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**For Lincoln County** 

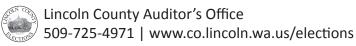


2022

Your ballot will be mailed by Oct. 19

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## **Ballot Drop Box Locations:**

### Lincoln County Courthouse 450 Logan St., Davenport

2	Harrington City Hall
	11 S. Third St., Harrington

\* Nov. 8, 2022 is Election Day. Ballots must be returned or postmarked no later than Nov. 8.

### **2022 Deadlines**

Ballots mailed to voters by:	Oct. 19
Logic and Accuracy Test	Oct. 4
Register by mail, received by:	Oct. 31
Register online by:	Oct. 31
Register in person by:	Nov. 8
General Election Day:	Nov. 8

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#### **Public Disclosure Commission**

www.pdc.wa.gov Toll-Free 877-601-2828



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## **Elections Department Contact Information**

Voter registration, ballot requests, ballot processing, and accessible voting:

450 Logan St./PO Box 28 Davenport, Wash.

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., open until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Contact:

Phone: 509-725-4971

Email: elections@co.lincoln.wa.us Website: www.co.lincoln.wa.us/elections







J Scott Liebing
(Prefers Republican-GOP Party)

**Elected Experience** 

Scott has had the honor and privilege of serving as Lincoln County Assessor since 2018.

**Other Professional Experience** 

Scott has been with the Lincoln County Assessor's Office since July of 2006; Scott received and has maintained his Assessment Accreditation since April of 2007.

Education

No Information Submitted

**Community Service** 

Prior to serving as Lincoln County Assessor, Scott served as a councilman for the City of Davenport for 8 years.

Statement

Scott has lived in Lincoln County since 1978, he and his wife were fortunate to have raised their four daughters in the same great community.

For more information

(509) 850-0369 Mr.Liebing@gmail.com

# **Lincoln County Auditor**



## **Chandra Schumacher**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience** 

First political campaign

**Other Professional Experience** 

Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in October 2001, 10 years as the Chief Budget Officer for Eastern Washington University Foundation, Chief Financial Officer for Odessa Union Grain Growers and part of

the development of AgVentures Northwest.

#### **Education**

B.A in Professional Accounting, Eastern Washington University; Cumma Sume Laude, August 2000, Harrington High School, Diploma

#### **Community Service**

Innovia Foundation Finance Committee Member, Harrington Golf and Country Club Volunteer, Volunteer for Davenport School various sports events

#### Statement

Service Leadership.

I am honored and humbled to be the current Auditor of Lincoln County. I will fight for fairness and integrity in all areas of my job, including elections. Every vote is important, it's your voice on paper. Together we can make a difference.

I grew up on Larmer Farms, a fourth-generation farm established in 1932. I learned young to work hard, help those around you and try to make a difference everyday no matter how small. After graduating college from EWU and starting my career as a CPA at Clark Nuber in Bellevue. My husband Jason and I decided to move to Odessa to build our family. We are now located in our forever home in Harrington with our son Maddox who loves sports and school.

I am excited for this opportunity and to strengthen my service leadership skills with active listening, an open-door policy and knowing this position is not about me but about each individual residing in Lincoln County.

Vote Chandra Schumacher for Lincoln County Auditor.

For more information

(509) 988-3110 Schujune@gmail.com

# **Lincoln County Clerk**



**Traci A. Gants** 

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience** 

No Information Submitted

**Other Professional Experience** 

No Information Submitted

**Education** 

No Information Submitted

#### **Community Service**

No Information Submitted

#### Statement

I am so honored to have the opportunity to serve you, Lincoln County citizens, as your next county clerk. My family has lived in Lincoln County since my great-great grandparents settled here and it is my home! I graduated from Davenport High School in 2002, and I graduated summa cum laude from Eastern Washington University in 2006. I started working as a deputy clerk in the Lincoln County Clerk's Office fresh out of college and I have been there for 16 years and counting. The county clerk is the record keeper and financial officer of the Superior Court, and the office requires accuracy and knowledge of what the law requires. I have benefitted from 16 years of experience and I am now ready to lead the office as clerk to maintain the trusted reputation of the Lincoln County Clerk's Office. Thank you for your vote and support!

