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# August 1, 2023 Primary Election

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# Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

## For Lincoln County



# 2023

**Your ballot will be mailed by July 12**

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## Ballot Drop Box Locations:

- 1** Lincoln County Courthouse  
450 Logan St., Davenport
- 2** Harrington City Hall  
11 S. Third St., Harrington

***\* August 1, 2023 is Election Day. Ballots must be returned or postmarked no later than August 1.***

## 2023 Deadlines

- Ballots mailed to voters by: .....July 12
- Register by mail, received by: .....July 24
- Register online by: .....July 24
- Register in person by: ..... August 1, 8 p.m.
- Election Day: ..... August 1

### Who donates to campaigns?

View financial contributions for candidates and measures:

### 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. - 3:00 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

 **Candidate statements are printed exactly as submitted. The Elections Department does not make corrections of any kind or verify statements for truth or fact.**

# LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT NO. 1

## Jo M Gilchrist



**(Prefers Republican Party)**

### Elected Experience

Lincoln County Commissioner  
– District 1 Appointed 2023

### Other Professional Experience

Employed by Lincoln County  
since 1999

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office – Dispatch/Corrections Deputy

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office - 911 Coordinator  
- 2008-2022

Owner/Operator of two small businesses

Columbia River Policy Advisory Group

Rural Resources Community Action Governing Board

Columbia Basin Sustainable Water Coalition

### Education

1989 Christian Heritage School – Edwall, WA  
1993 Washington State University – B.S. Animal Science

### Community Service

Supporter of our local schools, programs, sports, 4-H and FFA.

### Statement

I was raised outside of Harrington on my family's dryland wheat farm, which is still being farmed by my parents and my youngest brother, who is a 3rd generation farmer. I am married, have two children and two grandchildren. I am a Lincoln County land owner, attended school and raised my two children in Lincoln County, and I have

seen them thrive as a result of growing up in rural Lincoln County. I have been employed by Lincoln County for nearly 24 years in the public safety sector. It is my desire to continue to serve Lincoln County. I am a conservative Republican with strong core values. These conservative values guide me and are the backbone of my decision making. I will strive to keep our communities safe, protect our individual rights, and maintain the high standards we expect from public roads, public health and public safety. I have a heart for serving the public and will be a champion for those I serve!

### For more information

(509) 721-0827

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# CITY OF HARRINGTON - COUNCILMAN NO. 5

## Steven R. Wright

Nonpartisan

No Statement Submitted

## Gavin Wagner

Nonpartisan

No Statement Submitted

## Kelly A Foreman

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

No prior elected office



### Other Professional Experience

For the last 18 years I have been with Engie Impact, a Sustainability, Energy and Expense management company.

### Education

University of Washington (1987-1989)

Eastern Washington University (1989-1991)

### Community Service

Habitat for Humanity

Harrington Foodbank

Washington State Quilters Guild (quilting bee chair)

### Statement

I have strong analytical and problem-solving skills; accountability and attention to detail are a major part of my process. I believe in fiscal responsibility. I am dependable and work well in collaborative efforts. I would love to be involved with helping my community navigate the future.

### For more information

foremanforharrington@gmail.com

# CITY OF SPRAGUE - COUNCILMAN NO. 5

**Jeffrey Smith**

Nonpartisan

No Statement Submitted

**Trace De Garmo**

Nonpartisan

No Statement Submitted

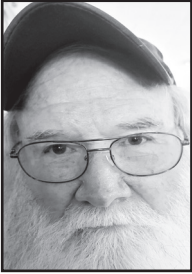
**RonDel Krauter**

Nonpartisan

No Statement Submitted

# TOWN OF ODESSA - COUNCILMAN NO. 5

## Michael Igo



### Nonpartisan

#### Elected Experience

High School In Volved with Elected class offices and congress & in 1980 was Elected student body council at big bend collage.

#### Other Professional Experience

Worked for a lot of campaigns long side tom dent & congressman doc hastings

& us representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers.

