



State Measures - Advisory Votes

Advisory Vote No. 36
Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1477

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, a 988 behavioral health crisis response and suicide prevention tax on telephone lines, costing \$432,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

Repealed
Maintained

Advisory Vote No. 37
Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5096

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, a 7% tax on capital gains in excess of \$250,000, with exceptions, costing \$5,736,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

Repealed
Maintained

Advisory Vote No. 38
Second Substitute Senate Bill 5315

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, a tax on captive insurers in the amount of 2% of premiums from owners/affiliates, costing \$53,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

Repealed
Maintained

Whatcom County

Proposition 2021-13
Percentage of Necessary Signatures for Initiative/Mini Initiative

On May 4, 2021, the Whatcom County Council passed Ordinance 2021-032, which proposed to amend Charter sections 5.40 and 5.41—the percentage of signatures necessary for initiatives and mini-initiatives—subject to a vote of the people. If passed, these amendments would change the number of signatures required for an initiative from at least 8% of Whatcom County votes cast in the last election for governor to at least 8% of votes cast in the last regular county executive election. For a mini-initiative, the number of signatures required would change from at least 3% of Whatcom County votes cast in the last election for governor to 3% of votes cast in the last regular county executive election. Should these amendments be approved?

Yes
No

Whatcom County - Nonpartisan Offices

Council District 1 4 year term, vote for one

Kaylee Galloway
Eddy Ury

Council District 2 4 year term, vote for one

Todd Donovan
Kelley O'Connor

Council District 3 4 year term, vote for one

Tyler Byrd
Rebecca Lewis

Council At-Large Position A 4 year term, vote for one

Barry Buchanan
Kamal Bhachu

Port of Bellingham - Nonpartisan Offices

Commissioner District 1 4 year term, vote for one

Michael Shepard
John Huntley

Commissioner District 2 4 year term, vote for one

Ken Bell
Kelly Krieger

City of Bellingham

Proposition 2021-16
Reducing Signatures Required to Amend Charter

City of Bellingham Proposed Charter Amendment No. 2021-01 would reduce the number of signatures required to amend the Charter. This amendment would change the method for calculating the number of signatures required to amend the Charter by the petition method. Currently, petitioners must obtain signatures from at least 15% of the total number of votes cast in the last preceding general state election. This amendment would require petitioners to obtain signatures from 15% of the total number of votes cast in the last preceding municipal election. It would substantially reduce the signatures required to propose Charter amendments. Should this amendment be enacted into law?

Yes
No

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City of Bellingham

Proposition 2021-17 Reducing Signatures Required to Propose an Initiative

City of Bellingham Proposed Charter Amendment No. 2021-02 would reduce the number of signatures required to propose an initiative. This amendment would reduce the number of signatures required to propose an initiative. Currently, petitioners must obtain signatures from at least 20% of the total number of votes cast for mayor in the last preceding municipal election. This amendment would require petitioners to obtain signatures from just 10% of the total number of votes cast for mayor in the last preceding municipal election. The amendment would also eliminate the two-week grace period for obtaining additional signatures. Should this amendment be enacted into law?

Yes
No

Initiative 2021-01 Expanding Tenants Rights to Include Rental Relocation Assistance

City of Bellingham Initiative No. 2021-01 expands tenant rights to include rental relocation assistance. This measure would require landlords to provide written notice 90 days before terminating a rental agreement without cause or increasing rent by more than 5% in a rolling 12-month period; require landlords to pay rental relocation assistance equal to three months of the current fair market rent in the Bellingham area when terminating a rental agreement without cause or increasing rent more than 8%, if requested by tenant, with limited exceptions; and authorize private party civil enforcement actions. Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes
No

Initiative 2021-02 Concerning Use of Facial Recognition Technology

City of Bellingham Initiative No. 2021-02 concerns the use of facial recognition technology and predictive policing technology. This measure would prohibit the City from acquiring or using facial recognition technology, prohibit the City from contracting with a third party to use facial recognition technology on its behalf, prohibit the use of predictive policing technology, prohibit the retention of unlawfully acquired data, prohibit the use of data, information, or evidence derived from the use of facial recognition technology or predictive policing technology in any legal proceeding, and authorize private civil enforcement actions. Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes
No

City of Bellingham

Initiative 2021-03 Prohibits Using City Funds to Discourage Unionization Efforts

City of Bellingham Initiative No. 2021-03 concerns recipients using City funds to discourage unionization efforts. This measure would prohibit any person who receives City funds from using those funds to discourage unionization efforts by that person's employees or any other employees, require recipients of City funds to segregate those funds, provide a safe harbor for non-managerial staff to engage in union protected activities, provide for administrative investigations of complaints, establish private enforcement actions, change the City's contracting process, and allow the City to terminate contracts for violations of the prohibition. Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes
No

