In addition, as PCO you need to complete your communication cycles with your precinct voters so as to not be in the middle of an election process while you are trying to establish initial contact with those voters. You need to collect all available information on key dates in the election cycle and political year and document those events on your calendar. Then you need to schedule your activities appropriately.

Prioritize your efforts for effectiveness

Knowing what you need to do and which actions are of greater importance is essential. YOU must establish the priorities for your tasks, ensure they are scheduled properly and then stick to your work schedule. For example, unless you are familiar with your precinct and the voters who live there you really do need to do that initial “Learn your precinct” very early in your appointment. Making the initial contact and validating your voter data list will normally have second priority, with voter registration activities as a third. Be careful not to alter priorities because time is short or the task appears harder than originally anticipated. Doing important things first is critical to the success of the ultimate goal of getting as many voters to cast ballots for Republican candidates as possible.

Schedule your time and stick to it

Your work as a PCO is not and should not become a full time job. Normally a few hours of dedicated work each week will get the job done. We have already discussed creating your work schedule to meet election cycle needs and prioritizing your tasks. Whatever the tasks are, each must be assigned a priority and then you must stick with it to meet your schedule. If you are not going to meet a schedule for a key element and you need help, ask for it early. Trying to recover by massive late effort is generally not effective. Only you will know when you are falling behind or when you need help.

Build friendships, not just a political party

Perhaps one of the most enjoyable elements of being a PCO is that it presents a great opportunity to meet all the super people in your neighborhood and to build new friendships. Not everyone you meet or talk to will agree with your political philosophy but, at the end of the day, you will have in common the fact that you live in and enjoy the same neighborhood. Making friends is mostly easy and friends far outweigh the differences of political philosophy. You will find that almost every one has something in common with you and you will be able to build personal bonds of friendship. You may not become “best friends” with everyone in the precinct but you can get to know them and they you and you can share in your common dreams and goals. Sure, you may be out on a trip for party building, but don’t miss the chance to build friendships too.

Learn as you go

Part of learning to walk or to ride a bike is falling down. Some times the spills may hurt but most often they are just part of the learning curve. So it is with becoming an effective PCO. No matter how good the training and no matter how complete the tool box, you still have to go out on your own and try. You will make mistakes. So does everybody else. The secret is to learn as you go and to try to make mistakes no one has made before. When a mistake is made, do your best to set it straight and then move on. Make sure that you let your fellow PCOs know what happened to help them and to claim your title to an “original” mistake.

Take advantage of knowledge and opportunities

It is reasonable to expect that you may never have participated in doorbelling or made political calls. Most people have not. But there are some who have and you can take advantage of their experience by asking for their help or working alongside them to learn. Since doorbelling is normally a two person effort (more later) there is common benefit when you go with an experienced person making that initial contact effort. Nothing beats learning by doing. Similarly, working with an experienced person preparing and assembling a mailing or making calls gives you the benefit of their experience and the immediate assistance in case of a problem while helping them get their job done. Never pass up an opportunity to make contact with voters or to learn more about them. Trips to the local grocery, church, or community activities give you additional exposure and opportunity. Just keep the conversation friendly and light. The people will remember who you are and that you are there to help.

Offer help and assistance not a platform

Over the past several years it has become evident that many voters have drifted away from close affiliation with political parties and now profess “to vote for the man rather than the party”. Actually that has always been the case, except in the past the principles of the party defined what the candidate stood for and were key to “voting for the man”. In order to regain the trust and support of voters it is important to not challenge their notion of how to vote but rather to offer them assistance in getting information they need to make that choice. Making information available when requested will have a much greater impact and value than trying to “sell” a political philosophy through numerous encounters. Regardless of how ill informed a voter may have been in the past, most will ask for and welcome good, accurate information before casting their vote. There are lots of ways to present the Republican ideals other than reciting our platform. As a PCO you need to know and understand the planks in the platform but they do not have to become part of a mantra that must be accepted by all “wise and knowledgeable” voters. As Mary Poppins said: “A spoonful of sugar makes the medicine go down”. A good PCO always has a full bag of sugar and a large spoon handy.

Be honest

The single most important attribute for any person is personal integrity. If you are not honest with yourself you cannot be honest with others. If you are not honest throughout, your ability to be trusted, in every case, will always be in question. Sometimes telling the truth may hurt but being known as a dishonest person is a brand for life. Never compromise your integrity. If you make an error, admit it at first opportunity and set the record straight. You may not have to live with the person who got the incorrect information but you do have to live with yourself.

Doorbelling

There is no easier or harder way to meet the voters than by walking to their door and pushing the door bell or knocking on the door. This is the best opportunity to meet a

truly nice person or to suffer rejection. None the less, doorbelling is a positive means of communicating and getting to know your voters. That face-to-face encounter is generally very positive. Two rules that seem to make the job easier are (1) you only get one chance to make a first impression so you better make it good, and (2) people are inherently good and like interacting with others. A pleasant attitude will normally result in a very pleasant encounter. Two guidelines that have proven to make doorbelling effective are (1) don't limit the time you are willing to spend with an individual but don't over stay your welcome, and (2) NEVER DOORBELL ALONE. The first rule is fairly obvious; you want to give your voter time enough to tell you what they want to and to not cut them off while not making them feel like you are wasting their time. The second rule is not so obvious. In this age of bitter partisan politics there is no telling what a person angry with Republicans might charge that you did or said at the door. That second person as a witness goes a long way in preventing such an encounter. Then of course, there is the issue of insuring your personal safety. An adjunct to the rule is to not go into a person's house unless you know who they are and there is no possibility of unfortunate consequences.

Pick the best time for most effective contact

The voters in your precinct will represent the full cross section of life in our community. You will encounter two parent families with one or both working, retired singles or couples, single parent families, singles living alone or sharing a place, and any other number of combinations. For communications purposes, you need to find a time when your opportunity to talk to some one in the home is maximized and when they will have time to talk to you. Experience gained over many years demonstrates that the daytime hours of 10 AM until Noon and 2PM until 4 PM work best for most families. There is a higher rate of presence in the home during those hours and less conflict with child related activities. Nighttime contact generally can be successful from 7 PM until about 8:30 PM. Doorbelling in the dark is not normally effective but phone calling in the evening may be the only reasonable way to make contact with a two working parent family. Weekend contacts are possible but normally less effective if you are trying to contact families with grade school aged kids (activity days), or two working parent families because weekends are the only time they have for normal home and family related chores. In some cases, no matter how hard you try, direct personal contact may not be possible and a mailing is the only viable option.

Be a part of the precinct community

When you are making your initial survey of the community, make sure your are also looking for indicators of joint community activities that will help you make contact and communicate. If you have a community or homeowners association, become a member and participate in association activities. If local churches that you are not a member of, hold garage sales or an event open to the public, attend and mingle with your neighbors. Periodically attend kids sporting events and roam the sidelines or stands to meet the parents. Be part of your Neighborhood Watch program. If there is a way to increase your visibility in the precinct and to demonstrate that active participation is part of good citizenship, give it a try.

The offer for voter assistance is non-partisan

When you are contacting voters in response to a request for information or when a voter contacts you, make sure that any assistance you offer related to voting and elections is non-partisan unless the voter asks for partisan information. Even though you are the Republican PCO, and are supposed to have primary interest in Republican voters, you will have greater overall effectiveness (and ultimately bring that voter over to the Republican side) by remaining non-partisan on all but clearly partisan issues. During communications you initiate it is proper to offer basic Republican information. Stay away from the “hard sell” or the “we are better than the Democrats” approach.

Acknowledge the existence of the Democrat PCO (if one exists)

You need to know who the Democrat PCO for your precinct is and where they live. It is appropriate to also have some contact information for the individual. When you are in initial contact or follow up communications be prepared to acknowledge that there is a Democrat PCO but you are not required to volunteer that information. Just make sure you do not present yourself as the only PCO or as representing the Democrat Party. You will probably find it refreshing that people will respect and reward your honesty and, if the Democrat PCO never finds their doorstep, they will probably return to you for information and assistance.

Plan your approach

The time to determine what you are going to say or how you are going to present your ideas and information to a voter is before you pick up the phone or before you leave your house for doorbelling. Organizing your thoughts into a clear, friendly message and rehearsing the questions you might ask will make you more comfortable in the task and yield much better results. You also need to be prepared to answer a number of stock questions you might expect. Preparing scripts is a good idea but remember that you have to deliver your message or conduct your conversation as you, not some prepackaged recorded message. You have to act and talk as normal as possible. Personalize your message so it sounds like you and represents you as a friendly neighbor. Just remember, the person you are talking to could become your very best friend and that first impressions are the most important.

Sample phone scripts

“Hi, this is Suzy Smith your neighbor over on Sunshine Street. I’m the person that was elected as your Precinct Committee Officer during the last election. I am calling to introduce myself and to let you know that I am available to help you or answer any questions you might have about voting or elections. Do you have time for a couple of questions so I can make sure my precinct records are correct?

Thanks.

First let me make sure I have the names for all of the voters of the household correct (read from list)

Is there anyone else of voting age in the home who is not registered or who should be registered?

You know we are an all mail ballot county. Are you receiving your ballots in time to vote?

Do you need any special assistance for voting?

Do you have any questions for me?

Let me give you my phone number so you can contact me if you do have any questions or need assistance. My number is

Well thank you very much for your time. I really enjoyed talking with you. I hope to see you and your family around the neighborhood.

Goodbye”

“Good Morning,

This is your neighbor Will Jones on Opportunity Street. I'm the guy the people of our neighborhood elected during the last election to be our Precinct Committee Officer. May I take a few minutes of your time to introduce myself and tell you a bit about what you elected me to do for our precinct?

As your PCO, I am responsible to you to provide you any information and assistance that you may need regarding voter registration and voting in elections. Even though I was elected as the Republican PCO, I still have those same responsibilities to help anyone in the precinct who needs help, regardless of political affiliation. My primary job is to help you be a participating voter.