#### For more information

No information submitted

# **Lincoln County Prosecuting Attorney**



## Adam A. Walser

(Prefers Republican Party)

#### **Elected Experience**

Adam has served as Lincoln County Prosecuting Attorney since January of 2021.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Adam served as Lincoln County Deputy Prosecutor, since 2016 where he prosecuted felony and misdemeanor crimes. Adam has represented Lincoln

County before the Washington Appellate Courts and the Washington State Supreme Court. Adam was a prosecutor in the United States Marine Corps from 2011 - 2015. Adam currently serves in the United States Navy Reserves, and holds the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

#### **Education**

Bachelors - Computer Information Systems, Eastern Washington University, 2007.

Juris Doctor - University of San Diego School of Law, 2011.

#### **Community Service**

No Information Submitted

#### Statement

It has been my honor to serve as your County Prosecuting Attorney. I returned to Lincoln County, the community in which I was raised, so that my children might have the same childhood experience I was so fortunate to receive.

Over the past two years we have seen an unprecedented attempt to undermine the values we hold dear, to undermine our duly appointed law enforcement officers and to decriminalize unquestionably destructive and harmful behaviors. A primary focus of mine has been ensuring our county retains the culture, values and way of life that make it unique. As prosecuting attorney, my primary responsibility is to ensure the effective prosecution of crimes committed within the borders of Lincoln County. Additionally, I seek to safeguard Lincoln County by defending it from the many destructive edicts passed down by those living outside our county.

I thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve the citizens of Lincoln County.

#### For more information

No information submitted

# **Lincoln County Sheriff**



## **Gabe Gants**

(Prefers Republican Party)

#### **Elected Experience**

Former Davenport City Council member

Former Davenport School Board Director

#### Other Professional Experience

Communications/Corrections Deputy, 911 public education coordinator, school resource officer, patrol dep-

uty, forensic child interviewer, marine patrol captain, field training officer, and patrol sergeant for Lincoln County Sheriff's Office

#### Education

2000 Graduate of Davenport High School

2004 Graduate of Eastern Washington University BAE Secondary Education with endorsements in social studies/history (magna cum laude)

#### **Community Service**

Lincoln County Historical Society board member, museum volunteer, former Lincoln County Drug and Alcohol board member and meth action team member, former Booster Club member and assistant coach in football, tennis, baseball, and track

#### Statement

I am excited to have the opportunity to continue serving Lincoln County as your next sheriff. I was raised in Lincoln County and have worked for Lincoln County Sheriff's Office for 18 years. During this time, I have served in all facets of the operation to include 911 dispatcher, corrections deputy, school resource officer, patrol deputy, and patrol sergeant along with numerous specialty positions. I am a conservative, community service orientated, and believe in the golden rule. I also believe local experience is what Lincoln County needs for this office. Someone who not only has a record of serving you, but also understands our culture, community values, and our high quality of life that is second to none.

The Washington State Constitution defines the sheriff as the chief executive officer and conservator of the peace of the county. I believe the sheriff's job is not only to serve and protect their people and property, but to also ensure our citizens individual liberties are not infringed upon. As your sheriff, you have my pledge that I will take the responsibility to assure our county is safe and secure, and that your rights will be protected!

#### For more information

votegants@gmail.com www.gantsforsheriff.com



## **Brian K. Telford**

(Prefers Republican Party)

#### **Elected Experience**

No Information Submitted

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office 2002 to 2020 (Retired) Deputy Sheriff-Davenport Detachment. (5 Years)

Chief Criminal Deputy: 13 years

Supervised Sergeants, Detective, Deputies and Reserves.

Certificates: First Level Supervision, Mid-Level Supervision, Emergency Management IS 700 and NIMS Intro, FEMA IS 195 and ICS 300 +

Whatcom County Corrections Officer, 2000-2002.

#### **Education**

Davenport HS Graduate, US Army MP, COT Institute, Correction Officer Academy and Basic Law Enforcement Academy.

#### **Community Service**

Past Lions Club Member, Past Davenport Head Track Coach, Past Assistant Track Coach, Current Head XC Coach, Past Assistant XC Coach, Little Dribblers Coach, Little League Coach and Little League Equipment Manager.

#### **Statement**

Lincoln County is the best place to live and raise a family, lets keep it that way!

