



# Voter Guide 2019

## GENERAL ELECTION



### Port of Port Townsend Commissioner #1

### Port Townsend City Council #3



**Pam Petranek**

14-year district resident



**Chuck Fauls**

3-year district resident



**Monica MickHager**

34-year district resident



**Deborah Stinson**

16-year district resident

**Age:** 59

**Residence:** Port Townsend

**Education:** BA, Education

**Profession:** Commercial Fisherman

**Work history:** Commercial Fisherman, self-employed 2014 to present; Port Townsend School District, teacher 2008 to 2014; homeschooling parent, 1993-2012; Clover Park School District, teacher 1983 to 1993.

**Prior elected office:** None

**Memberships in organizations relevant to office:** Port Townsend Marine Trades Association Board Member

**Other affiliations:** None

**Ethics Declaration:** I rent a storage unit at the Port of Port Townsend and my life partner is a moorage tenant at Boat Haven Marina. Some of the members of Port Townsend Marine Trades Association are port tenants.

**Climate change plans:** I will work with port commissioners and staff and organize a meeting with city and county officials and other groups who have been working on climate change issues. I will make it a priority to come up with actions like reduction of emissions and reducing transportation impacts related to the Port of Port Townsend activities. I would like to see the port collaborate with the cities and Jefferson County to develop a well analyzed climate and sea level rise response strategy.

**State Route 104 roundabouts position:** WSDOT should make sure that affected citizens and property owners are involved in the process.

**Would you repeal, oppose or enact any policies?** I would update the port's strategic plan within the first six months, use citizen participation to work with commissioners on understanding issues and making decisions. - Hold the executive director accountable for producing and analyzing standard accounting reports. Adopt a 5-year Capital Facilities Plan that includes real funding sources and accurate estimates.

Ensure every year with the budget process, that our port presents a clear and affordable plan to the community for facility maintenance, repair and replacement. Establish monthly updates on the port's facility maintenance, repair and replacement annual work plan. Maintain rates and fees that are aligned with inflation and fair market value. - Collaborate with Quilcene and Lower Hadlock to develop property management plans.

**Any policies outside of your purview on which you would speak out?** I will be focusing my work on issues that directly impact our port operations, and the citizens, tenants and customers we serve. I will also focus on protecting and enhancing our shorelines and environment.

**What is your plan for Point Hudson?** My highest priority if elected as a Port Commissioner is to ensure the Point Hudson south jetty is repaired on schedule in 2020. That will require that our port finance this repair through a bank loan or a general obligation bond. I am interested in considering a variety of options that are well aligned with the community's vision from the 1994 Point Hudson Master Plan.

**How can the port deal with longterm maintenance projects, such as Quilcene's marina, with existing budget?** Our port is profitable! Making over \$2 million annually from operations and property tax revenue. This money should be used to service existing debt, pay for and finance mission critical capital projects like the south jetty repair and Quilcene marina. Our port budgets over \$700,000 annually for facilities maintenance. I will bring financial accountability back to our port, and rebuild taxpayer trust. Community experts have identified significant problems with our port's financial management and planning. Our port is at great financial risk due to carelessness in managing expenses, understanding revenue streams, and developing budgets based on inadequate information. As a public entity, our port must be transparent to the community about its financial position.

**What should the port look for in a new executive director?** We need a leader who will help the commissioners focus on making decisions to achieve our port's Strategic Plan. The executive director must professionally and efficiently manage the day-to-day operations of the port. I believe the elected commissioner should have a legitimate and equal role in the entire recruitment and selection process and that there should be community involvement. Our executive director must have these basic skills: knowledge of financial management practices; lead staff in creating a welcoming environment for our customers; tenants, citizens, and local businesses; citizen engagement and community partnerships; experience; organize & manage all port planning and policy documents for easy public access and timely updates.

**Age:** 66

**Residence:** Port Townsend

**Education:** 2 year - University of Tampa

**Profession:** Logistics engineer

**Work history:** Port of Port Townsend, 2013 to present customer service rep; Port of Port Townsend 2005 to 2013

**Prior elected office:** None

**Party Affiliation:** Democrat

**Memberships in organizations relevant to office:** None

**Other affiliations:** None

**Ethics Declaration:** If elected I will resign from my position with the Port of Port Townsend. I and my family have no affiliation monetary or otherwise with any port group or tenant association. So unlike my opponent, I will not have any conflicts of interest.

**Climate change plans:** Climate change is already here. The question is what are we going to do in the face of sea level rise and storm surges. The port commission has been reluctant to have this conversation. I would immediately advocate for changes in the port's asset base to mitigate the financial impact of these changes.

**State Route 104 roundabouts position:** The Washington State Transportation Department [Washington Department of Transportation] must listen to the residents impacted by these planned roundabouts. If necessary, they should allow an advisory vote. It is up to the WSTD [WSDOT] to sell the benefit to county.

**Would you repeal, oppose or enact any policies?**

1. I would oppose Proposition 1 with its current list of projects. The spirit of an IDD is to promote new economic development. 2. I would vote against the repair of Port Hudson unless it is accomplished in a partnership with public or private entities. 3. I would enact rates that cover actual costs of services provided and fair market value rates for leases.

**Any policies outside of your purview on which you would speak out?** I feel strongly about local issues like affordable housing and family wage jobs.

**What is your plan for the Point Hudson?** My plan is to establish a partnership between the port and public or private third parties to create a viable business and tourist environment. The port simply does not have the financial capacity to maintain Point Hudson even if the IDD is passed.