Would you be willing to answer a few questions about voter registration in your home so I can make sure the record is correct?”

Phone message

Hi this is your neighbor Barbara Brightness on Lovely Street. You elected me to be your Precinct Committee Officer last election and I was calling to introduce myself and to make sure you knew how to contact me if you need any voting or election related assistance. Again my name is Barbara Brightness and my number is 555-5555”

Sample doorbelling scripts

Good morning,

“ My name is Sandy Smith and I am your neighbor from Brown Avenue. I am walking the neighborhood today to introduce myself. I am the person that your precinct elected last summer as a Precinct Committee Officer. What you elected me to do is to be your point of contact for information regarding voter registration and elections in general.

Do you have time for a couple of questions so I can make sure my precinct records are correct?

Thanks.

First let me make sure I have the names for all of the voters of the household correct (read from list)

Is there anyone else of voting age in the home who is not registered or who should be registered?

You know we are an all mail ballot county. Are you receiving your ballots in time to vote?

Do you need any special assistance for voting?

Do you have any questions for me?

Please let me give you my card with my phone number and other contact information so you can contact me if you do have any questions or need assistance. May I verify that I have your correct phone number

Well thank you very much for your time. I really enjoyed meeting you and talking with you. I hope to see you and your family around the neighborhood.

Goodbye”

Sample note/card

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Voter,

You and the other members of the neighborhood helped to elect me as a Precinct Committee Officer last summer. I am writing to introduce myself and to let you know that I am available to provide any assistance you may need or answer any questions that you might have about voter registration or elections in general. That is part of what you elected me to do for you. Please do not hesitate to call or contact me if you need assistance.

Sincerely

Barbara Brightness
2222 Lovely Street
Anywhereville, WA 98111
360-308-4241
blovely@aol.com

Identify yourself

In this day and age, a person arriving unannounced at a neighborhood front door is not always a welcome guest. You need a way to announce yourself as a non-threat and as a friend to the person who answers the door, as quickly as possible. One good way is a clipboard with a large and clear announcement of who you are that will be visible as you approach the house. Another is a name badge. You might even try to preannounce your arrival by a small community service add in the local paper (they are normally free), notices in local church or community club bulletins, or some sandwich boards or yard signs announcing the areas you will be visiting. The better announced your visit and purpose the better will be the response.

Name badge

A name badge is always a good idea. It is valuable for making contact with voters and for self identification at Republican or other community events and activities. A good badge is large enough to be read at a distance and has the pertinent information. Here is what a good badge might look like.



Badges are generally available at trophy and engraving shops or in specialty stores and kiosks at local malls. The magnetic holders are recommended. It's best to get a couple so you have a backup.

(Hint: A similar engraved sign, perhaps a bit larger than badge size to go on the back of your clipboard)

Business cards

Making contact is the first step in the communication process. Maintaining contact is probably more difficult. Turning chance encounter into meaningful contact is difficult if you are not prepared. The answer is as simple as a business card that identifies who you are, what you can do to help and how to contact you. Here is a sample.

Front side

<p style="text-align: center;">Barbara Brightness Precinct Committee Officer (R) Precinct 197 Hommerville</p> <p>2222 Lovely Street Anywhereville, WA 98111 360-308-4241 blovely@aol.com</p>
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Back side

<p>Please contact me if you have any questions or problems related to voter registration, receiving ballots, elections in general, or if you need special assistance for voting.</p> <p>My job is to assist you to be an effective voter in Cowlitz County.</p>

Leave contact info (trade yours for theirs)

The use of business cards and other introductory material should be as liberal as possible. The impression you want to leave at the end of each encounter is that you really do care and that you are available to help. Leaving your contact information, in a simple and easy to use format is important. The other aspect of the passing of information is that it gives you an opportunity to ask for the voters contact information. With an exchange of data, the response by the voter is more likely to be positive and you will obtain data that you would not otherwise get. One of the key elements that you may be able to get in exchange is that elusive email address. When you do get information, assure the voter that you will not use the information for other than PCO functions and then stick to your promise.

(Hint: Assisting candidates to become known and to spread the message is part of your duty as a PCO (R).)

Bring your good local experience to the job

When you are dealing with the voters of the precinct you will gain significance and respect if you are knowledgeable of issues and can speak to the arguments on all sides of those issues. The better you know what is actually going on in the precinct the better you can relate to the voters. This means you need to stay in touch. Reading the local paper to remain current is important. Generally, the community papers are better for local material but the more regional paper will have broader coverage of regional issues that impact your precinct. You need not be a subscriber but can find the important info online. It is important to know your sources and understand the potential for bias in reporting. The key is to be informed but to have a true picture of the issue. You can also receive help from others in the party who are stay current and have a earned reputation for understanding issues and approaching discussions of those issues with fact. Make use of all of the tools available to you. That's why you have a toolbox.

Ask for voter input

Communication is a two way process. As a PCO, it is normally more important to listen than to talk. Once the conversation is open and you are accepted as a non-threat and as a person offering help, you can continue to build trust and discussion with a few good questions. The key is to keep specific political affiliation (read Republican) out of the discussion unless that subject is raised by the voter. It is more important to learn about them and their values system than it is to impress them with how much you know about governance, Republicanism, and the proper choices for them to make. Stay vanilla until you are really sure you know what flavor they like.

Sample issue questions

What do you consider the two most important functions provided by _____--
Government?

If you were (elected office) for a day what two things would you change?

What two things are most important in why you live in Cowlitz?

What do you see as the future for Cowlitz?

Are you satisfied that you are getting good value for your tax dollar? What would you like to see not paid for by tax dollars?

Parks are one thing that many people identify as important. Are parks important to you? What is the park nearest to you? Do you visit parks? Are you willing to increase taxes to pay for more parks?

Jobs are normally an issue with voters. Do you work in Cowlitz or do you commute? Do you ride the ferry? Is ferry service adequate? Are you willing to pay higher fares for better service?

Sample affiliation questions

Do the voters in your family have particular political party preferences?

When selecting who to vote for, what makes the most difference to you?

How do you get information about the candidates in a race and is it enough to make a good choice?

When you vote, do you think you are selecting the better of two evils or are you selecting the best of good candidates?

How do you respond to truly negative campaign advertising?

Look out for potential appointees and/or candidates

As you complete your duties as PCO you will meet many neighbors and get to know a lot more about the people in your neighborhood. One of the aspects of the job is that you will become acquainted with people who are ready to become active but either do not know how or who just need some encouragement. Those individuals are appointees and candidates in the making. They will need a little extra work to bring them out into the open and to get them engaged. You can do it yourself or you can turn to the Recruiting Committee for assistance. The most important element is to first identify and then nurture these individuals.

Keep good records

Over the period of time that you serve as PCO you will develop a level of knowledge about the voters in your precinct that will be invaluable to candidates running for election or appointees trying to solicit information on issues. That same information that you have collected over time will help you to better serve your precinct voters when election issues arise or when one or more of them may have a problem or question. Keep good records of the information you collect. Your toolbox will have a voter information data file. If you can use the file electronically, as a spread sheet, you can simply add more entries to that file and then have it available for immediate use. If you are limited to hard copy use, ask for some assistance in obtaining a specialized version of the spreadsheet or data file that will facilitate keeping notes by hand. Either way, maintain good records so that your effort is not lost.

Solicit and use local help

One advantage to the face-to-face communications method is that it also provides you the opportunity to recruit voters in your district to assist you in completion of your PCO duties. Enlisting other to participate in doorbelling or phone calling lightens the load and spreads the wealth. People who are involved and active have a tendency to move upward and move to more involvement over time, especially if they see benefit to what they are doing and if they are enjoying the work. The more people you are able to enlist to help you specifically or party efforts in general the more able we will be to spread the message and to support appointees, candidates, and elected

officials. Keep the Volunteer Chair informed of those you recruit to assist you or those who may be willing to assist in other areas.

Letters to the editor

You can become a spokes person for the voters in your precinct regarding issues of importance to those voters. Letters to the editor addressing the important issues and presenting a balanced view will give both the issue and you visibility. While it is acceptable to express opinion in these letters, make sure of the facts first. When the issue is not one that involves a clear Republican ideal or principle (should we put speed bumps in the 800 block of Brown street?) you can still write a good letter addressing the pros and cons of the issue to provide good information for the voters. Remember, in most cases we are not trying to get the voters to make a specific choice as we are trying to get them to make an informed good choice. An important part of the PCO job is to train voters to become informed and to make decisions based on fact rather than sound bites and emotion.

Just like the advice regarding reading newspapers, your letters will have a better chance of publication if you concentrate on the local or community papers. They are always interested in having their readers engage in controversy. Good letters on important issues will normally be published. In some cases, papers have created blog sites to allow back and forth comment by citizens on issues or things published in the paper. Providing a good note to a blog site can also be a valuable way to communicate, but it will normally be to a wider audience. Blog sites will, however, provide a good sampling of the fact and emotional positions on any important issue.

Calling local talk shows

Talk radio is a valuable communication tool for conservative minded voters. The medium is so effective that now many “moderates” and liberals also tune in to get a feel for what the conservatives are saying. Unfortunately, since most of the discussions are fact based, the non-conservative listeners either don’t understand or find themselves being converted. In any case, if you are properly prepared, you can get on the air and make your point. First you need to listen to the shows often enough to understand the format and the criteria that the host uses to select callers. Next you need to know the issue and be prepared to talk wisely about the issue or a specific aspect of the issue that is important to your voters. Your message needs to be fresh to get on the air. Repeating what previous callers have said does not add to the conversation and will normally not get you on the air. Call early, be prepared, be clear with your message to the screener, and when you are on the air stick to the script. Keep the message clear, simple, and short. Anything over 15 seconds will probably result in the host breaking in. Make a point, don’t try to tell a story. Listen to the host and be prepared to answer questions or to expand your message. Be patient, be polite, and be clear. If you are really good, you will build a reputation with local shows and you will find your access to the air increased.