Initiative 2021-04 Employee Rights for Hourly-Wage Employees and Gig Workers

City of Bellingham Initiative No. 2021-04 concerns employee rights for hourly-wage employees and gig workers. This measure would require certain employers to pay their employees a hazard pay supplement of \$4 per hour during a declared State of Emergency, require employers to provide good faith estimates of weekly hours to new employees upon hire, require employers to provide work schedules to hourly-wage employees two-weeks in advance, require advance notice of any schedule changes, require employers to compensate employees for changing their work schedules without sufficient notice, and prohibit adverse actions by employers. Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes
No

City of Bellingham - Nonpartisan Offices

Municipal Court Judge 4 year term, vote for one

Debra Lev

Council Ward 2 4 year term, vote for one

Hollie Huthman

Council Ward 4 4 year term, vote for one

Skip Williams

Council Ward 6 4 year term, vote for one

Michael Lilliquist
Eve Smason-Marcus

Council At-Large 2 year term, vote for one

Kristina Michele Martens
Russ Whidbee



City of Blaine - Nonpartisan Offices

Council Ward 1 Position 2 4 year term, vote for one

Kerena A. Higgins
J. Calvin Armerding

Council Ward 2 Position 4 4 year term, vote for one

Rhyan Lopez
Colin Hawkins

Council Ward 3 Position 6 4 year term, vote for one

Barbara M. Sturdivant
Eric Davidson

Council At-Large Position 7 short & full 4 year term, vote for one

Mike Hill
Sukhwant Gill

City of Everson - Nonpartisan Offices

Mayor 4 year term, vote for one

John Perry

Council Position 1 4 year term, vote for one

Michelle Beck Fox
Trevon Myhre

Council Position 2 4 year term, vote for one

Jennifer Lautenbach
Josh Ordos

Council Position 3 4 year term, vote for one

Matthew Goering

City of Ferndale

**Proposition 2021-6
Renewal of Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements**

The Council of the City of Ferndale Washington, acting as the Board of the Ferndale Transportation Benefit District, Ferndale, Washington, adopted Resolution #21-06-07-A, concerning a sales and use tax to fund transportation improvements. This proposition would authorize the renewal of a sales and use tax of two tenths of one percent (0.2%) to be collected from all taxable retail sales within the District in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455 for a term of ten years for the purpose of paying or financing costs of the transportation improvement projects identified in the City of Ferndale Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes
No

City of Ferndale - Nonpartisan Offices

Council Position 5 4 year term, vote for one

Ryan O'Larey

Council Position 6 4 year term, vote for one

Kate Bishop
Robert J. Pinkley

Council Position 7 short & full 4 year term, vote for one

Jon Mutchler
Maralise Fegan

City of Lynden - Nonpartisan Offices

Mayor 4 year term, vote for one

Scott Korhuis

Council Position 5 4 year term, vote for one

Nick H. Laninga
Khush Brar

Council Position 6 4 year term, vote for one

Kyle Strengholt

Council Position 7 4 year term, vote for one

Mark Wohlrab

City of Nooksack - Nonpartisan Offices

Mayor short & full 4 year term, vote for one

Marshall Judy
Kevin W. Hester

Council Position 1 4 year term, vote for one

Steve Neyens

Council Position 2 4 year term, vote for one

Randy Relethford

Council Position 3 4 year term, vote for one

Dave Finet
Collin Hester

Council Position 4 unexpired 2 year term, vote for one

Ryan Steward
Jayson T. Loreen

Council Position 5 unexpired 2 year term, vote for one

Michelle Barrett

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**City of Sumas - Nonpartisan Offices****Mayor** 4 year term, vote for one

Bruce Bosch

Council Position 1 4 year term, vote for oneSteven J. Brock
Todd Daniels**Council Position 2** 4 year term, vote for one

Richard D. Postma

Council Position 4 4 year term, vote for one

Joshua Clawson

Bellingham School District 501 - Nonpartisan Offices**Director Position 4** 4 year term, vote for oneJenn Mason
Philip Stockton**Director Position 5** 4 year term, vote for oneDouglas W. Benjamin
Jeffrie Ford**Ferndale School District 502 - Nonpartisan Offices****Director District 4** 4 year term, vote for oneLee Anne Riddle
Steve Childs**Director District 5** 4 year term, vote for oneAndrew McLaurin
Peggy Uppiano**Blaine School District 503 - Nonpartisan Offices****Director District 3** 4 year term, vote for oneErika Creydt
Bob Feaster**Director District 5** 4 year term, vote for oneLaura L. McKinney
Rocky Butler**Lynden School District 504 - Nonpartisan Offices****Director Position 4** 4 year term, vote for oneTonya Hickman
Steve Jilk**Director Position 5** 4 year term, vote for one

Kelli Kettels

Meridian School District 505 - Nonpartisan Offices**Director District 2** 4 year term, vote for one