Sheriff John Coley hired me in 2002 as a Deputy Sheriff. I worked in the Davenport Detachment for 5 years. I was appointed to Chief Criminal Deputy position by Sheriff Wade Magers. This position I held for 13 years until my retirement in 2020.

As the Chief Criminal Deputy, I had many responsibilities as a supervisor that included day to day operations for Deputies, Sergeants, and Detectives.

I investigated major and minor crimes, I worked days and nights putting cases together to give the victims a sense of relief. I worked side by side with the Deputies, Sergeants, and Detectives on many of these investigations to solve cases.

Fiscal responsibility of the Sheriff's Office budget rests solely on the sitting Sheriff. The Sheriff is responsible for the management of the Sheriff's Office and the Lincoln County Jail budget. Forecasting the current budget for unseen events and budgeting in these ever-changing economic times is fiscally important to all the citizens of Lincoln County.

Preservation of your US Constitutional Rights is imperative and the utmost responsibility of the sitting Sheriff!

#### For more information

electtelford@gmail.com

# **Lincoln County Treasurer**



## **Emily Lybbert Hansen**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience** 

No prior elected experience.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Revenue & Tax Collection, Debt Management, Banking/Investment Deputy Treasurer, Lincoln

County, WA; Accounts Payable Clerk/Purchasing Coordinator, Salt Lake County Fleet Management; Accounts Receivable Clerk, Jordan School District, UT; Owner/Operator, Grocery Outlet, Fremont, CA

#### **Education**

Salutatorian, Warden HS; Associate degree, Ricks College; Bachelor's degree, University of Utah; Certified Quickbooks Proadvisor; Salt Lake County certified Bookkeeping/Accounting clerk.

#### **Community Service**

President, church-affiliated children's organization, Spokane West Area; Secretary, LC1254-CH, Davenport; Cast Member in "Annie" and "Nunsense", Davenport Theatrical; President, Music for Minors II, Fremont, CA; Community Liaison, Chamber of Commerce, Fremont, CA; Volunteer, LDS Hospital, Salt Lake City; Warden Jr. Miss 1986.

## **Brad Sweet**

No Photo Submitted (Prefers Republican Party)
No information submitted

For more information

(509) 994-5193

vote4sweet@gmail.com

#### Statement

It has been my honor to serve Lincoln County for the past 10 years as Deputy Treasurer. My prior experience includes 10 years of government accounting employed as an accounts receivable clerk for Salt Lake County Fleet Management and an accounts payable clerk at Jordan School District in Utah. I deeply appreciate the importance of accountability, proficiency, reliability, integrity and efficiency when acting as custodian of public funds and always approach this duty with commitment and regard for the public trust. I am proud of my contributions to the Treasurer's office since being employed in 2012. I worked hard to upgrade the office from handwritten ledger account books to a full implementation of Quickbooks to more efficiently and accurately manage the office's many financial accounts. My work ethic comes from my farm upbringing right here in Eastern Washington where I learned to be resilient, resourceful, responsible and respectful – qualities that continue to serve me well in my professional and personal life. My husband of 33 years and I have three wonderful children with awesome spouses and five beautiful grandchildren who I love and adore. I ask for your vote as Lincoln County Treasurer-a trust I pledge to honor.

#### For more information

(509) 316-6762

emily4lctreasurer@gmail.com

FB: Emily Lybbert Hansen for Lincoln County Treasurer

# Lincoln County Commissioner District No. 3



**Other Professional Experience** 

Welding/Fabrication Company

State Contracted Liquor Sales

Sanitation Company

Firearm Sales

Real Estate Firm

Licensed Realtor

Current Chairman

15 years in the agriculture industry

26 years owning/operating small businesses

County Road Administration Board 2013-present,

Palouse-Coulee City Rail Authority Board 2011-

## **Rob Coffman**

(Prefers Republican Party)

#### **Elected Experience**

Wilbur Town Council 1996 Lincoln County Commissioner 2010, 2014, 2018 Aging & Adult Care Board 2011- present
Champion of Freedom Award Washington Policy
Center
KEY Award Coalition for Open Government

#### **Education**

1983 Graduate Wilbur High School

#### **Community Service**

34 years Lions Club, Past President
22 years Wilbur Fire Department, Past Asst. Chief
Certified Advanced EMT
Past Wilbur Hearings Examiner
Past Wilbur Planning Commission

#### Statement

I was born and raised in Lincoln County and married to my high school sweetheart, Shara, for 39 years. 2 children, Lindsay, 36 and Trey, 28. 1 grandson, Ripp, 3 months.