Precinct newsletters

A periodic newsletter is a good way to keep the voters of your precinct current on events and issues of importance as well as election news. Much like informative letters to the editor (a good source of newsletter information) the approach has to be fair and balanced. The idea is to present fact to the voters and lead them toward a good decision. But newsletters are time consuming and expensive if mailed. If you can support a web site (most Internet providers offer some limited web space as part of the basic service) you might be able to post a newsletter to your web site. Alternately, the county party web site may be able to provide space for precinct newsletters.

Community newsletters

If your community has a newsletter, it may provide the opportunity to include some of your informational data and to stay visible to the voters. It's worth checking out.

Bulleting boards

Make use of local bulletin boards to post your introductory materials and notices of meetings and events. Normally, bulletin boards are available for community announcements so long as they are not used to push a specific political philosophy. (It's ok to announce a meeting but not to make a political statement in the announcement). When you are getting to know your precinct, get to know where the bulletin boards are and what the criteria for use are. Follow the rules when you use the boards.

Reader boards

Some of the businesses in your precinct may have reader boards that they use for advertisement or to display various messages. The business owners may be agreeable to displaying election or voter registration information on the boards from time to time so long as they are non-partisan in nature. Some may be willing to display partisan messages. When you are visiting those businesses (and doing business with them), ask about the reader boards and see if you can make arrangements to display your messages. If you get permission make sure you follow the guidelines and that your material is always on time or early. Do not forget to publicly thank the business owner and remind the voters that the business is supporting them.

Attachment A / CCRP Bylaws 2007

COWLITZ COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE BYLAWS *Revised January 2007*

Article I: Purpose

The purpose of the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee shall be:

To elect Republicans to public office.

To attract voters and workers to the Republican Party.

To lead, contribute and participate in a Republican organization that is an effective vehicle for setting county policy.

To plan, organize, administer and finance the county party operations to accomplish the other stated purposes.

Article II: Central Committee Membership

Section I

The Cowlitz County Republican Central committee shall consist of the duly elected or appointed Republican Precinct Committee Officers of Cowlitz County.

Section 2

Duly elected Precinct Committee Officers shall be the only individuals entitled to vote at the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee organizational meeting.

Section 3

The Cowlitz County Republican Party shall be open to membership for all interested Republicans.

Article III: Elected Officers

The Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee shall elect a County Chairperson, County Vice-Chairperson who shall be the opposite sex of the County Chairperson, a State Committee- man and a State Committeewoman.

Article IV: Appointed Officers

The County Chairperson shall appoint the following officers:

- A. Secretary
- B. Treasurer
- C. Legal counsel, if deemed necessary
- D. *Sergeant at arms*

Article V: Qualifications of Officers

No person shall be eligible for election or appointment to any office or committee in the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee unless he or she is a declared Republican and a registered voter residing within Cowlitz County, State of Washington.

Article VI: Removal from Office

Section 1

The Executive Committee, with a majority vote, has the power to remove from office appointed officers, committee chairmen, committee members and Treasurer for any reason deemed by them to be sufficient. A notice of no less than thirty (30) days before such a vote must be given each member which shall include the time, place and purpose of meeting/vote. No proxies shall be recognized during this procedure.

Section 2

The County Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all duly elected or appointed members of the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee in attendance at the meeting called for the purpose. A notice of no less than thirty (30) days before such vote must be given which shall include the time, place and purpose of meeting/vote. The Central committee shall recognize no proxies during this procedure.

Article VII: Vacancies in Office

Section 1

The County Chairperson shall fill vacancies in all appointed offices.

Section 2

A vacancy in the position of County Chairperson shall be filled by the Vice-Chairperson, who shall call a special meeting of the Central Committee for the purpose of electing a new County Chairperson.

Section 3

A vacancy in the position of Legislative District Committee member shall be filled by the Cowlitz County Republican Chairperson.

Section 4

A vacancy in the position of State Committeeman, State Committeewoman or Vice-Chairperson shall be filled by a majority vote of the elected members of the Central Committee in attendance at a regular Central Committee meeting. A notice of no less than thirty days before such vote must be given which shall include the time, place and purpose of meeting/vote.

Article VIII: Committees

Section 1

Executive Committee

- (a) Members of the Executive Committee shall be:
 - 1. County Chairperson
 - 2. County Vice-Chairperson
 - 3. State Committeeman
 - 4. State Committeewoman
 - 5. Treasurer
 - 6. Secretary
 - 7. Legal Counsel
 - 8. Budget Committee Chairperson
 - 9. Fundraising Chairperson
 - 10. Cowlitz County Republican Elected Officials
 - 11. President of the Women's Republican Club
 - 12. President of the Young Republicans Club
 - 13. Chairperson of any committee appointed by the County Chairperson

- (b) The Executive Committee shall consist of not less than nine (9) or more than twenty-one (21) voting members. The members who are present at a regularly called meeting, after being notified, shall constitute a quorum, providing that at least five (5) members of the Executive Committee are present.

- (c) The Executive Committee shall meet regularly once per month or at special meetings at the call of the County Chairperson and advise with and assist the County chairperson in doing all things proper and necessary to promote the welfare and success of the Republican Party.

- (d) Two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Executive Committee shall have the authority to call the Executive Committee into session whenever they deem a meeting of said Executive Committee to be necessary and proper. If the County chairperson should refuse or fail to call the meeting, then the respective Executive Committee members may issue a Regular Call, signed by them, designating time, place and purpose of such meeting.

- (e) Between sessions of the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee, the Executive Committee shall be the governing body of party affairs insofar as their actions are not contrary to the expressed actions previously taken by the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee.

Section 2

The standing committees of the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee shall be:

- (a) Budget
- (b) Fundraising

Section 3

Fundraising Committee.

- (a) The County Chairperson shall appoint a Chairman of the Fundraising Committee, who shall appoint the other members of the Fundraising Committee, with the advice and consent of the County Chairperson.

Section 4

Budget Committee

- (a) The County Chairperson shall appoint a Budget Committee consisting of the Fundraising Committee Chairman, the Treasurer and other members, to be appointed by the Budget Committee Chairperson, who shall present the budget for the ensuing fiscal year to the Executive Committee and to the Central Committee for approval. The proposed budget must be completed by March 1 of each year and presented for a vote at the March Executive Committee meeting and at the March Central Committee meeting. The previous year's budget will remain in effect until the new budget is adopted.
- (b) Expenditures outside of the budget may be made by the Budget Committee with the majority vote of the Budget Committee.
- (c) Transfers may be made by the Treasurer from one item in the budget to another with the approval of a majority vote of the Budget Committee and must be approved by a majority vote of the Central Committee at the first meeting following approval by the Budget Committee.
- (d) Vouchers shall be required for all funds of the Committee spent for any purpose.
- (e) All discretionary expenditures must be approved by a majority vote of the Central Committee at the first Central Committee meeting following the approval by any committee or individual.

Section 5

Audit Committee

- (a) The County Chairperson shall appoint members to the Audit Committee.
- (b) The Audit Committee shall meet at least once a year for the purpose of auditing the financial records of the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee kept by the

Treasurer. The report of the Audit Committee shall be presented at the organizational meeting or at the January meeting of the Central Committee.

Article IX: Duties of Officers

Section 1

Duties of the County Chairperson shall be to:

- (a) Appoint the chairperson and committee members to each of the standing and special committees as he/she deems advisable and as is prescribed in these bylaws.
- (b) Fill all appointed vacancies.
- (c) Preside at all meetings of the Central Committee and the Executive Committee.
- (d) Issue all calls to meetings.
- (e) Issue the Call for County Convention and Precinct Caucuses.
- (f) Have the power to solicit funds.
- (g) Assist in campaigns for the election of the Republican ticket.
- (h) Supervise the affairs and activities of the Central Committee.
- (i) Represent the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee at State meetings.
- (j) Make an annual report.
- (k) Be an ex-officio member of all standing special committees.
- (l) Appoint Precinct Committee Officers in accordance with the laws of the state of Washington and certified by the County Auditor.
- (m) Exercise all powers granted to him/her by these bylaws.
- (n) Have all powers and perform all duties usually incident or pertaining to the office of Chairperson of county political organizations.

Section 2

The duties of the County Vice-Chairperson shall be:

- (a) To serve in the absence of the County Chairperson as County Chairperson until the elected County Chairperson resumes his/her duties, including attending the Washington State Republican Party State Committee under proxy from the County Chairperson.
- (b) In the event of a vacancy in the County Chairperson position, the Vice-Chairperson shall call a special meeting of the Central Committee within thirty (30) days for the purpose of filling this vacancy. In the event of his/her failure to call such a meeting, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to call such a meeting.
- (c) To perform any duties and carry out any responsibilities assigned by the County Chairperson.

Section 3

The duties of the State Committeewoman and State Committeeman shall be to:

- (a) Represent the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee at all of the duly called meetings of the Republican State Committee.
- (b) Report to the Executive Committee and to the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee the activities of the Republican State Committee.
- (c) Appoint proxies in the event they are unable to attend a State meeting, according to the Republican State Committee bylaws.

Section 4

The duties of the Treasurer shall be to:

- (a) Be the custodian of all funds of the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee.
- (b) Keep accurate records of all receipts and disbursements of funds.
- (c) Complete in a timely and accurate manner

all documents required by Washington State law regarding public disclosure on behalf of the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee.

- (d) Post a bond in the amount fixed by the County Chairperson.
- (e) Have the books audited annually by an Audit Committee, headed by the County Chairperson.
- (f) Give a monthly and an annual Treasurer's report to the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee.
- (g) Have all financial records and/or books open and available for inspection to any member of the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee or Executive Committee.