Jarrod Karuza

Director District 3 4 year term, vote for oneEmily Norton
Steve Corwin**Nooksack Valley School District 506
Nonpartisan Offices****Director District 1** 4 year term, vote for one

Halli Kimball

Director District 2 4 year term, vote for oneChristopher O'Day
Stephen A. Jones**Mt Baker School District 507 - Nonpartisan Offices****Director District 1** 4 year term, vote for one

Brian Kelly

Director District 4 4 year term, vote for one

Brenna Reaugh

Concrete School District No. 11 - Nonpartisan Offices**Director District 1** 4 year term, vote for one

Hildi Parker

Director District 3 4 year term, vote for one

Janet Culver

Director District 4, At-Large 4 year term, vote for oneEd Bradel
Paul E Rogge**Fire Protection District 1 - Nonpartisan Office****Commissioner Position 1** 6 year term, vote for oneMatthew James Thompson
Kurt Bruland**Fire Protection District 4****Proposition 2021-12****Authorizing Increase of Property Tax Levy**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District 4 adopted Resolution No. 2021-03, concerning a proposition to exceed the limitation on increasing property taxes. This proposition would authorize the District to levy and collect taxes at the rate of \$1.45 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2022. The 2022 levy dollar amount shall be used for computing limitations for subsequent levies, as authorized in Resolution No. 2021-03. Should this proposition be:

Approved
Rejected

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Fire Protection District 4 - Nonpartisan Offices

Commissioner Position 1 6 year term, vote for one

Mark Lann

Commissioner Position 2 unexpired 2 year term, vote for one

Steven Cooley

Fire Protection District 5 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 1 6 year term, vote for one

Virginia Lester

Fire Protection District 7 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 1 6 year term, vote for one

Kendra Cristelli

Fire Protection District 8 - Nonpartisan Offices

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one

Robert Neher

Commissioner Position 5 unexpired 2 year term, vote for one

Keith Neher

Fire Protection District 11

**Proposition 2021-7
Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection Services**

The Board of Whatcom County Fire Protection District 11 adopted Resolution No. 2021-263 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations. This proposition authorizes the District to restore its regular property tax levy to \$1.49 per \$1,000 of assessed value to be assessed in 2021 and collected in 2022. The funds will maintain and improve fire protection, emergency medical services and facilities, replace apparatus and equipment, and provide for firefighter safety. The maximum allowable levy in 2021 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by RCW 84.55. Should this proposition be:

Approved
Rejected

**Proposition 2021-8
Property Tax Levy for Emergency Medical Services**

The Board of Whatcom County Fire Protection District 11 adopted Resolution No. 2021-264 concerning a proposition to maintain funding for EMS operations. Whatcom County Fire District 11 proposes to continue funding emergency medical services for its citizens by continuing a regular property tax levy of \$.28 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for a period of six consecutive years to be collected beginning in 2022. Should this proposition be:

Approved
Rejected

Fire Protection District 11 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 1 short & full 6 year term, vote for one

Leslie M. Dempsey
Dan Ohms

Fire Protection District 14

**Proposition 2021-15
Proposition Authorizing Increase of Previous Property Tax Levies**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District 14, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2021-03 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.30 per \$1,000.00. This proposition would authorize the District to set its regular property tax levy at \$1.30 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for 2021 and thereafter subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be approved?

Yes
No

Fire Protection District 14 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 1 6 year term, vote for one

Chris Moe

Fire Protection District 16 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 1 6 year term, vote for one

Tom Smith

Fire Protection District 17 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 1 short & full 6 year term, vote for one

Bill Rinesmith

Fire Protection District 18 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 1 6 year term, vote for one

Steve Wolf

Glacier Fire and Rescue

**Proposition 2021-11
Authorizing Increase of Property Tax Levy**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Glacier Fire and Rescue, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 248 authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.10 per \$1,000.00. This proposition would authorize the District to set its regular property tax levy at \$1.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for 2021 and thereafter subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be approved?

Yes/No

**Glacier Fire and Rescue - Nonpartisan Offices****Commissioner Position 1** 6 year term, vote for one

Erica Kennedy

Commissioner Position 2 unexpired 2 year term, vote for one

Magenta Widner

Fire Protection District 21**Proposition 2021-9****Authorizing Regular Property Tax Levy**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District 21 (the "District"), adopted Resolution No. 2021-04 concerning a proposition to authorize the District's regular property tax levy. This measure would authorize a regular property tax levy of \$1.45 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2021 (for collection in 2022) and would thereafter be subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be approved?