**How can the port deal with longterm maintenance projects, such as Quilcene's marina, with existing budget?**

It cannot. The port must establish fair market rates for its services and leases. If the port can establish a partnership for Point Hudson, cash flow and debt service can be freed up to support Quilcene marina. With the proposed improvements Quilcene could be a profitable business unit for the port.

**What should the port look for in a new executive director?** The new director must have prior port or municipal experience; astute financial understanding and leadership skills that can unite the port owners and its users.

**Additional comments on other issues:**

1. I would promote an independent port commission to reduce conflicts of interest. 2. I am a supporter of accessibility of commissioners and intend to have office hours that encourage participation from all parts of the county. 3. Waste water treatment is a major roadblock for affordable housing and business development in the county. I propose to work to seek resources to establish waste water treatment.

**Age:** 63

**Residence:** Port Townsend

**Education:** High school diploma

**Profession:** Landscaping

**Work history:** Own and manage Budding Earth Landscape for 30 years

**Prior elected office:** None

**Party Affiliation:** Democrat

**Memberships in organizations relevant to office:** None

**Other affiliations:** KPTZ board member

**Ethics Declaration:** No financial or familial conflicts of interest declared.

**Climate change plans:** Work with local and regional transit agencies to increase public use; affordable housing in town will lessen the need for workforce commuting from the county; bike lanes and sidewalks will lessen local need for car use

**State Route 104 roundabouts position:** Some folks don't like roundabouts but they save lives. WSDOT needs to highlight this safety issue. The need for bikers and walkers to use the roundabouts must be addressed.

**Would you repeal, oppose or enact any policies?** Re-enact citizen advisory votes for spending of banked capacity (see City Ordinance 2961); enact prioritized capital projects based on need, not on grant availability; re-establish town hall meetings, City Council hours; have annual retreat include public participation to set priorities.

**Any policies outside of your purview on which you would speak out?** Return to ethical and honest actions by City Council that include real public participation

**What is your plan for the affordable housing crisis?** Council needs to tweak and improve zoning and building codes to support development of affordable housing by developers. Our small city should not be in the business of building affordable housing.

**Ranking of selected issues based on priority: (Ex. road upgrades, water/sewer, homeless shelter, public facilities, parks and recreation)** 1. Get our debt under control and quit using our limited funds to match grants for capital projects that aren't priorities; 2. Road and street repairs (not upgrades, fix what we have and add sidewalks and bike lanes as we can afford them, don't build new roads); 3. More parks with public restrooms on the west side, in Castle Hill, North Beach and beyond - as soon as we can afford them; 4. Work with transit to remove the need for more parking downtown by increasing frequency of the shuttle (that's why our Park and Ride was built! Don't build a parking structure downtown); 5. Work with transit to provide seven days a week and longer daily hours so we don't need our cars as often; 6. Affordable housing will eliminate a significant portion of the homeless issue here; help nonprofits get homeless citizens with mental or substance abuse issues into services; 7. Water and sewer are being addressed by our very competent city staff already; 8. Library has dedicated funding and will need to wait for more funding until we resolve our debt and infrastructure problems

**Additional comments on other issues:**

Re-engage the public in the process of governing.

County Library: Opens 20 days prior to Election Day, accessible 24/7. The box is closed and locked at 8 p.m. Election Day.

**Brinnon Community Center** – 306144 Hwy 101, Brinnon. Opens 20 days prior to Election Day, accessible 24/7. The box is closed and locked at 8 p.m. Election Day.

**Quilcene Community Center** – 294952 Hwy 101, Quilcene. Opens 20 days prior to Election Day, accessible 24/7. The box is closed and locked at 8 p.m. Election Day.

**Nordland Fire Station** – 6633 Flagler Rd, Nordland. Opens 20 days prior to Election Day, accessible 24/7. The box is closed and locked at 8 p.m. Election Day

### Find your ballot drop box

**County Courthouse** – 1820 Jefferson St. Back parking lot of County Courthouse: Opens 20 days prior to Election Day, accessible 24/7. The box is closed and locked at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

**Auditor's Office** – 1820 Jefferson St. First floor of the County Courthouse: Ballot box located in the hallway just outside the Auditor's Office. The office is open M–F, with the exception of holidays, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. with Election Day hours 8:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.

**Jefferson County Library** – 620 Cedar Ave., Port Hadlock. Parking lot of Jefferson

### Important voter registration dates

- Oct. 16: Domestic Ballots mailed by this date.
- Oct. 28: Last day for new voter registrations and updates online, by mail and registration drives.
- Nov. 4: Begin Final Ballot Processing.
- Nov. 5: **Election Day** (Results at 8 p.m.). Last day for new registrations and updates in person at the auditor's office at the Jefferson County Courthouse until 8 p.m.
- Nov. 8: Additional Ballots Counted by 4 p.m. (Date may change depending on volume).

**Age:** 64

**Residence:** Port Townsend

**Education:** High School Diploma

**Profession:** Information Technology and Systems Development

**Work history:** Port Townsend City Council, 2012 to present; City of Port Townsend Mayor 2016 to present; Community organizer and volunteer 2005 to present, Microsoft Corporation, 1995 to 2003; Netwise, Inc., director, product support and information technology 1992 to 1995; Security Pacific Information Services, lead systems programmer 1988 to 1992

**Prior elected office:** Port Townsend City Council 2012 to present, City of Port Townsend Mayor 2016 to present

**Party Affiliation:** Democrat

**Memberships in organizations relevant to office:** None

**Other affiliations:** All County Picnic, co-founder; Quimper Mercantile, founding board member; Local Investing Opportunities Network, co-founder; Neighborhood Preparedness, co-founder; Local 20/20, co-founder.