Section 5

The duties of the Secretary shall be to:

- (a) Keep a written record of the minutes of the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee and make available printed and/or electronic copies of the minutes to the Central Committee at its next regular meeting.
- (b) Keep a written record of the minutes of the Executive Committee and make available printed and/or electronic copies of the minutes to the Executive Committee at its next regular meeting.
- (c) Revise the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee By-Laws per the instructions of the Precinct Committee Officers at the Organizational Meeting and make available printed and/or electronic copies of the revised By-Laws to the Precinct Committee Officers within 30 days of the Organizational Meeting.
- (d) Perform such other duties as assigned by the County Chairperson.

Section 6

The duties of the Legal Counsel shall be:

- (a) To be the legal advisor to the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee.

Section 7

The duties of the Finance Chairperson Shall be to:

- (a) Initiate and supervise fundraising.
- (b) Solicit funds for the operations of the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee and Executive Committee.
- (c) Be a member of the Budget Committee.

Section 8

The duties of the Sergeant at arms

- (a) *to prevent disruption, personal attacks, profanity, and lewd gestures at Central Committee gatherings*
- (b) *Sergeant at arms will remove any offender from the premises.*

Article X: Organizational Meetings

Section 1

The order of business at the organizational meeting shall be:

- (a) Reading of Call.
- (b) Pledge of Allegiance.
- (c) Adoption of Temporary Organization.
- (d) Roll Call
- (e) Permanent Organization (Adoption of Bylaws).
- (f) Election of County Chairperson.
- (g) Election of County Vice-Chairperson.
- (h) Election of State Committeeman.
- (i) Election of State Committeewoman.
- (j) Treasurer's written report.
- (k) Unfinished Business.
- (l) New Business.
- (m) Adjournment.

Section 2

Contested elections of officers shall be by secret ballot. No proxies shall be recognized by the County Committee at the organizational meeting.

If there are more than two candidates, and if no candidate receives a majority vote, the candidate with the least number of votes shall be dropped from consideration during succeeding voting.

Section 3

Duly elected Precinct Committee Officers shall be the only individuals entitled to vote at the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee organizational meeting.

Section 4

The By-Laws of the CCRCC to be considered at the Organizational Meeting shall be made available electronically or by mail to all duly elected PCO's no less than thirty (30) days prior to the Organizational Meeting.

Article XI: Precinct Caucuses

Section 1

Precinct caucuses shall be governed by the applicable laws of the State of Washington and the applicable rules of the Washington State Republican Party.

Section 2

The County Chairperson shall instruct each Precinct Committee Officer to call a precinct caucus for the purpose of electing delegates from the Republican electors of each precinct to a County Convention, and to give adequate publicity in his precinct as to the time and location of the caucus in said precinct.

Section 3

The Precinct Committee Officer shall certify to the County Chairperson, within forty-eight (48) hours after the caucus, the delegates elected to the County Convention.

Section 4

Elected delegates shall certify that they are residents of the precincts in which elected, registered voters therein and Republicans.

Section 5

It shall be the duty of each Precinct committee Officer, and the Chairperson shall so instruct, to call the precinct caucus to order as temporary chairman and to proceed with said caucus in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order (Revised).

Section 6

No proxies shall be recognized at a caucus.

Section 7

Each precinct caucus shall elect delegates and alternates to the County Convention in accordance with rules laid out by the Washington State Republican Party. Each duly elected Precinct Committee Officer is automatically a delegate.

Section 8

The County Chairperson shall publicize caucuses in daily and district newspapers of general circulation.

Article XII: County Conventions

Section 1

County conventions shall be governed by the applicable laws of the State of Washington and the applicable rules of the Washington State Republican Party.

Section 2

The County Chairperson shall arrange and provide for Republican County Convention in Cowlitz County in accordance with any call received from the State Chairperson, and shall fix the time and place for such convention with the approval of the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee.

Section 3

The County Chairperson, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a Committee on Rules and Order of Business, a Platform and Resolutions Committee and a Credentials Committee and designate the respective chairmen thereof. Such committees shall prepare and submit their Respective reports to the County Convention.

Section 4

It shall be the further duty of said County Chairperson to call the Cowlitz County Convention to order as temporary chairman and to thereafter proceed with the following order of business unless the convention changes the same upon adopting its permanent organization:

- (a) County chairperson will call the convention to order and act as temporary Chairperson.
- (b) The Pledge of Allegiance will be given.
- (c) Report of the Credentials Committee—Temporary Report.
- (d) Permanent organization of the convention.
- (e) Report of the Committee on Rules and Order of Business.
- (f) Appointment of Parliamentarian
- (g) Final report of the Credentials Committee.
- (h) Election of Delegates and Alternates to the State Convention.
- (i) Report of Platform and Resolutions Committee.
- (j) Miscellaneous Business.
- (k) Adjournment.

Section 5

The Committee on Rules and Order of Business shall propose and the County Convention shall adopt the following minimum permanent rules for the said Convention.

- (a) Roberts' Rules of Order (Revised) shall govern on any point of procedure not provided for herein.

- (b) No proxies shall be recognized by the Convention.
- (c) On all questions before the convention, the votes shall be by "Yeas" and "Nays," or standing vote unless a roll call is demanded.
- (d) In case of a vote by roll call at this convention, the vote shall be by precinct, in rotation.
- (e) All resolutions and platform subjects to come before this Convention must be submitted in writing in a timely manner, and referred to the Platform and Resolution
- (f) Committee for a report thereon before being read on the floor of the Convention.
- (g) The report of the Platform Committee shall be read to the Convention in whole and the vote may be taken to adopt the report of the committee in whole, or section by section.
- (h) The proponent of any resolution or motion shall be allowed the privilege of the floor for three (3) minutes to close the debate, if any, upon such resolution or motion and he/she shall have the privilege of closing such debate notwithstanding the previous question moved or called for: otherwise, no person shall speak on any subject more than once and all speeches shall be limited to three (3) minutes.

Article XIII: Central Committee Meetings

Section 1

Notice of all Central Committee meetings shall be given to members of the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee at least 72 hours before the date of said meetings.

Section 2

Only elected or appointed Precinct Committee Officers will be eligible to vote. Proxies shall be allowed upon written authority signed by the duly elected or appointed Precinct Committee Officers and held by a declared Republican who is a resident of the precinct the absent Precinct Committee Officer represents. However, other Republicans shall have privilege of the floor but not a vote.

Section 3

The members of the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee who are present at a regularly called Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee meeting after the Precinct Committee Officers have been given notice shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except as noted in a removal vote in Article VI, Section 2 and any action taken by a majority of those members voting at any meeting of the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee or of the Executive Committee shall be the valid action of the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee.

Section 4

Roberts' Rules of Order (Revised) shall govern at all meetings of the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee.

Section 5

The order of the meetings shall include, without limitations, the following:

- (a) Call to Order.
- (b) Pledge of Allegiance.
- (c) Roll Call.
- (d) Minutes.
- (e) Treasurer's Report.
- (f) Committee Reports.
- (g) Unfinished Business.
- (h) New Business.
- (i) Adjournment.

Article XIV: Legislative Committees

Section 1

A Legislative District will coordinate Republican Party activities, within the legislative district, under the provisions of and as mandated by Initiative 134.

Section 2

Legislative District Committees for legislative districts located in more than one county shall consist of three members from each county, all or part of which is included in the said legislative district. The members from each county shall be appointed by the Cowlitz County Republican Chairperson. Terms of officers and members of such Legislative District Committees shall expire at the end of even-numbered years. Any vacancy may be filled by the Cowlitz County Republican Chairperson.

Section 3

Each Legislative District Committee shall hold an organizational meeting by June 30 of every odd-numbered year for the purpose of electing a chairman, a treasurer and a secretary.

Article XV: Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee at any regularly called meeting, provided that a written notice of the proposed changes shall have been mailed not less than ten (10) days prior to such meetings, to each member of the Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee.

Attachment B / CCRP Platform 2006

Cowlitz County Republican Platform 2006

Preamble

We, the Republicans of Cowlitz County, hold that our representative republic was founded as one nation, under God, on principles that are clearly and simply outlined in the Constitution of the United States. Republicans are dedicated to promoting and preserving these principles. We affirm and defend the words of our founding fathers as stated in the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal. That they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, which among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." We believe that our success as a nation has resulted from our individual freedom and from the free enterprise system that makes individual initiative worthwhile.

Crime

To improve the safety of our families and others in our community, we support swift and appropriate sentences for those found guilty of any crime. We hold that individuals must be held responsible for their crime(s), without regard to their previous life experiences. We resist the increasing tendency to federalize certain crimes. We hold that crime is of local concern and is most efficiently dealt with on the local or state level.

Family

We believe the family unit is the most effective place to raise our young people and implant the important ideas and values of our society. The government should urgently set about to do everything possible to foster the development of the strong family unit. Government has the responsibility, through the passage and enforcement of laws, to protect and respect all human life.

Environment and Natural Resources

Republicans affirm that a clean and healthy Washington State is of utmost importance for our own and future generations. Ways and means must be devised to arrive at a balance between responsible preservation and responsible use of our resources in order to afford the greatest possible opportunity and quality of life for the residents of the state. No laws or regulations meant to protect wildlife may be enacted or enforced that result in the taking away of private property or private property rights without current market-level compensation. The value of property or property rights taken must result in immediate commensurate property tax reduction for as long as the property and/or rights are held.

Welfare

We believe government should provide support for our poor such as the lame, blind, sick, and other persons who are, because of advanced age or infirmity, unable to provide for themselves. Public assistance should be temporary and must not be allowed to become a permanent way of life.