Serving the people of Lincoln County has been one

of the most rewarding experiences of my life!

It is increasingly difficult for small counties in this state to just provide essential services. With inflation continuing to spiral out of control and more unfunded mandates coming from Olympia, Lincoln County needs people with a proven track record of navigating difficult financial storms.

I am a firm believer that the Constitution is the Supreme Law of the Land and that the government's basic role is to protect and maintain individual rights. Especially, the 2nd Amendment. I will continue to oppose all unconstitutional laws and mandates that undermine our freedom and liberty.

With your continued trust and support, I will remain committed to serving the people of Lincoln County with Honesty, Integrity and Transparency.

#### For more information

(509) 641-0099 coffmans@centurytel.net www.RobCoffman.com



## **Jason Debord**

(Prefers Republican Party)

#### **Elected Experience**

None

#### **Other Professional Experience**

I am fiscally responsible for and manage multi-million dollar projects within a corporation for over two decades. Ability to interpret State and Federal codes and regulations.

#### **Education**

Creston High School. 06 Washington State Electrical Administrator. 06 Washington State Journeyman Electrician. Idaho Limited Energy Electrician. Passed a Business and Law exam for my Idaho Limited Energy Contractors license for Huppins.

#### **Community Service**

Creston Volunteer Fire Department since 2005 and am currently the Assistant Fire Chief. Hunter Education Instructor since 2008. Town of Creston EMT since 2019. Volunteer for the local Net Pens on Lake Roosevelt. Member of Sonrise

Foursquare Church in Wilbur WA.

#### **Statement**

My Family has been in Lincoln County since the late 1800's and am an active member of the community and care about the constituents I will serve. I was born and raised in Creston and have a deep understanding of Lincoln County and am an avid supporter of the Constitution and our Second Amendment rights. I am running for Commissioner of District 3 because I would like to remove the politics and do what is best for all of Lincoln County.

My priority is for the residents of my district and how we can maintain our way of life as a small farming community but not to be closed minded as accepting new ideas, which in turn will provide more options to keep our youth here at home and keep our traditions alive.

As one of the largest tax bases within the county, with the least amount of services, I would like to see a fair and equitable allocation of funds dedicated for District 3 for infrastructure projects to be followed through to completion. I will collaborate with citizens to support infrastructure projects that make sense.

#### For more information

(509) 370-1846

jasondebord77@gmail.com

# **Lincoln County District Court Judge**



Dan B. Johnson

Nonpartisan

#### Legal/Judicial Experience

Judge Johnson have been the District Court Judge since July 1st, 2015 and also serves as the Elected Pro Tem Judge in Superior Court. He has practiced Criminal and Civil law since becoming a member of the Bar in 1980.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

No Information Submitted

#### **Education**

- J. D. Cum Laude- Gonzaga University
- B.S. Business Administration, University of Minnesota

#### **Community Service**

Judge Johnson was honored by his peers at the District and Municipal Court Judge's Association, by being twice elected to represent the organization on the Board of Judicial Administration, a statewide Board of Judges from all Court levels, where he currently continues to serve.

#### Statement

I have been honored to be your District Court Judge and look forward to serving in that capacity for the next four years. Your confidence in me is appreciated and I will continue to serve to the best of my ability and remain fair, firm, and diligent in my duties.