**Ethics Declaration:** No financial or familial conflicts of interest declared.

**Climate change plans:** During my tenure, the city has improved energy efficiency in all facilities, expanded facilities for walking and other forms of active transportation, encouraged local transit options and updated key planning documents to include climate change. We are actively planning for more of the above including exploring use of Port Townsend Paper's biochar by-product in city compost, updating our Greenhouse Gas Inventory and planning an educational roll-out, rebuilding the sewer outfall and planning water pump armoring to adapt to rising seas. I will support adopting a process to prioritize minimizing greenhouse gases and/or adapting to climate impacts in all city projects.

**State Route 104 roundabouts position:** My first choice would be a major investment in regional transit that could offset the need for any further construction. I appreciate the DOT's focus on safety, though I would prefer a more immediate, cost effective and functional approach, such as a synchronized light system. That would allow time and funds to implement a more robust transportation system that also addresses congestion.

**Would you repeal, oppose or enact any policies?** Though candidates can promise to cut taxes, pay off debt and fix streets simultaneously, public service requires apportioning available resources among community needs that typically exceed those resources. I'm going to stay the course by supporting investments to enhance daily living while preparing for the future, rebalancing our revenue sources when possible, leveraging local dollars with state and federal funding, contributing my skills to support the well-being of our entire community as issues arise and continuing to support transparency and strategic plans to implement the community's adopted vision.

**Any policies outside of your purview on which you would speak out?** I support the council taking up issues beyond their jurisdictional control when we hear a strong desire from our community.

**What is your plan for the affordable housing crisis?** We need affordable housing for our workforce, our elders and those who are homeless. It's the city's role to support the conditions in which affordable housing can be created and maintained. We do that by updating zoning and related regulations, providing access to infrastructure, targeting funding, seeking state and federal dollars to maximize local resources, deferring or waiving permit fees for low-income housing and entering into public-private partnerships. We have already done much of the above and I support picking up the pace while maintaining safety standards and our community culture.

**Ranking of selected issues based on priority: (Ex. road upgrades, water/sewer, homeless shelter, public facilities, parks and recreation)** In general, projects affecting life and safety will come first, followed in equal measure by supporting affordable housing and addressing climate change.

**Additional comments on other issues:** Needs of people with mental illness or addiction issues are increasing demands on police. The immediacy of these calls take priority, creating more problems by taking away from other policing responsibilities, like traffic management. We have made progress by adding navigator and community services positions. Beyond working with the State to find better ways to address mental illness, I will do my part to keep our police fully staffed, trained and equipped. The potential for 911 regionalization and the city's emergency management plans are other issues where I am the only fully versed council member. We just lost 20 years of institutional memory with the retirement of our first city manager. This is a time to keep institutional memory on council. My eight years of unique experience and knowledge is an investment in continued community well-being.



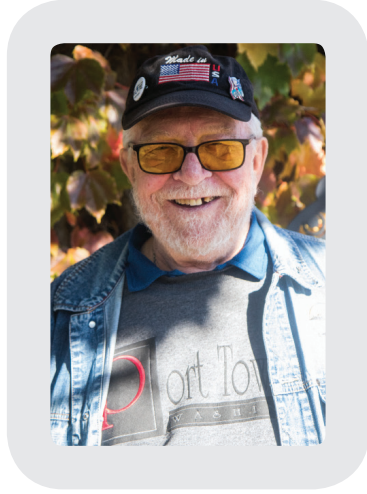
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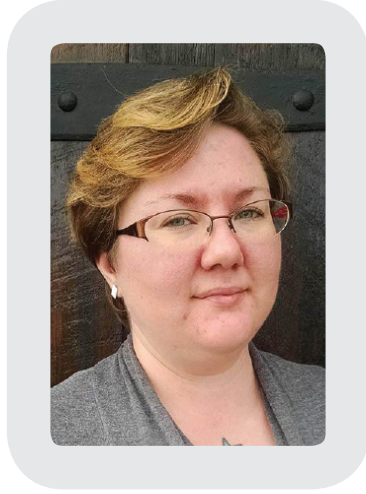


### Port Townsend City Council #6

### Chimacum School Board #3



**Bernie Arthur**  
50-year district resident



**Amy Howard**  
Almost 19-year district resident



**Kristina Mayer**  
Almost 7-year district resident



**Steve Martin**  
19-year district resident

**Age:** 80  
**Residence:** Port Townsend  
**Education:** High school diploma  
**Profession:** Businessman  
**Work history:** Real estate sales, 1986 to 2000, Skookum Marine Construction, owner 1968 to 1985, Standard Oil, station manager 1957 to 1966  
**Prior elected office:** None  
**Party affiliation:** None  
**Memberships in organizations relevant to office:** None  
**Other affiliations:** None  
**Ethics Declaration:** No financial or familial conflicts of interest declared.  
**Climate change plans:** No answer given  
**State Route 104 roundabouts position:** Do not support traffic lights  
**Would you repeal, oppose or enact any policies?** Fiscal responsibility, affordable housing, deal with homeless problem, road repairs, incentives not regulations. A city for all the people.  
**Any policies outside of your purview on which you would speak out?** Port Townsend people first.  
**What is your plan for the affordable housing crisis?** Incentives with fewer regulations and fees.  
**Ranking of selected issues based on priority: (Ex. road upgrades, water/sewer, homeless shelter, public facilities, parks and recreation)**  
 Road and street upgrades, sewer and water, library, homeless shelters, public bathrooms, parking, parks and recreation