Education

Republicans decry the deterioration of academic achievement as demonstrated by the average pupil test scores in the state's school system. We support the idea of bringing competition into the schooling marketplace. Therefore we support the right of parents to choose their child's learning venue, whether that is public, private, parochial, charter, or home schooling. State schooling dollars should go to the education venue providing the service. All pupils must be required to meet State standards of learning. State content-based standards should be raised and accountability for the standards strictly required of all education venues. All venues must teach in English only, except for foreign language instruction classes. Decisions concerning education in Washington State and Cowlitz County are of local concern and should be made locally.

Health Care

Republicans believe that the quality of our health care system is inversely proportional to the level of governmental involvement. We support keeping the health care system a private enterprise. We support tort and liability reform to assist in lowering the cost of healthcare.

Cost of Government

The overall tax now exceeds 50% of an individual's income. We believe no individual should pay in excess of 25% to the government. A reduction in the size of bureaucracy at all levels should be implemented immediately in order to meet this goal. No new programs or departments should be added until this goal is met. We recommend privatizing services wherever practical and that this privatization be done expeditiously. We seek the repeal of all laws or policies that restrict or hamper such privatization.

Individual Rights

Republicans recognize that the first ten amendments to the Constitution are there to protect the individual's rights from intrusive and controlling government. The framers of the Constitution understood that an armed citizenry is basic to a free people. We affirm that all of the amendments under the Bill of Rights have equal merit. Diminishing the importance of any one of the ten devalues the remaining amendments.

Attachment C / WSRP Platform 2006

2006 WASHINGTON STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY PLATFORM

Yakima, WA – May 26, 2006

*“In all that the people can individually do as well
for themselves, government ought not to interfere.”*

Abraham Lincoln

Washington State Republican Party

PREAMBLE

Republicans believe that good government is based on the individual and family, that each person's ability, dignity, freedom and responsibility must be honored and recognized. Our basic freedom, the value that makes our country unique in the world is rooted in Free Enterprise and the basic right to Private Property. The role of Government is to preserve and defend our ability to live in a free and peaceful society.

We reaffirm the words of our founding fathers as written in the Declaration of Independence: “We hold these Truths to be self evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness -That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed.”

Our Republic was founded as one nation under God on principles clearly set forth in the Declaration of Independence and codified in our Constitution.

PLATFORM

OUR REPUBLICAN VISION FOR WASHINGTON STATE IS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY – Jobs, Growth and Prosperity

Government must practice fiscal responsibility, while allowing individual citizens to enjoy an atmosphere of free enterprise, unfettered by burdensome government regulation. Believing that the power to tax a people is the power to enslave a people, Republicans support principles that would create jobs, strengthen the free enterprise system, encourage entrepreneurs, protect our economic base while lowering taxes, and promoting a conservative fiscal policy.

Economic opportunity should include:

- Reducing taxes and fees on businesses and individuals.
- Eliminating the B&O tax.
- Reducing excessive regulation on businesses in Washington State.
- Examining government regulations to ensure they reflect the intent of the law and are based on sound peer-reviewed scientific data.
 - Expanding international export trade while protecting national security.
 - Making the Bush tax cuts permanent.
 - Eliminating all inheritance and capital gains taxes because savings and property have already been taxed.
 - Re-instating tax and spending limitations passed by the voters of Washington State (I-601) which were repealed in 2005.
 - Reforming the current Washington State minimum wage law to make Washington businesses more competitive.
 - Maintaining a supermajority requirement for excess levies and bonds.
 - Opposing any form of a state income tax.

LABOR UNIONS

We recognize the historical importance of labor unions, and their protection of workers' health and general welfare. Union members should be given flexibility in regards to the political use of their Union dues and informed of their rights with respect to those dues.

SECTION 2: NATIONAL DEFENSE/WINNING THE WAR ON TERROR - Superior military strength is vital to our national security

“We will rally the world to this cause by our efforts, by our courage.

We will not tire, we will not falter, and we will not fail.”

George W. Bush

We believe in a strong and free America, a nation leading the world in the expansion of peace, freedom and human rights. We are at war, and we support President Bush in all aspects of this War on Terrorism, including the government’s responsibility to monitor the communications of terrorists and their allies.

National defense should include:

- Preventing the subjugation of the national sovereignty of the U.S. to any foreign or international body.
- Ensuring that U.S. military personnel remain only under U.S. command.
- Continuing the development of the Strategic Defense Initiative.
- Gaining control of our borders and adopting immigration reform that includes a guest worker program but does not include amnesty for those who are here illegally already.
 - Supporting the historical doctrine of pre-emption in US conflicts.
 - Supporting the Patriot Act with all of its provisions as a reasonable and necessary balance between personal freedom and national security.

- Supporting access for military recruiters in all schools that accept federal funding.
- Honoring all past and current obligations to our troops and veterans, and their families, and improving pay and allowances to surviving military dependents.
- We believe that terrorists are "enemy combatants" and should be dealt with as such in the appropriate tribunals consistent with the foreign policy interests of the United States.

IN DEFENSE OF ISRAEL

Israel, as a sovereign state, has the right of self-defense against foreign enemies and state sponsored terrorism. The Bush Doctrine clearly includes supporting Israel, which is being targeted by terrorists. For a peaceful, democratic Palestinian state to exist, we must support Israel in winning their war against terror in their homeland. The Republican Party will only support a Palestinian state which recognizes Israel as a sovereign nation.

SECTION 3: BORDERS, IMMIGRATION, AND HOMELAND SECURITY

"There's no bigger task than protecting the homeland of our country"

George W. Bush

"The New Colossus" as printed on the base of the Statue of Liberty, November 2, 1883

*Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon hand
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door."*

Emma Lazarus

America is a nation of laws, and we are a people of optimism and compassion. The first line of defense for the national security of the United States is our borders. National security requires controlled borders and a rational policy allowing legal immigration. Our current laws and policies have caused a drain on our social services, our jobs, and have otherwise become a burden to the taxpayers of our state

and our nation.. We need to gain control of our borders and enforce our immigration laws while encouraging legal immigrants who come seeking the American Dream.

Therefore, we support:

- A stronger policy of securing our borders using additional personnel, technology, and physical barriers.
- The reform of the immigration laws of our country so as to be enforceable and to meet our country's citizens' legitimate interests.
- The legal immigration of those individuals who wish to become US citizens with the strong enforcement of immigration laws.
- Enactment of a meaningful guest worker program which includes proper security measures, to allow those who wish to participate in our economy to do so in a legal and responsible way.
- Requiring any guest worker program to require the applicant for such program to initiate and process their application in their native land.
- An immigration policy that includes no amnesty for those persons who are here illegally already.
- The elimination of the "Safe City" program at any level of government that receives federal funds.
- The original intent of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution (1868) which declared, "All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States..." and thereby recognized the citizenship of ex-slaves and in no way granted citizenship to the babies of illegal aliens.
- A pillar of American citizenship, which is equal treatment under the law; therefore no special rights or privileges should be granted to any illegal resident alien from any county that are not granted to a legal immigrant or to a citizen of the United States of America.

SECTION 4: FAMILY – Families, the cornerstone of free society

The traditional family unit is the cornerstone of our society, and it is the primary responsibility of parents to guide and discipline their children. We understand that a primary responsibility of government is to uphold and respect traditional institutions, such as marriage, between a man and a woman, and family which are its foundations. Our commitment to protecting the life of innocents from conception through the infirmities of age must be nurtured in both our culture and our laws.

We support:

- The parental right and responsibility to direct the upbringing of their children, and to provide care, discipline and moral training.
- Protection of innocent human life, pre-born or born, through all stages of life, sickness and disability.
- Existing Washington State Law that defines marriage as a legal union between one man and one woman.
- An amendment to the United States Constitution defining marriage as the union between a man and a woman.

SECTION 5: EDUCATION - The key to equal opportunity begins in the classroom

The primary authority and responsibility for educating children resides with parents. The Federal Government, based on the 10th Amendment of the U. S. Constitution, may not determine expenditures and curriculum. School boards should be free to determine priorities, focusing on basic academics, teaching of the constitution and civics, history, foreign language, opportunities for vocational and technical training, and the promotion of traditional American values.

We support:

- Providing the highest quality education through offering a broad selection of choices, whether public, private, charter or home school.
- Appropriate funding of public schools, and tax credits and vouchers for other choices.
- The right of parents to direct the education of their children.
- Education reform to pursue the standard of excellence for students of all abilities by giving parents more choices, stronger accountability of schools, proven teaching methods and more local freedom.
- Teaching English as our official and primary language, concentrated English instruction for non-English speaking students and regular instruction in English for all other subjects which will ensure successful job skills in a diverse, but overwhelmingly English speaking population.
- Sex education programs that promote abstinence before marriage.
- A policy that public schools not promote or identify homosexuality as a healthy, morally acceptable, or alternative lifestyle.
- Teaching the Declaration of Independence and the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Washington in our schools.
- Graduation requirements with an emphasis on rigorous academic skills in English, literacy, mathematics and sciences.
- Academic freedom and the free expression of all varying viewpoints on our campuses.

SECTION 6: HEALTH CARE - Access and affordability for all

Health care is a personal issue, and informed individuals can make better decisions about their own care than government. Republicans believe in free market solutions that reduce health care costs by offering more information for additional and better choices for consumers.

We support:

- Personal/private tax-exempt health savings accounts.
- Increasing competition among health care providers to promote accountability to patients.
- The reduction of regulation in order to reduce the cost of health care and prescription drugs.
- All prescription drug purchases and health insurance premiums being fully tax-

deductible.

- Research of adult and placenta stem cells and oppose human cloning; banning government funding of embryonic stem cell research; and call for the RU-486 Review and Suspension Act.

- Making malpractice liability reform an urgent priority, which will lower the cost of healthcare for all of us.

- Requiring parental consent for minors who seek medical procedures, treatments, or pharmaceuticals.

- Calling upon the Federal and State Legislators and the Governor to immediately work toward national parity in the way that Medicare reimbursements are made to healthcare providers.