#### For more information

(509) 993-5595 danbjohnsonlaw@gmail.com

# **Public Utility District No. 1**

## Commissioner No. 2

No Photo Submitted

### **Garry Rosman**

No Information Submitted

## Commissioner No. 3

No Photo Submitted

## **Seth Coffman**

No Information Submitted

## Reardan-Edwall School District No. 9 **Proposition No. 1**

#### Capital Levy for Health, Safety, and Infrastructure Improvements

The Board of Directors of Reardan-Edwall School District No. 9 adopted Resolution No. 16-2021/22, concerning a proposition for a levy for capital improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, to make District-wide health, safety, and infrastructure improvements (replacing football/soccer lighting; constructing transportation facility; renovating track, tennis courts; converting existing building into wrestling room; constructing fieldhouse):

	Estimated Levy	
	Rate/\$1,000	
Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$0.95	\$766,321
2024	\$0.95	\$800,805
2025	\$0.95	\$836,842
2026	\$0.95	\$874,500
2027	\$0.95	\$913,852

all as provided in Resolution No. 16-2021/22. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY...YES LEVY...NO

> **REARDAN-EDWALL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9** LINCOLN AND SPOKANE COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

#### PROPOSITION NO. 1 – CAPITAL LEVY FOR HEALTH, SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of taxes over a five-year period to pay for District-wide health, safety and infrastructure improvements, including: (1) replacing football/soccer field lighting (which may include reimbursement of the District's General Fund for expenditures made to replace such lighting prior to voter approval of this proposition); (2) constructing a transportation maintenance cooperative facility; (3) renovating existing track with rubberized surface; (4) converting existing transportation building into wrestling room; (5) constructing a multipurpose fieldhouse; and (6) renovating tennis courts. With passage of this proposition, the District anticipates receiving approximately \$2,480,000 in State construction financing assistance to help complete these projects. Further information is available at the District's website https://www.reardan.net/en-US.

The proposed five-year capital levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$766,321 in 2023, \$800,805 in 2024, \$836,842 in 2025, \$874,500 in 2026, and \$913,852 in 2027. The tax levy rate is estimated to be \$0.95 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or \$23.75 per month for a \$300,000 home. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Lincoln County Assessor at (509)596-1454 or the Spokane County Assessor at (509) 477-3698.

#### REARDAN EDWALL SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL LEVY

We write in support of the RESD Capital Levy to provide for the safety and increased opportunities for our students, community members, and student-athletes.

The largest portion of this levy will fund the construction of a Transportation Cooperative Facility. Up to 90% of this project is set to be matched by the state and is made more efficient by cooperation with partnering district(s). This provides the space and equipment needed to more efficiently maintain and repair our school bus fleet, ultimately saving taxpayer money and ensuring for safe transportation of our students and that the buses on the road are in optimum condition.

The additional athletic facility upgrades, many of which long overdue, ensures for student safety, while providing competitive and recreational opportunities for both the student-athletes as well as the community members of the district. Currently, the district cannot host track and field events, and our tennis team must be transported out of district even for practice. This levy keeps our students within the community for these activities and will be multifunctional for community use as well.

The support of the community that this district serves is vital to ensure that our students receive all the opportunities possible to grow into citizens who will in turn contribute to our community and society. To prepare for further growth within the district, passing this levy is crucial.

We thank you for your support!

Committee Members: Geoff Schulz and Ian Wagner 509-796-2575

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# Fire Protection District No. 1 Proposition No. 1

Special Election for Regular Property Tax Levy for Provision of Emergency Services allowed by RCW 84.52.069

"Shall the Lincoln County Fire Protection District No. 1, Lincoln County, Washington be authorized to impose regular property tax levies of fifty cents (\$.50) per thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years, beginning in 2023, for "Emergency Medical Care and Services?"

Levy YES Levy NO

# Fire Protection District No. 7 Proposition No. 1

#### Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services

The Board of Lincoln County Fire Protection District No. 7 adopted Resolution No. 2022-02 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations. This proposition authorizes the District to establish its 2022 property tax levy at \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation (collected in 2023) and authorizes annual adjustments for the succeeding years based on the greater of one percent or the 12-month West Region CPI-U reported in June of each levy year, subject to statutory limits. The maximum allowable levy in 2027 (collected in 2028) shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations.

Should this proposition be:

Approved Rejected

# Grand Coulee Dam School District No. 301J Proposition No. 1

#### **Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy**

The Board of Directors of Grand Coulee Dam School District No. 301J adopted Resolution No. 21/22-06, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State:

	Estimated Levy	
	Rate/\$1000	
Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$2.00	\$721,419
2024	\$2.00	\$775,525
2025	\$2.00	\$814,302

all as provided in Resolution No. 21/22-06 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY...YES LEVY...NO

## GRAND COULEE DAM SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 301J

GRANT, DOUGLAS, LINCOLN AND OKANOGAN COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

#### PROPOSITION NO. 1 - REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Grand Coulee Dam School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2022. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operation not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, teachers, nurses, special education, athletics, advanced courses, extracurricular activities, transportation, food service, and building maintenance. Further information is available at https://www.gcdsd.org/.