**Age:** 37  
**Residence:** Port Townsend  
**Education:** Graduate Nonprofit Executive Leadership Institute, University of Washington  
**Profession:** Nonprofit management  
**Work history:** Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County, temporary volunteer coordinator, 2019 to present; Community Redistribution Center, owner 2019 to present; The Boiler Room, executive director, 2019 to present  
**Prior elected office:** Port Townsend City Council Position 6 2016 to present  
**Party Affiliation:** Democrat  
**Other affiliations:** Port Townsend Rotary Club  
**Ethics Declaration:** Habitat is granted four fee deferrals annually and must ask council for approval for more. During my employment period at Habitat, I would recuse myself from any votes on the matter.  
**Climate change plans:** Advocate for building codes and zoning that favors energy efficiency. Watch for where this intersects with affordable housing. Work with the Active Transportation Advisory Board to promote a walkable and bikeable community. Water management saves energy and increases resiliency. Bolster transit. Invest in green infrastructure. Energy audits for city facilities. Consider resident initiatives.  
**State Route 104 roundabouts position:** Make them big enough and get them done fast.  
**Would you repeal, oppose or enact any policies?** Continue work on communication plan, including introducing city social media. Find other and improved ways to engage Port Townsend residents with their government. Create incentives to affordable housing development. Continue work to provide an open and transparent budget with clear

**Age:** 66  
**Residence:** Chimacum  
**Education:** Ed. D. Education Leadership and Change  
**Profession:** Philanthropic consultant  
**Work history:** Altruist Partners, consultant June 2019 to present; UW Bothell School of Nursing and Health Studies, lecturer September 2016 to June 2019; KLMayer Consulting Group LLC, consultant, June 2004 to Present; Stuart Foundation, Sr. program officer, January 2000 to June 2004  
**Prior elected office:** gubernatorial appointee State Board of Education 2006 to 2015; Proviso Task Force on Transitional Bilingual Education 2016  
**Memberships in organizations relevant to office:** Society of Public Health Educators; gubernatorial appointee WA State Charter School Commission  
**Other affiliations:** National Network of Consultants to Grantmakers  
**Ethics Declaration:** I have no family members or partners with interest and thereby present no conflict of interest.  
**Climate change plans:** On a personal level, I live my life with an awareness of the impact of my personal decisions of use of products, where I spend my money and the elected officials I support; I try to make prudent decisions and wise choices. As a school board member, I will advocate for reductions in the use of fossil fuels, plastics and other disposables where feasible and within our financial means.  
**State Route 104 roundabouts position:** My interest in what appears to be a foregone conclusion is in how it will affect the health and safety of Chimacum bus drivers and the children they are transporting.

**Age:** 47  
**Residence:** Chimacum  
**Education:** Associate of Science, South Seattle Community College  
**Profession:** Environmental land management  
**Work history:** NW Landworks Inc, Owner  
**Prior elected office:** None  
**Memberships in organizations relevant to office:** None  
**Other affiliations:** None  
**Ethics Declaration:** No financial or familial conflicts of interest declared.  
**Climate change plans:** As a school board director I will be a strong advocate for modern science curriculum being taught in all grade levels. Teaching our students to trust real, fact-based science will give them the ability to conclude that climate change is a real threat to their futures. Thus giving them the knowledge to lead a conservation-minded lifestyle in the future as adults.  
**State Route 104 roundabouts position:** Hiring local businesses to build these roundabouts will aid in keeping families from having to leave the school district to find job opportunities elsewhere.  
**Would you repeal, oppose or enact any policies?** When I'm elected School Board Director, I will immediately begin working on the three actionable priorities that were developed by the Choose Chimacum Enrollment Committee. Priority #1: Improve district image through strategic public relations program. Develop and implement a comprehensive communications strategy grounded in clear, positive messages about the district. Priority #2: Improve the learning climate for students and staff. Increase support staff to include counselors, behavior interventionists, and expanded academic supports at all schools. Priority #3: Enhance academic opportunities through expanded educational programs. Expand high school offerings through online, videoconferencing, cooperative networks and emerging technologies.  
**What concrete steps can be taken to address the Chimacum District decline in enrollment?** Conduct exit interviews with families leaving the district to find out common complaints and work on resolving those issues. Hire a part-time public relations consultant to help the Chimacum School District develop and implement a comprehensive communications strategy grounded in clear, positive messages about the district. This consultant will provide staff with training, tools and technical support. Then all schools, levels, and departments in the district can participate in sharing consistent, positive stories about our schools.  
**Should the current superintendent remain in his position or be replaced?** I have not decided what I think.  
**What can (or should) school districts do in response to any decline in sports participation?** Youth sports participation has been declining throughout Jefferson County for the past three years. As a school board director, I will form a committee of parents, coaches and representatives from the local youth sports programs (Little League, Youth Football, Jefferson County Soccer Club, etc.) to study this growing problem. Finding solutions to the current barriers preventing our kids from participating in sports at a young age will preserve our Jr./Sr. high school sports programs in the future. Continue to co-op with P.T. when necessary, in order to provide a variety of athletic opportunities to our youth.