- The belief that government regulations and funding will not improve the quality or affordability of health care; therefore, oppose a universal government-run health care system

- Legislation and regulations that foster competition among health insurance carriers and provide more options for consumers.

SECTION 7: PROPERTY RIGHTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT - Recognizing the importance of people and our Northwest way of life

“We share this common goal: we must foster economic growth in ways that protect our environment. We must encourage growth that will provide a better life for citizens, while protecting the land, the water, and the air that sustains life.”

George W. Bush

Humans are an important part of the environment, and must be given primary consideration when environmental decisions are made. We can achieve a healthful environment and continued economic growth and prosperity when government works with property owners in a positive cooperative fashion. Property owners implementing environmental practices that are supported by sound, peer-reviewed scientific methods are a model of responsible natural resource stewardship.

Washington State and local governments have responded to rapid population growth by devising a Growth Management Act that violates the property rights guaranteed to state citizens under its Constitution and has set the stage for broad takings of private property without just compensation. We believe that increasingly onerous and unjustified land-use regulations are affecting our ability to maintain a sustainable economy.

We support:

- Reasonable limits on environmental regulations to insure that legislative intent is followed.

- Providing private timber owners with a set of responsible, reliable and consistent government rules under which to operate.

- The repeal of the Growth Management Act.

- Saving our dams by funding improvements in fish passage, improvements in spawning habitat and ocean survival.

- The review and reform of the Endangered Species Act, critical area ordinances, and other environmental regulations in order to avoid unnecessary limitations being imposed on the citizens of Washington.
- A balanced approach to salmon recovery in the Pacific Northwest, recognizing that while the extinction of salmon is not an option, the economic extinction of our communities is also not an option.
- Reforming environmental regulations to allow sustainable forest management practices to be used on state and federal timberlands.
- Legislation that will prohibit all governmental agencies use of eminent domain for the development of private property in order to increase revenue.
- Compensating property owners at market value when their property (e.g., timber, water, and mineral rights) is devalued or taken by government action. Any property owner that has lost property to eminent domain shall have the right to redeem the property, for the price they were paid, should the condemning authority sell any or all that land.
- Releasing water for new permits where objective peer reviewed science cannot show defined damage to fish and/or wildlife.
- The adjudication of water rights conflicts at the superior court level and not by the state Department of Ecology.
- Ensuring that water rights stay with landowners and other users and do not transfer to state or federal ownership.
- Preservation of historic water rights (i.e., “first in use, first in right.”).

SECTION 8: RURAL / AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES

Washington’s economy and the health of many of our rural communities are based on farming, fishing, mining, and the timber industry. Natural resource industries are the economic foundation of our economy. By ensuring economic opportunity for America’s farmers and family farms of all sizes we will secure our domestic food supply and strengthen the rural economy.

To make our products competitive in the free market and make our farms viable and sustainable, we must:

- Establish a strong and secure domestic food supply that is not dependant on foreign products.
- Improve efficiencies in our ports and on our transportation routes.
- Create tax policies that recognize fluctuations in farm income and assist farmers in surviving low-income years.
- Require imported food to meet all U.S. standards.
- Require country of origin labeling for the benefit of American consumers.
- Protect individual (including corporate) water rights and value using water resources in food production.
- Support completion of the Columbia Basin Irrigation Project.

SECTION 9: CRIME AND JUSTICE - Swift punishment for criminals

The primary role of government is to protect its citizens’ freedoms and their property

from both foreign and domestic crime. Crime threatens our ability as individuals to exercise our right of self-government. The rule of law is protected by policies that punish, reduce and deter crime.

We support:

- Constitutional protections, which safeguard our individual liberty, due process, and equal protection under the law.
- The efforts of law enforcement officers and firefighters who serve and protect our communities.
- Jessica's Law, which requires a minimum 25 years sentence for sexual crimes against children and all others unable to defend themselves irrespective of relationship to the victim.
- The role of the judiciary which is to uphold the law in a manner faithful to the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, in accordance with legislative intent and established domestic legal precedent as the only legitimate standard.
- The right of individuals to provide for the defense of themselves, their families, and their communities within the bounds of Common Law and the U.S. Constitution.
- The death penalty where appropriate and oppose early release of convicted felons for budgetary reasons.
- Legislation requiring limitation on the number of appeals and period of time with bonds posted by the appealing party.
- Dylan's Law Initiative which sentences certain criminal sex acts to life imprisonment without parole.

SECTION 10: ENERGY - Republicans believe in the reduction of our dependence on foreign energy and:

- Support President Bush's Energy Bill to reduce the nation's dependence on foreign crude oil.
- Support drilling for oil on the ANWR reserve.
- Support incentives for the use of renewable fuels.
- Support economically and scientifically viable alternative energy sources.
- Support reducing regulations and costs that may hinder re-licensing of many of our State's dams.
- Support resumption of safe nuclear power plant construction.
- Oppose removal of dams used for hydroelectric, irrigation, and transportation.
- Support establishing and maintaining secure broad-based fuel resources within our nation's jurisdiction.

SECTION 11: TRANSPORTATION

Investment in our transportation infrastructure is critical to both rural and urban economies in Washington State. River, rail, roads, and air freight, and our ports all have an important role to play in moving products and people across the Northwest. Washington taxpayers deserve accountability for the money they provide to transportation agencies. Assurance that money is being spent efficiently can only be achieved through practical performance measures and regular performance audits of transportation agencies. To maintain our economic advantage we support:

- Regular independent performance audits of all publicly funded transportation agencies by the State Auditors office.
- Increasing the use of regional transportation improvement districts.
- Appropriate targeting of funding so that revenue collected for specific transportation purposes is allocated to them alone.
- Elimination of sales tax on materials and labor used on publicly funded transportation projects.
- Elimination of costly prevailing wage laws and statutes which needlessly inflate the cost of transportation construction projects and in the delivery of transit services. We cannot maintain highly subsidized transit monopolies that have no incentive to increase productivity.
- Funding for Sound Transit only by those who live in the Sound Transit District.
- Ongoing assessment of the needs of the transportation system and updating the current working plan.
- Maintaining the Columbia-Snake River as a navigable waterway. River barges are integral to our economy as well as to energy independence.

SECTION 12: PERSONAL LIBERTY - A Bill of Rights for All Washingtonians

We have a moral obligation, a minimum debt owed, as free Americans, to defend and preserve our freedoms: Free Speech, Freedom of Assembly, Defense of Life, the Right to Vote, Private Property Rights, Parental Rights, the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, and protect competitive free enterprise. Government exists by the consent of the governed. Smaller and more effective government will restore civic responsibility and individual freedom.

Ours is a nation created not by force, but by unifying ideals. People came here to be free to worship God as they choose without State restriction. For ours to remain one nation, where the source of our rights derive from God, not the state, we have the duty and obligation to teach our children the profound meaning behind the simple statement of allegiance to our flag and the ideals our nation was founded upon and to which so many have sacrificed their lives.

We re-affirm that the proper role of Government is to protect our inalienable rights, including:

- Proof of United States citizenship for voting eligibility protects our right to vote.
- Protecting the integrity of the vote of our overseas military personnel.
- Campaign finance law that in no way prohibits free expression.
- The initiative process provided for by the Washington State Constitution.
- Compensating property owners when government actions reduce the value of their land secures our right to own property.
- Parents' right to choose their children's schools, be it public, charter, private, or home, with tax credits or vouchers protects our right to equal opportunity.
- Protecting individuals' first amendment right of religious expression in our public schools does not conflict with the Establishment Clause.
- All people are entitled to be treated equally by government. The use of quotas or

preferences to favor one person or group over another violates that principle, as well as the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the laws of the State of Washington.

2nd Amendment

We believe the right to keep and bear arms as stated in the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and Article I, Section 24 of the Washington State Constitution guarantees an individual right, and as such, we support Right to Carry laws. We support state reciprocity of concealed weapons license.