### Education

High School Graduate 1972.Us Navy from 1972 to 1973.Law Enforcement collage from 1974 to 1975.Big Bend collage Political Science from 1980 to 1981

### Community Service

Volunteered work for Republican Tea Party & Cathy McMorris Rodgers

### Statement

No Information Submitted

### For more information

(509) 988-3154  
stratton3679@gmail.com

## Laura Caler



### Nonpartisan

#### Elected Experience

I honestly do not have any; however, I am perceptive, fair, approachable, and analytical.

#### Other Professional Experience

I have been an Educator for over 20 years with a 4-year break as a stay-at-home mom.

### Education

I was born and raised in Spokane, Washington. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in English and a Master's Degree in Curriculum.

### Community Service

I am an active part of our community; I volunteer during fundraisers and local events, support our economy by shopping locally, join in some recreational activities such as golf, and fun runs. I also help during FBLA and FFA fundraisers and support our local sports and academic teams.

### Statement

I moved to Odessa Washington with my family ten years ago when I accepted the English teaching position at Odessa High School. I have grown to love small-town living and the people who have shared this little oasis with us.

I understand the values and culture that make our small town unique and am confident that my strong leadership skills, intellect, and respect for privacy will be an asset to the council. I am an assertive leader who can make difficult decisions while considering others' opinions. Living and working in our community has taught me how to be a strong advocate for the people who also reside and work in Odessa.

I believe in supporting local businesses and creating an environment where everyone can thrive and hold a strong desire to bring people together and stop division in our community. Working in education for twenty-plus years has taught me to listen to all sides of an issue before making a decision.

If given this opportunity to serve on the city council, I will work extremely hard to excel in the duties of said position. Thank you for your consideration.

**For more information**

## Marlene K Kramer



### Nonpartisan

#### Elected Experience

I have had the privilege to serve two four-year terms as Councilmember here in Odessa.

#### Other Professional Experience

I was employed at local attorney's office, Laurence Libsack here in

Odessa for twenty years.

### Education

I am an Odessa High School graduate and attended two years at Wenatchee Valley Junior College.

### Community Service

I volunteer for Old Town Hall Rejuvenation Society (OTHRs). I am on the Board of Director's for Odessa Historical Society. I've been a volunteer for Deutschesfest since inception in 1971. I handle the community Christmas tree lighting for town every year.

### Statement

I am a life-time resident, born and raised here in Odessa. My family has been here for multiple generations, and I have had the opportunity to raise my family here as well. I have a true love and passion for this community. I believe in a community that comes together for the common good, and works towards a better future for our generations to come.

I am currently on the Town Council and serve on the Fire, Police, Safety, Parks and Recreation (including Parks, Pool, Cemetery), and Social Media Committees. Keeping our community safe, clean, and a desirable place for people to raise their families is very important to me. Most of the residents have deep roots that run multiple generations in this town. Odessa is a beautiful small farming community, a real gem of a place to live and call home.

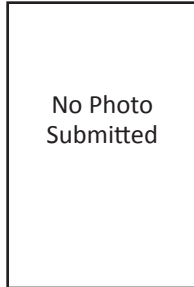
I am hoping to have the opportunity to serve Odessa a third term on Council. My desire for this town is to remain the beautiful Odessa that it has been for years past, present, and future. We really are so very fortunate to live in this wonderful deep rooted German community that we all call home.

### For more information

councilmen5@odessawa.org

# TOWN OF ODESSA - MAYOR

## Bill Crossley



**Nonpartisan**

### **Elected Experience**

I served on the Odessa Chamber board for five years. In 2016, I was elected to the city council, and in 2018, I became the Mayor of Odessa and have served in that position ever since.

### **Other Professional Experience**

I worked 16 years in the public works department for the Town of Odessa. Currently, I am a parts salesman at Odessa Trading Co.

### **Education**

I graduated from Yorktown Heights High School in 1984 and went on to obtain an Automotive Repair degree from UTI in Arizona.