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"I will support the strength and vitality of our marine trades, our shared maritime heritage, our environment, and living wage jobs for this and future generations."

**PAM PETRANEK**

**Building a Port that is Accountable - Accessible - Sustainable**

"Our Port is important, leveraging \$1M tax revenue into \$12 M state/local tax receipts. Pam Petranek will be a thoughtful and engaged Port Commissioner. We enthusiastically endorse her!"  
 —John and Katherine Simpson, Port Ludlow

"Pam is the commission candidate most interested in the Port being an economic engine for working people in Jefferson County." — Joel Kawahara, Quilcene

"Pam has our vote! She will focus on keeping our Port financially accountable, and protecting our mission critical infrastructure investments."  
 — Liz and Charley Kaniecki, Port Townsend

**PAM IS ALSO ENDORSED BY:**  
 Port Townsend Marine Trades Association, Jefferson County Commissioner Kate Dean, Former Port Commissioner John Collins, Former Port Townsend Mayor David King, Port Townsend City Council Member Michelle Sandoval, Former Port Townsend School District Superintendent David Engle, George Huntingford and many others.

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fiscal management policies. Overhaul council rules. Oppose any city spending on fireworks.  
**Any policies outside of your purview on which you would speak out?** My job as an elected official is to create the greatest good for the most people. This includes weighing in on matters that affect Port Townsend residents and advocating for their needs at all levels of government. I feel compelled to comment on many issues and more.  
**What is your plan for the affordable housing crisis?** Affordable housing is a national crisis. Port Townsend needs to look to other unique communities that are seeing successes with nontraditional housing methods and alternative funding models. We don't need to reinvent the wheel; we do need to invest in our community and in nonprofits that are meeting the needs of the most vulnerable.  
**Ranking of selected issues based on priority: (Ex. road upgrades, water/sewer, homeless shelter, public facilities, parks and recreation)**  
 These are concurrent needs, not competing needs. Most of these are very important and must be addressed with careful planning and adept budgeting.

**Would you repeal, oppose or enact any policies?** I will work to uphold free and accessible public education for all children. I will advocate for a legislative fix to the limitations on our ability to raise levy funds and inadequate funding for public schools K-20.  
**What concrete steps can be taken to address the Chimacum District decline in enrollment?** Declining enrollment encompasses a variety of opportunities and challenges. A concerted effort to retain current students at all levels includes a focus on providing engaging programs where students make frequent small celebrated wins to motivate/captivate them. We need to fully fund and implement Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) to improve climate/culture and to redouble our efforts to increase attendance rates, particularly at the middle level. Increase positive reinforcements so students feel connected and seen for the things that are 'right' with them. Lastly, step-up the quality and quantity of public relations/engagement and communication.  
**Should the current superintendent remain in his position or be replaced?** He should be replaced.  
**What can (or should) school districts do in response to any decline in sports participation?** First I would like concrete info from students/families about why kids aren't signing up - is it money, transportation, lack of interest, time? Then we can figure out how to respond. As I said above, I think collaboration is key...the point is to get kids active and engaged so they learn the lessons of team sports, winning/losing and working together to achieve something. This year when the 7/8th grade football teams joined forces with PTSD it was a win for kids.

**Broad Experience Collaborative Governance Proven Leadership**

**Re-Elect Deborah Stinson City Council Position 3**

see Deborah's endorsements and more on her website:  
[www.stinsonforcitycouncil.net](http://www.stinsonforcitycouncil.net)

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**Online and in print**  
**Editors Note:** More than two dozen candidates responded to The Port Townsend Leader questionnaire for its 2019 General Election Voter Guide. With tight space in the print edition of the Voter Guide focus section, editors have prioritized contested races in the biggest districts, but each candidate's answers will be published online at ptleader.com. Some candidate answers were shortened to try to achieve roughly equitable provision of space to each candidate.



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### Chimacum School Board #4

### Chimacum School Board #2



#### Tami Robocker

20-year district resident

**Age:** 49  
**Residence:** Port Ludlow  
**Education:** Associates  
**Profession:** Community member  
**Work history:** 2011 to present, proprietor of Tootsies Nail Spa  
**Prior elected office:** None  
**Memberships in organizations relevant to office:** None  
**Ethics Declaration:** No financial or familial conflicts of interest declared.  
**Climate change plans:** As a member of the Chimacum School board I will help educate the board and district to adopt practices and technologies that will reduce our carbon footprint. And look for areas where we might naturally combine these tools with educational opportunities for our students.  
**State Route 104 roundabouts position:** Traffic on 104 near the Hood Canal Bridge is a hard and sadly tragic topic. Chimacum mourns the loss of friends and family at its hands. You've been tasked not only with keeping traffic flowing but saving us from our own poor choices and actions. You brought highly qualified engineering resources to offer up a solution to meet the tightly defined goals and the public rejects it. Let's ask the public to not only look at other solutions and see what method might be employed to pay for it. Good to Go is working for the Narrows and the Seattle tunnel maybe it could help offset costs.  
**Would you repeal, oppose or enact any policies?** The position of School Board member doesn't give power to repeal and I don't want to oppose as I believe all board members are there for the good of the community. I will be there for the good of the community, students and staff.  
**Any non-school policies on which you would speak out?** I will not use my position to support or oppose my personal beliefs under the umbrella of "Board Member".  
**What concrete steps can be taken to address the Chimacum District decline in enrollment?** Last year the "Choose Chimacum" Enrollment Committee of staff and community members made a series of recommendations to address declining enrollment. We will review this data, talk with administration and families to understand what's happening. Next create a plan of action and milestones to address each area. Then assess the resources needed, including time, money, volunteers, staffing, etc.. Prioritize actions based on how quickly implementation will yield results to include regular review ensuring progress. Finally, hit the ground running and implement.  
**Should the current superintendent remain in his position or be replaced?** This question feels loaded, with no opportunity to explain or add context to our selection. I have not worked with this Superintendent, nor with this School Board. Making this a simplistic multiple choice question is unfair and unproductive. I do want to say it deeply concerns me that our staff feels unsupported by both our Superintendent and our current School board, and that is one of the reasons I am running for this position.  
**What can (or should) school districts do in response to any decline in sports participation?** Chimacum has a long history of successful cooperative sports agreements. Potentially looking at expanding to include all surrounding districts or elimination if popularity and participation is dwindling.