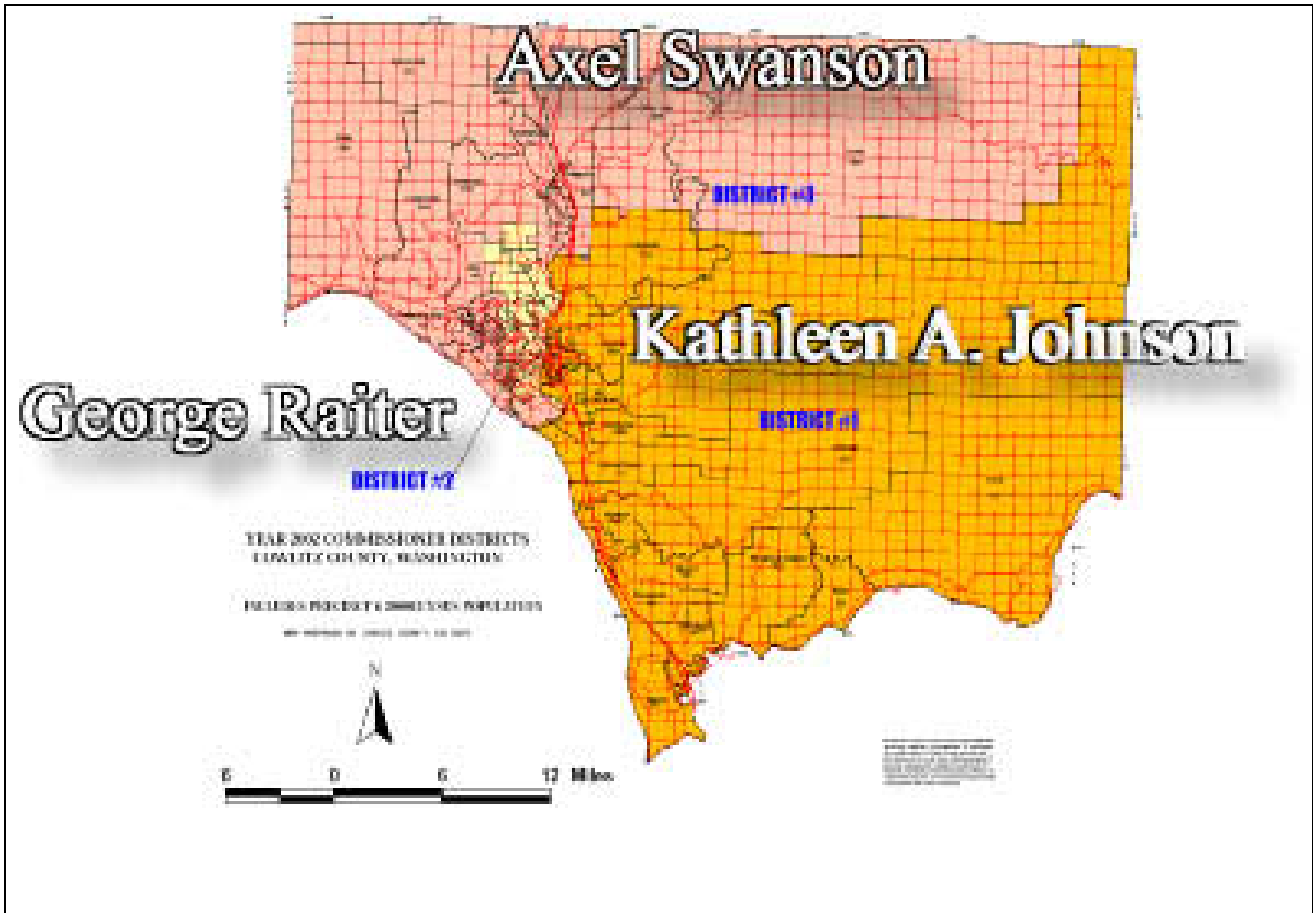
We support protection of the American firearms industry against frivolous and harassing lawsuits that blame them for the actions of criminals, and we call for increased enforcement of existing laws against criminals, not more laws aimed at law-abiding citizens.

We encourage personal responsibility in exercising these rights.

SECTION 13: THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

We strongly support and wish to promote and protect the continued use of the phrase “one nation under God” in our Pledge of Allegiance.

Attachment E / Commissioner District Map



Attachment F / Districts by Precinct

PCT #	PCT PART	PRECINCT NAME	Location	DISTRICTS
1	1	Academy	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				City Of Kelso
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Longview District 2
2	1	Alabama North	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 1
3	1	Ammons	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 1
4	1	Arkansas	Castle Rock	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3

				Castle Rock School District
				Fire District 6
				Cemetery District 1
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 1
5	1	Armstrong	Castle Rock	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				Castle Rock School District
				Fire District 6
				Cemetery District 1
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 3
6	1	Barnes	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				City Of Kelso
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Longview District 2
7	1	Beacon	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Beacon Hill Sewer District
				Rural Library District

				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 2
7	2	Beacon	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Beacon Hill Sewer District
				Rural Library District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 2
				Lexington Flood Control Zone District
8	1	Brynion	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Longview District 2
9	1	Butler	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				City Of Kelso
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Longview District 2
10	1	California Way	Longview	3rd Congressional District

				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 1
11	1	Caples	Woodland	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Woodland School District
				Fire District 1
				Cemetery District 2
				Woodland Recreation District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Woodland District 2
12	1	Carrolls North	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Cemetery District 6
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Longview District 2
13	1	Carrolls South	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue

				Cemetery District 6
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Longview District 2
14	1	Cascade	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
15	1	Castle Rock North	Castle Rock	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				City Of Castle Rock
				Castle Rock School District
				Cemetery District 1
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 3
				Fire Protection District 6
16	1	Castle Rock South	Castle Rock	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				City Of Castle Rock
				Castle Rock School District
				Cemetery District 1
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 3
				Fire Protection District 6

17	1	Castleman	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
18	1	Cedar	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				City Of Kelso
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Longview District 2
19	1	Chestnut	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				City Of Kelso
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Longview District 2
20	1	Cloverdale	Kalama	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Kalama School District

				Fire District 5
				Cemetery District 5
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Kalama District 2
21	1	Coal Creek	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				Longview School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Rural Library District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 1
21	2	Coal Creek	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				Longview School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Cemetery District 7
				Rural Library District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 1
22	1	Columbia Heights	Longview/Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Rural Library District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2

				Port of Longview District 3
22	2	Columbia Heights	Longview /Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Beacon Hill Sewer District
				Rural Library District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
22	3	Columbia Heights	Longview/Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				Kelso School District
				Fire District 6
				Rural Library District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
22	4	Columbia Heights	Longview Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				City Of Longview
				Kelso School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
22	5	Columbia Heights	Longview/Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District

				Commissioner District 2
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Beacon Hill Sewer District
				Rural Library District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
				Lexington Flood Zone
22	6	Columbia Heights	Longview/Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Rural Library District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
				Lexington Flood Control
23	1	Columbia Valley Gardens	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 1
24	1	Constitution	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				City Of Longview

				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 1
25	1	Coweeman	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				City Of Kelso
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Longview District 2
26	1	Delameter	Castle Rock	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				Castle Rock School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Cemetery District 1
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 3
26	2	Delameter	Castle Rock	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				Castle Rock School District
				Fire District 6
				Cemetery District 1
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 3

26	3	Delameter	Castle Rock	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				Castle Rock School District
				Fire District 6
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 3
27	1	Douglas	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
28	1	Fir	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 1
29	1	Glenwood	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3

30	1	Harris	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				City Of Kelso
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Longview District 2
31	1	Heights	Castle Rock	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				Castle Rock School District
				Fire District 6
				Cemetery District 1
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 2
32	1	Hemlock	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 1
33	1	Holcomb	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Kelso School District

				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Longview District 2
33	2	Holcomb	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Cemetery District 4
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Longview District 2
34	1	Hudson	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
35	1	Industrial Way	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				Longview School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Rural Library District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 1
36	1	Kalama North	Kalama	3rd Congressional District

				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				City Of Kalama
				Kalama School District
				Fire District 5
				Cemetery District 5
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Kalama District 1
37	1	Kalama South	Kalama	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				City Of Kalama
				Kalama School District
				Fire District 5
				Cemetery District 5
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Kalama District 1
38	1	Kessler	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
39	1	Lake	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				City Of Longview

				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
40	1	Lexington	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Beacon Hill Sewer District
				Rural Library District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 2
				Lexington Flood Control Zone District
41	1	Lone Oak	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				Longview School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Rural Library District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 1
42	1	Longview 38th	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 1

43	1	Louisiana	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 3
44	1	Lynnwood	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
45	1	Maple	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 1
46	1	McGowan	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1

				Port of Longview District 2
47	1	Memorial	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 1
48	1	Michigan	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 1
49	1	Mint Valley	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 1
50	1	Modrow	Kalama	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Kalama School District
				Fire District 5

				Cemetery District 6
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Kalama District 3
50	2	Modrow	Kalama	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Kalama School District
				Fire District 5
				Cemetery District 5
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Kalama District 3
51	1	Mt. Solo	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				Longview School District
				Rural Library District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 1
52	1	Nevada	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				Longview School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Beacon Hill Sewer District
				Rural Library District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3

53	1	Ocean Beach	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 1
54	1	Oklahoma	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
55	1	Olson	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				Longview School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Beacon Hill Sewer District
				Rural Library District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
55	2	Olson	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				Longview School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue

				Beacon Hill Sewer District
				Rural Library District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
				Lexington Flood Zone
56	1	Oregon Way	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
56	2	Oregon Way	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 1
57	1	Ostrander	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Cemetery District 4
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Longview District 2

57	2	Ostrander	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Kelso School District
				Fire District 6
				Cemetery District 4
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Longview District 2
58	1	Owl Creek	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Cemetery District 6
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Longview District 2
59	1	Pleasant Hill	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Cemetery District 4
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Longview District 2
59	2	Pleasant Hill	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Kelso School District

				Fire District 6
				Cemetery District 4
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Longview District 2
60	1	Ponderosa	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
60	2	Ponderosa	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Beacon Hill Sewer District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
				Lexington Flood Zone
60	3	Ponderosa	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				Kelso School District
				Fire District 6
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
60	4	Ponderosa	Kelso	3rd Congressional District

				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
				Lexington Flood Control Zone District
61	1	Rainbow	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Longview District 2
61	2	Rainbow	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Cemetery District 4
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Longview District 2
62	1	Reno	Woodland	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Woodland School District
				Fire District 1
				Cemetery District 2

				Woodland Recreation District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Woodland District 3
62	2	Reno	Woodland	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Woodland School District
				Fire District 1
				Cemetery District 2
				Woodland Recreation District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Kalama District 3
63	1	Rose Valley	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Cemetery District 6
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Longview District 2
63	2	Rose Valley	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Cemetery District 6
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Kalama District 3

64	1	Ryderwood	Ryderwood	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				Castle Rock School District
				Fire District 4
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 1
65	1	Sacajawea	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
66	1	Salmon	Castle Rock	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				Castle Rock School District
				Fire District 6
				Cemetery District 1
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 2
67	1	Sandy Bend	Castle Rock	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				Castle Rock School District
				Fire District 6

				Cemetery District 1
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 3
67	2	Sandy Bend	Castle Rock	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				Castle Rock School District
				Fire District 6
				Cemetery District 1
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 2
68	1	Scenic	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Beacon Hill Sewer District
				Rural Library District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
69	1	Silver Lake	Toutle	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				Toutle Lake School District
				Fire District 3
				Cemetery District 3
				Emergency Medical District 3
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3