The proposed replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$721,419 in 2023, \$775,525 in 2024, and \$814,302 in 2025. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$2.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact tax levy rate and amount to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners, call the Grant County Assessor at (509)754-2011 ext. 2672, Douglas County Assessor (509)745-8521, Lincoln County Assessor (509)596-1454 or Okanogan County Assessor (509)422-7190.

# **Elections and Voter Registration**

# How do I register to vote in Washington?

#### **Qualifications:**

You must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, a resident of Washington, and not under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington felony conviction. 16- and 17-year-olds can sign up as Future Voters and will be registered to vote when they turn 18.

#### **Registration deadlines:**

By mail or online: Your application must be received no later than Oct. 31.

In person: Lincoln County Elections Department, 450 Logan St in Davenport, no later than 8 p.m. on Nov. 8.

#### How do I register to vote?

Online: Register at VoteWA.gov

**By mail:** Request a paper form be mailed to you by calling (509) 725-4971 or print your own at sos.wa.gov/elections.

**In person:** Visit the elections department at 450 Logan St, Davenport.

Moved? Update your voting address. Contact the elections department to request a ballot at your new address.

**By Oct. 31:** Have your application received by mail or updated online.

**Or By Nov. 8:** Visit the elections department in person at 450 Logan St, Davenport.

## **#Future Voter**

#### What if I'm not 18 yet?

**If you are 16 or 17, become a Future Voter!** 16- and 17-year-olds can use the Voter Registration form to sign up as Future Voters and be automatically registered to vote when they turn 18.

## **Elections and Voter Registration**

- Your ballot will be mailed no later than **October 19** to the address you provide in your voter registration. If you need a replacement ballot, contact the Lincoln County Elections Department.
- Vote your ballot and sign your return envelope. You are not required to vote every race on your ballot. We encourage using this pamphlet to help you decide.
- Return your ballot by mail, no stamp needed. If mailed, your ballot must be postmarked by November 8. A late postmark could disqualify your ballot. The USPS recommends that you mail a week before Election Day.

Or

Return your ballot to an official ballot drop box, no stamp needed. Drop boxes are open until 8pm on November 8. Find drop box locations at VoteWA.gov.

If you cannot personally return your ballot, let only people you trust deliver it for you.

Check the status of your ballot on **VoteWA.gov** to see if it has been received by Lincoln County elections.

Election staff will contact you before your ballot is processed if:

- · Your signature is missing
- Your signature doesn't match your voter registration record

#### View election results online

After 8 p.m. on election night, tallied results from each county are posted at sos.wa.gov/elections. Results are updated as counties report and unofficial until certification.

# How is my ballot counted?

#### Lincoln County receives your ballot

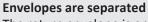
Deposit your ballot in an official drop box by 8 p.m. on **November 8, Election Day,** or return your ballot by mail postage paid — but make sure it's postmarked no later than Election Day! A late postmark could disqualify your ballot. The USPS recommends that you mail your ballot a week before Election Day.



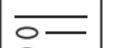


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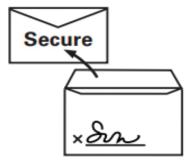
The return envelope is opened and the security envelope containing your ballot is removed. They are separated to ensure the secrecy of your vote.



# Your signature is verified

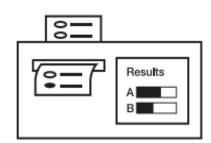
The signature on your return envelope is compared to the signature on your voter registration record. If the signature matches, your ballot is accepted and you are credited for voting to ensure only one ballot is counted for you.

Box



#### Your ballot is reviewed and scanned

The security envelope is opened and election staff review your ballot to verify that it can be successfully scanned.



#### Your ballot is counted

After 8 p.m. on Election Day all scanned ballots are tallied. Ballots will be scanned and tallied over the next several days until all the votes are counted.