#### Michael Raymond

Over 25-year district resident

**Age:** 64  
**Residence:** Port Ludlow  
**Education:** Master, Education  
**Profession:** School teacher  
**Work history:** Classroom teacher, remediation specialist, administrative intern, Title IX office, Chimacum School District  
**Prior elected office:** None  
**Memberships in organizations relevant to office:** None  
**Other affiliations:** None  
**Ethics Declaration:** No financial or familial conflicts of interest declared.  
**Climate change plans:** I will support educational programs to inform students and prepare them for a changing climate. I will support school district efforts to modernize and use energy efficiently.  
**State Route 104 roundabouts position:** I support roundabouts since it will improve safety for school transportation.  
**Would you repeal, oppose or enact any policies?** Enact measures to increase economic opportunities in East Jefferson County. Enact measures to increase affordable housing. Enact legislation to fully fund K-12 education.  
**Any non-school policies on which you would speak out?** Support for after-school programs. Support for outdoor education opportunities. Support for climate change awareness and preparation. Support for locally grown and raised foods. Recognizing the value of our local volunteers and educational support groups.  
**What concrete steps can be taken to address the Chimacum District decline in enrollment?** Administration should focus on improving social climate to support a sense of inclusion, nurturing and belonging. Administration should have an internal marketing plan involving the staff and stakeholders of the district. Board members attend and speak out at community activities. Build educational spaces that support a sense of community. Continue to support innovative programs in STEM, Agriculture, and Outdoor Education. Support interscholastic and intramural sports and activities.  
**Should the current superintendent remain in his position or be replaced?** He should not be replaced  
**What can (or should) school districts do in response to any decline in sports participation?** Engage in cooperative and intra-district programs. Develop innovative programs such as E-Sports. Build intramural sports programs as alternatives to regional leagues as necessary.



#### Mike Aman

20-year district resident

**Age:** 50  
**Residence:** Port Hadlock  
**Education:** High school diploma  
**Profession:** Lumber sales  
**Work history:** Carl's Building Supply, sales April 1999 to present; Pacific Environmental Services, laborer July 1998 to April 1999; Port Townsend Lumber, driver Feb 1993 to July 1998  
**Prior elected office:** None  
**Memberships in organizations relevant to office:** None  
**Ethics Declaration:** No financial or familial conflicts of interest declared.  
**Climate change plans:** Not exactly part of my role as a school board director.  
**State Route 104 roundabouts position:** Not exactly part of my role as a school board director.  
**Would you repeal, oppose or enact any policies?** Not exactly part of my role as a school board director  
**Any non-school policies on which you would speak out?** Not exactly part of my role as a school board director  
**What concrete steps can be taken to address the Chimacum District decline in enrollment?** Assess the reasons parents are pulling students out and do the best we can to rectify that.  
**Should the current superintendent remain in his position or be replaced?** I have not decided what I think.  
**What can (or should) school districts do in response to any decline in sports participation?** I would suggest investigating what the students are interested in. If we can't offer the sport perhaps we can partner with another school to allow these kids the opportunity to play without encouraging the parents to leave the school district.



#### Mickey Nagy

20-year district resident

**Age:** 39  
**Residence:** Port Hadlock  
**Education:** Master's, Contract Management  
**Profession:** Project manager  
**Work history:** Naval Sea Systems Command, November 2013 to present; Naval Magazine Indian Island, September 2003 to November 2013  
**Prior elected office:** None  
**Memberships in organizations relevant to office:** None  
**Other affiliations:** Knights of Columbus  
**Ethics Declaration:** Assistant football coach at Chimacum High School, wife is employed at Chimacum Primary School as para-educator  
**Climate change plans:** Climate is constantly changing. There is zero way to reduce climate change in Chimacum, WA. I would instead focus on educating students about history, geology, paleontology, provide trades training and certification, restart fish hatchery program, electric vehicle and robotics programs, computer sciences and programming.  
**State Route 104 roundabouts position:** The state should consider utilizing an onramp and offramp approach. I would like to see the data on how far backups will occur during metered operating times. Concern is that metered roundabouts will result in very long backups of traffic both west and east bound directions.  
**Would you repeal, oppose or enact any policies?** Enact policies that are value added to preparing students to enter job market fully prepared to contribute, fully qualified to be accepted into community college or state university, or to be accepted into any trade school. Repeal anything non value added and that does not properly prepare our students.  
**Any non-school policies on which you would speak out?** My personal views on non-school policies have no relevance to governing a school district.  
**What concrete steps can be taken to address the Chimacum District decline in enrollment?** Prepare students to be qualified business owners and workers. The only way to grow the population of families is to grow business opportunities that provide family wage jobs.  
**Should the current superintendent remain in his position or be replaced?** I have not decided what I think.  
**What can (or should) school districts do in response to any decline in sports participation?** Make sports and/or band participation mandatory.