### **Community Service**

Volunteer fireman for 17 years  
First Responder for 10 years  
1997 Deutschesfest Chairman

### **Statement**

Serving as Odessa's mayor for the past 6 years has been an incredible honor. Collaborating with the council, we successfully secured over \$6 million in grants for infrastructure improvements, including the recent Community Center update. Currently, our focus is on obtaining funds to complete road repairs. Managing the budget, overseeing employees, and prioritizing Odessa's well-being have remained my core objectives. Despite the unexpected challenges, I'm grateful for the support of my employer, enabling me to fulfill my responsibilities. Since my arrival in 1991, I've been inspired by the community's caring spirit, mutual support, and dedication to cleanliness. As mayor, my duty is to make decisions that benefit the entire town, even if they're not always popular. With utmost sincerity, I believe I have fulfilled this role and humbly ask for your support in re-electing me as Mayor to continue serving Odessa's well-being.

### **For more information**

billcrossley@hotmail.com

## Jeremy Smith

**Nonpartisan**

**No Statement Submitted**

## Ed Hayden

**Nonpartisan**

**No Statement Submitted**

# 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 July 24.

In person: Lincoln County Elections Department, 450 Logan St in Davenport, no later than 8 p.m. on August 1.

### How do I register to vote?

Online: Register at [VoteWA.gov](http://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](http://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 July 24:** Have your application received by mail or updated online.

**Or By August 1:** 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

**1** Your ballot will be mailed no later than **July 12** to the address you provide in your voter registration. If you need a replacement ballot, contact the Lincoln County Elections Department.

**2** 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.

**3** **Return your ballot by mail, no stamp needed.** If mailed, your ballot must be postmarked by **August 1**. 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 **August 1**. Find drop box locations at [VoteWA.gov](http://VoteWA.gov).

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

**4** Check the status of your ballot on [VoteWA.gov](http://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

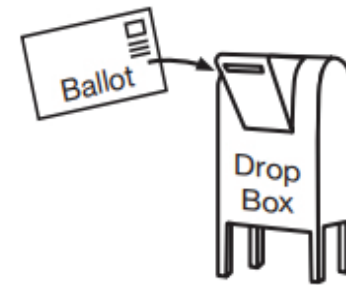
After 8 p.m. on election night, tallied results from each county are posted at [sos.wa.gov/elections](http://sos.wa.gov/elections). Results are updated as counties report and unofficial until certification.

# How is my ballot counted?

1

## Lincoln County receives your ballot

Deposit your ballot in an official drop box **by 8 p.m. on August 1, 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**.



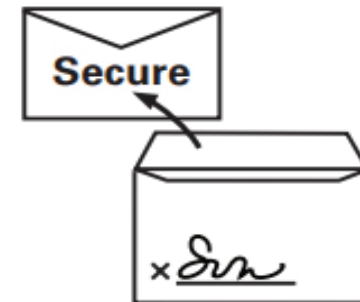
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2

## Your signature is verified

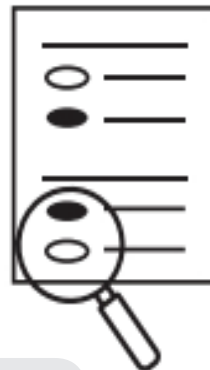
The signature on your return envelope is compared to the signature on your voter registration record. If the signature matches, your ballot is accepted and you are credited for voting to ensure only one ballot is counted for you.



3

## Envelopes are separated

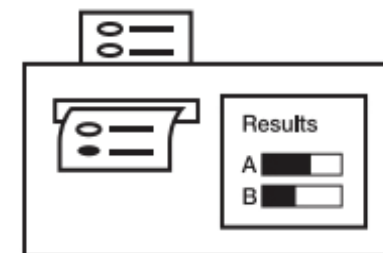
The return envelope is opened and the security envelope containing your ballot is removed. They are separated to ensure the secrecy of your vote.



4

## 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.



5

## 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.