Yes
No**Fire Protection District 21 - Nonpartisan Offices****Commissioner Position 1** 6 year term, vote for one

John Crawford

Commissioner Position 5 unexpired 2 year term, vote for one

Kimberly Calman-McMurray

South Whatcom Fire Authority - Nonpartisan Office**Commissioner District 1** 6 year term, vote for one

Brian C. Martin

Water District 2 - Nonpartisan Office**Commissioner Position 1** 6 year term, vote for one

Chuck Foster

Point Roberts Water District 4 - Nonpartisan Office**Commissioner Position 1** 6 year term, vote for one

Madeleine Anderson

Water District 7 - Nonpartisan Office**Commissioner Position 1** short & full 6 year term, vote for one

Tessa Ebbesen

Birch Bay Water and Sewer District - Nonpartisan Office**Commissioner Position 1** 6 year term, vote for oneJeff Benner
Pedro Nieto**Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District
Nonpartisan Offices****Commissioner District 1** 6 year term, vote for one

Laura Abele

Commissioner District 4 6 year term, vote for one

Leslie McRoberts

Water District 13 - Nonpartisan Offices**Commissioner Position 1** 6 year term, vote for one

Robert Vandenhaak

Commissioner Position 5 short & full 6 year term, vote for one

Anthony Au

Columbia Valley Water District - Nonpartisan Office**Commissioner Position 1** 6 year term, vote for one

Richard Banel

Cemetery District 1 - Nonpartisan Office**Commissioner Position 1** 6 year term, vote for one

John F. LaMonte

Cemetery District 3 - Nonpartisan Office**Commissioner Position 1** 6 year term, vote for one

Scott Robertson

Cemetery District 4 - Nonpartisan Offices**Commissioner Position 1** 6 year term, vote for one

John L. Groom

Commissioner Position 2 unexpired 2 year term, vote for one

Jay Roelof

Cemetery District 5 - Nonpartisan Office**Commissioner Position 1** 6 year term, vote for one

Mary Boice

Cemetery District 6 - Nonpartisan Office**Commissioner Position 1** 6 year term, vote for one

Julie A. Hughes

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Cemetery District 7 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 1 6 year term, vote for one
Leonard A. Sund

Cemetery District 8 - Nonpartisan Office

Commissioner Position 1 short & full 6 year term, vote for one
Stephen Falk
Jean Barrington

Cemetery District 9 - Nonpartisan Offices

Commissioner Position 1 6 year term, vote for one
Tom Jones

Commissioner Position 3 unexpired 4 year term, vote for one
Eric Dawson

Cemetery District 10 - Nonpartisan Offices

Commissioner Position 1 6 year term, vote for one
Richard Decima

Commissioner Position 3 unexpired 4 year term, vote for one
Jim DeGroot

**Point Roberts Park and Recreation District 1
Nonpartisan Offices**

Commissioner Position 3 4 year term, vote for one
Matt Wang

Commissioner Position 5 unexpired 2 year term, vote for one
Michael Cressy

**Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District 2
Nonpartisan Offices**

Commissioner Position 1 unexpired 2 year term, vote for one
Jesse Creydt
David Halme

Commissioner Position 2 4 year term, vote for one
Sheli Moore

Commissioner Position 4 4 year term, vote for one
Billy Brown

**Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District 3
Nonpartisan Offices**

Commissioner Position 1 4 year term, vote for one
Rick Lair

Commissioner Position 4 4 year term, vote for one
Bob Johnson

**Columbia Valley Park and Recreation District
Nonpartisan Offices**

Commissioner Position 2 unexpired 2 year term, vote for one
Richard Whitson

Commissioner Position 3 unexpired 2 year term, vote for one
Cindy Johnson

Commissioner Position 4 4 year term, vote for one
Melonie Ancheta

Commissioner Position 5 4 year term, vote for one
Jessica Bee

**Chuckanut Community Forest Park District
Nonpartisan Offices**

Commissioner Position 2 6 year term, vote for one
John Hymas

Hospital District 304 - Nonpartisan Offices

Commissioner Position 1 6 year term, vote for one
Debra Lancaster
Greg Thramer

Commissioner Position 3 unexpired 4 year term, vote for one
Tina Tate

**Point Roberts Public Hospital District
Nonpartisan Office**

Commissioner Position 3 6 year term, vote for one
Sara Oggel
William H Meursing

Whatcom County Rural Library District

**Proposition 2021-14
Establishing the Birch Bay Library Capital Facility Area**

The Whatcom County Council adopted Ordinance No. 2021-049 concerning a proposition to establish the Birch Bay Library Capital Facility Area to finance a new library facility in Birch Bay. If approved, this proposition would establish the Birch Bay Library Capital Facility Area with boundaries as described in County Council Ordinance No. 2021-04 authorize it to acquire, construct, furnish and equip a new library in Birch Bay, incur indebtedness to finance such improvements through the issuance of up to \$4,500,000 in general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years, and levy annual excess property taxes to repay such bonds. Shall this proposition be approved?

Yes
No

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