## Check your mailbox: ballots sent out today

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More than 25,000 ballots will be mailed out to Jefferson County's registered voters on Oct. 16.  
 Elections Officer Betty Johnson said there were a total of 25,744 eligible voters receiving ballots as of Oct. 10.  
 Voters will have three weeks to mail in their ballots or drop them off at one of the six ballot boxes in the county by election day on Nov. 5.  
 Voters in Jefferson County usually have a quick turnaround time on sending back their ballots, Johnson said.  
 Last year, a total of 4,552 ballots had been returned by Oct. 24.  
 Jefferson County also had the third-highest rate in the state last year. The Washington Secretary of State reported 83.12% of the 25,411

registered voters returned their ballots for the general election in November of 2018. According to the county's records, 21,272 ballots were returned in total.

It's not too late to register to vote. The last day for new voter registrations and updates online and by mail is Oct. 28.

Washington state now has same-day voter registration, which means that citizens who are eligible can register to vote in person at the county auditor's office, which is located on the first floor of the Jefferson County Courthouse in Port Townsend. The auditor's office will be open for new registration until 8 p.m. on Nov. 5. The results of the election will also be announced at the auditor's office at 8 p.m. that day.

To view a sample ballot or to learn more about where to vote, go to [co.jefferson.wa.us/1266/Elections](http://co.jefferson.wa.us/1266/Elections).

## Doug Ross

For School Board

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- Attracting and retaining quality teachers
- Open communication between teachers, students, parents and the community
- Supporting the board in their drive for enhancing the PT educational experience
- Engaging our students, teachers and administration in non-traditional educational opportunities
- Supporting our students with mental health challenges

### BACKGROUND

- Port Townsend resident since 2004
- Husband and father of two
- Vice President HFI Performance Textiles
- MBA University of Denver

### PROVEN LOCAL COMMITMENT

- Board Member Skillmation/StrongerTowns
- Board Member JeffCo Club Soccer
- Previous Board Member PT Main Street
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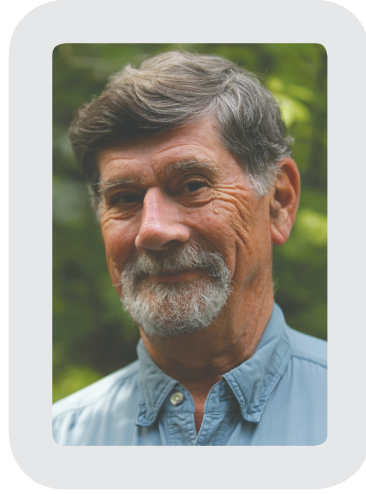
## GENERAL ELECTION



### Port Townsend School Board #3



**Doug Ross**  
14-year district resident



**Harold J. Sherwood**  
43-year district resident

**Age:** 58  
**Residence:** Port Townsend  
**Education:** MBA University of Denver  
**Profession:** Textile sales  
**Work history:** HFI Taipei Taiwan, vice president North America 2008-2019, Intermax Korea, director of sales North America 2000-2010  
**Prior elected office:** None  
**Other affiliations:** Skillmation, board member  
**Ethics Declaration:** No financial or familial conflicts of interest declared.  
**Climate change plans:** I will support our PT superintendent to continue to offer our students at each school the best curriculum available.  
**State Route 104 roundabouts position:** As I am not an expert on transportation in Washington State, I do not have advice for this project (no doubt our state has experts working through this project)  
**Would you repeal, oppose or enact any policies?** At this time I do not have anything that I wish to repeal, oppose or enact. I need to study any needs once on this board.  
**Any non-school policies on which you would speak out?** I will of course follow the protocol of this board seat. It is my understanding that our board will only communicate on issues that are in alignment within our responsibility supporting our schools, teachers, students, administration.  
**Additional comments on other issues:** I plan to learn more how in my role as PTSD board member can assist our students that are challenged by depression and anxiety issues as best I can. Our district has been working on this issue, I hope to simply explore new opportunities to help our students.

**Age:** 71  
**Residence:** Port Townsend  
**Education:** Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Washington State University  
**Profession:** Veterinary sciences  
**Work history:** Veterinary Center Family Pet Care, veterinarian  
**Prior elected office:** School Director Port Townsend 1984 to 1991 including Board Chair  
**Ethics Declaration:** No financial or familial conflicts of interest declared.  
**Climate change plans:** I would encourage the district to expand its current sustainability policies. We should promote a continuing sound education in math, science and communication at all grade levels. Our youth are our future.  
**State Route 104 roundabouts position:** I would recommend DOT work with all stake holders to arrive at a sound evidence-based solution.  
**Would you repeal, oppose or enact any policies?** I will work to strengthen education opportunities for students at all levels.  
**Additional comments on other issues:** The Port Townsend School District has excellent long standing programs for the college-bound. The district is currently increasing its focus on the needs of students who seek non-college opportunities. I will work for county-wide programs to increase opportunities for all involving Jefferson County School Districts, businesses and skilled mentorship.