				Port of Longview District 2
69	2	Silver Lake	Toutle	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				Toutle Lake School District
				Fire District 6
				Cemetery District 3
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 2
70	1	Sparks	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Beacon Hill Sewer District
				Rural Library District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 2
				Lexington Flood Control Zone District
71	1	St. Helens	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
71	2	St. Helens	Longview	3rd Congressional District

				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 1
72	1	Stella	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				Longview School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Rural Library District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 1
72	2	Stella	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				Longview School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Cemetery District 7
				Rural Library District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 1
73	1	Sunset	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				Longview School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue

				Rural Library District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 1
73	2	Sunset	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 1
74	1	Taylor	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
75	1	Toutle	Toutle	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				Toutle Lake School District
				Fire District 3
				Cemetery District 3
				Emergency Medical District 3
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 2
75	2	Toutle	Toutle	3rd Congressional District

				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				Toutle Lake School District
				Fire District 3
				Cemetery District 1
				Emergency Medical District 3
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 2
76	1	Tower	Castle Rock	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				Castle Rock School District
				Fire District 6
				Cemetery District 1
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 2
77	1	Tunstall	Kalama	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Kalama School District
				Fire District 5
				Cemetery District 6
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Kalama District 3
77	2	Tunstall	Kalama	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Kalama School District

				Fire District 5
				Cemetery District 5
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Kalama District 3
77	3	Tunstall	Kalama	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Kalama School District
				Fire District 5
				Cemetery District 6
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Longview District 2
78	1	Twenty Fourth Avenue	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
79	1	View	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				Longview School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Rural Library District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 1

80	1	Vincent	Kalama	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Kalama School District
				Fire District 5
				Cemetery District 5
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Kalama District 2
81	1	Vision	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Cemetery District 6
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Longview District 2
82	1	Walker	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Cemetery District 6
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Longview District 2
83	1	Wallace	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				City Of Kelso

				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Longview District 2
84	1	Washington Way	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
85	1	West Kelso	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				City Of Kelso
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 3
85	2	West Kelso	Kelso	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 2
				City Of Kelso
				Kelso School District
				Cowlitz 2 Fire And Rescue
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #2
				Port of Longview District 2

86	1	Windemere	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				City Of Longview
				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 1
87	1	Woodage	Woodland	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Woodland School District
				Fire District 1
				Cemetery District 2
				Woodland Recreation District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Woodland District 1
88	1	Woodland Heights	Woodland	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Woodland School District
				Fire District 1
				Cemetery District 2
				Woodland Recreation District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Woodland District 3
89	1	Woodland North	Woodland	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1

				City Of Woodland
				Woodland School District
				Cemetery District 2
				Woodland Recreation District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Woodland District 1
90	1	Woodland South	Woodland	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				City Of Woodland
				Woodland School District
				Cemetery District 2
				Woodland Recreation District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Woodland District 1
90	2	Woodland South	Woodland	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				City Of Woodland
				Woodland School District
				Cemetery District 2
				Woodland Recreation District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Woodland District 2
91	1	Woodthrush	Longview	3rd Congressional District
				19th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 3
				City Of Longview

				Longview School District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #3
				Port of Longview District 1
92	1	Yale	Yale	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Woodland School District
				Fire District 7
				Cemetery District 2
				Emergency Medical District 1
				Woodland Recreation District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Woodland District 3
92	2	Yale	Yale	3rd Congressional District
				18th Legislative District
				Commissioner District 1
				Woodland School District
				Fire District 7
				Cemetery District 2
				Emergency Medical District 1
				Woodland Recreation District
				Public Utility Dist., Comm #1
				Port of Kalama District 3

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Attachment K / Significant Web Sites

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www.CowlitzRepublicans.com

Republican Organizations

<http://gop.com> National Republican Committee

<http://wsrp.org> Washington State Republican Party

<http://www.nfrw.org> National Republican Women

<http://wcrf.us> Washington College Republican

<http://yrnf.com> National Young Republicans

<http://washingtoneyr.org> Washington Young Republicans

PACs and BLOGs

<http://soundpolitics.com> Sound Politics

<http://effwa.org> Evergreen Freedom Foundation

<http://nwrepublican.blogspot.com> NW Republican

<http://freerepublic.com> Free Republic

<http://gopwing.com> National Federation of Republican Assemblies

<http://americansolutions.com> American Solutions

GOVERNMENT

<http://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us> Cowlitz County

<http://www.secstate.wa.gov> Secretary of State

<http://www.leg.wa.gov> Washington Legislature

ELECTED REPUBLICANS

<http://www1.leg.wa.gov/senate/zarelli> 18th Senator Joseph Zarelli

<http://www1.leg.wa.gov/house/orcutt> 18th Representative Ed Orcutt

<http://houserepublicans.wa.gov/Herrera18th> Representative Jaime Herrera

Attachment L / Boards and Commissions

You may apply for any board or commission by applying online at:

http://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/commissioners/commission_boards/Boards%20&%20Commissioners.htm

The following Boards and Committees are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners unless otherwise noted:

Board of Equalization

Terms are 3 Years - Expire in January - Meet during July, August, September, October, November and December

Hears property tax appeals and complaints regarding Assessor's determination of property value. Should be knowledgeable about property values. RCW 84.48.010

Boundary Review Board

Terms are 4 Years - Expire in January - Meet as needed

Reviews, upon request, (RCW 36.93.100) and makes decisions concerning boundary changes, including annexation, specific water sewer extensions, incorporations, dissolutions and disincorporations of jurisdictions and creations, partial mergers and consolidations of special purpose districts (RCW 36.93).

Civil Service Commission for Sheriff's Department

Terms are 6 Years - Expire in December - Meet Last Wednesday 7:30 P.M.

A quasi-judicial position. Sets rules and regulations for examinations, gives tests and certifies eligibility lists. Keeps records. Makes sure Sheriff's Dept. has sound personnel practices. Hears and determines appeals of complaints. RCW 41.14.060

Developmental Disabilities Board

Terms are 3 Years - Expire in December - Meet 3 times per year

Advises on matters pertaining to the needs to persons who have developmental disabilities and review, evaluate needs, services, and facilities for these persons.

Fair Board

Terms are 4 Years - Expire in October - Meet 1st Monday 7:30 P.M. Responsible for making recommendations for the general development, production and operation of the fair.

Food Advisory Committee

Terms are 3 Years - Expire In December - Meet Quarterly, 2nd Wednesday 1:30 P.M.

Advises on matters pertaining to developing and sustaining a pro-active food advisory committee to promote and protect the health, safety, and well-being of the public and prevent the spread of disease by food.

Mosquito Control District**Terms are 2 years - Expire in February - Meet 2 to 4 times per year**

Operates, maintains, and supervises the services and facilities necessary to control mosquito populations. RCW 17.28.160

Noxious Weed Control Board**Terms are 4 Years - Expire in February - Meet 3rd Thursday 7:00 P.M.**

Assists in educating the public concerning all types of control of noxious weeds. Applications must have some knowledge of noxious weeds. RCW 17.10

Open Space Advisory Committee**No Term Length - Meet once a year at call of the Assessor**

Represents the active farming community to serve in an advisory capacity to the Assessor in implementing assessment guidelines as established by the Department of Revenue for the assessment of open space, farms and agricultural lands, and timer lands classified. RCW 84.34.145

Park & Recreation Advisory Board**Terms are 6 Years - Expire in June - Meet 2nd Tuesday 5:30 p.m.**

Advises on acquisition, improvement and maintenance of county parks, playgrounds and facilities.

Planning Commission**Terms are 4 Years - Expire in January - Meet 3rd Wednesday 7:30 P.M.**

Reviews land use related applications for development in unincorporated areas of the county.

Public Facilities District Board**Terms are 4 Years - Expire in February - Meet 2nd Wednesday 3:00 P.M. at Regional Conference Center**

To govern the Cowlitz County Public Facilities District which will promote the best interest of the citizens of the county by facilitating the potential future development of sports facilities, entertainment facilities, convention facilities, or regional centers. RCW 36.100.010

Public Health Advisory Committee**Terms are 3 Years - Expire December - Meet 5 times a year**

Represents broad public, community and environmental health interests within the county. The Committee is advisory regarding public health related needs and issues, mandated programs, and community collaboration.

Regional Support Network Advisory Board**Terms are 3 Years - Expire in December - Meet 2nd Wednesday 3:30 P.M.**

Reviews and provides recommendations on mental health plans, policies, and programs to ensure all services are complementary and provided in an effective and efficient manner.

Rodeo Board**Terms are 4 Years - Expire October - Meet 4th Tuesday 7:00 P.M.**

Responsible for making recommendations for the general development, production and operation of the rodeo which takes place during the annual fair.

Rural Partial-County Library District Board of Trustees**Terms are 5 Years - Expire in December - Can Serve No More than Two Consecutive Terms**

West Longview, Lexington, Columbia Heights area. Manage and control the district and finances, submit a budget annually and set the tax levy. Applicants must reside in the district.

Solid Waste Advisory Committee**Terms are 2 Years - Expire in March - Meet 2 - 4 times a year.**

Assists in the development of solid waste handling programs and policies, review and comment on proposed rules, policies or ordinances prior to adoption. RCW 70.95

Substance Abuse Advisory Committee**Terms are 3 Years - Expire in December - Meet 1st Wednesday at 4:00 P.M.**

Advises on matters pertaining to the needs of persons who have alcohol or other drug abuse problems and the needs of the community for substance abuse prevention programs.

Yale Valley Library District Trustee**Terms are 5 Years - Can serve no more than two consecutive terms.**

Manage and control the district and finances, submit a budget annually and set the tax levy. Applicants must reside in the district.

Veterans Advisory Board**Terms are 4 Years - Expire in October - Meet Quarterly**

Advises the Board of Commissioners on the needs, the resources available, and programs that could benefit the needs of local indigent veterans and their families. Only veterans are eligible to serve as board members and should belong to a nationally recognized veteran service organization.

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