## PT candidates debate change vs experience

Road repair, city manager, affordable housing, and budget discussed

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Both of the Port Townsend City Council races that were spotlighted by an Oct. 10 candidate forum served to underscore the differences between those vying for each seat.

While Position 6 incumbent Amy Howard offered compact, polished responses to each question, challenger Bernie Arthur drew laughter for his self-effacing tendency to test the time limits even as he offered what he deemed less complicated proposals.

And while Position 3 challenger Monica MickHager criticized the City Council for what she saw as its insufficient progress toward many goals, incumbent and Mayor Deborah Stinson argued the council had moved measurably toward accomplishing those same aims.

Howard is completing her first term, during which she's chaired the council's finance and budget committee, and she sees herself as "just getting started in coming up to speed," while Arthur is concerned with the city's spending, especially since the one council member he sees as standing against such spending, Position 4 incumbent Bob Gray, is not running for re-election.

Stinson credited the two terms she's already served on the council, both of them as mayor, with furnishing her with the experience and skills to address public safety, economic development and climate change, while MickHager presented herself as an alternative to what she deemed a status quo of debt, insufficient street repairs and a lack of affordable housing.

Arthur touted his stints on the city's planning and shoreline commissions, while Howard cited her 20 years of work in the nonprofit sector, including working her way up to executive director of the Boiler Room before it closed, and connecting prospective donors with charities.

When asked their priorities, Howard said she wished to continue her work on the city's affordable housing committee, which has already seen her correspond with other cities about their models, to help Port Townsend avoid "reinvent(ing) the wheel," while Arthur criticized what he perceived as the non-responsiveness of city officials to citizen inquiries, which he believes has led to low voter turnout.

On the subject of the city manager, both candidates agreed that the incoming city manager needs to be visible to the public and involved in the community, which Arthur believes that former city manager David Timmons was not, and Howard believes incoming city manager John Mauro will be.

The two candidates differed on the question of how well respective government agencies get along, with Arthur pointing to his years of involvement in the Port of Port Townsend, during which he's witnessed "one trying to victimize the other," whereas Howard held up her own experiences of positive intergovernmental interactions, among them a workshop with the Jamestown S'Klallam tribe earlier this year.

On the city budget, Howard asserted that the council spends "many months" making sure citizens "get the most bang for their buck," but also encouraged

citizens to offer more input during the budgeting process, which "is always an open process."

By contrast, Arthur argued that the city "spends far more than it takes in," and disputed the need for sewer and garbage rate increases, as well as projects such as the current "golden triangle" renovation.

When asked about the renovation of Water Street, and the relative level of disrepair of a number of residential streets, Arthur noted that Haines Street, where he moved to 50 years ago, looks the same today, even though "it just needs to be repaved," while Howard explained that the Water Street project allowed the city to replace a failing water main under the street while also fixing the street itself, and the grant funds for that project were not transferable to residential streets.

When Stinson and MickHager were asked about the Water Street renovation and the maintenance of residential streets, Stinson pointed out that state and federal funding is available for arterials that serve the needs of public safety and commerce, which the city also uses to provide water, electricity and in the future, broadband access.

MickHager countered by accusing the city of focusing on projects that are eligible for such grants, to the exclusion of performing necessary maintenance on residential streets.

MickHager proposed charging for parking in downtown Port Townsend, and partnering with Jefferson Transit to help fund an expansion of bus service further into the evenings and weekends, while Stinson expressed concerns about possible equity issues that paid parking might raise.

Stinson and MickHager both identified affordable housing as a priority, and even agreed that zoning codes should be used to help promote affordable housing, with Stinson additionally identifying fee waivers and installations of in-the-ground infrastructure as ways to promote it.

But while Stinson asserted that the city had already begun to address this issue, MickHager noted that proposals made by the planning commission five years ago "are just now coming onto the city council's radar."

MickHager and Stinson also saw the matter of the city's \$17 million debt differently, with MickHager calling for it to be paid down, and for the city to "live within its means," so that it can devote more funds to repairing its roads, expanding its sidewalks and ensuring it has open public bathrooms, whereas Stinson presented debt as how the city pays for projects while allowing its citizens to enjoy those projects' benefits today.

Stinson also defended the city's fiscal responsibility by noting that its budgets are balanced and undergo annual audits.

On the subject of the city manager, Stinson praised Timmons for "getting a lot done," but anticipated that Mauro would bring "a new spark," meet citizens' expectations that he be able to "mix it up with the community," and bring with him ideas on how to address climate change.

MickHager expressed "great hopes" that Mauro would be a visible presence in the community's festivals and other events, and that he would make himself accessible to the public and be "invested in public participation" and willing to "listen to our community, not just about the things we love, but the things we don't love."


Perhaps unsurprisingly, both incumbents argued against term limits, with both Howard and Stinson warning against the loss of institutional knowledge that could come from capping elected officials' terms, while MickHager countered that such institutional knowledge can already be found in the memories of city staff members who have served for decades. Arthur stated his belief that the primary job of any government employee should be to figure out how to eliminate their own job.

Stinson did additionally point out that MickHager had argued against term limits as a 10-year member of the city planning commission.

CHIMACUM SCHOOL DISTRICT POSITION 3

## Kristina Mayer

Chimacum School District Position 3



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