

Thurston County

The three-member county commission is both a local government and a subdivision of state government. Its primary responsibility is serving as the general purpose local government and legislative authority outside city limits. Many county responsibilities are mandated by state law; others are permitted by state law, allowing considerable local discretion. The commission is responsible for county policies relating to public safety and health, community development, human services, environmental protection, solid waste, county finance, transportation, parks and recreation, and other state legislative-directed duties.

Only voters in District No. 1 may vote on this position.

Commissioner, District No. 1 - Four Year Term - Vote For One



Jim Cooper
(Prefers Democratic Party)

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Everyone in our community matters. With that fundamental value in place everything else becomes clear. Thurston County has serious needs: our mentally ill, our homeless veterans, and our working poor are often forgotten. I believe in open and accountable government that recognizes every citizen.

I stand with workers asking for workplace equity and living wages. I'm dedicated to helping small businesses thrive in our communities. As a commissioner, I will create accessible government that builds our economic engine and supports our workers.

I am a husband, a father and a public servant. As a 5-year Olympia City Councilmember, I have demonstrated compassionate, balanced leadership. My role as chair of the Olympia City Council Finance Committee and chair of Olympic Regional Clean Air Agency Board reflect my experience as an effective policy-maker. A seasoned executive, I am the Director of United Ways of the Pacific Northwest, and a proud member of the Olympia Rotary Club.

Parks and recreation, air and water quality, well maintained roads and infrastructure, these are things universal to us all. These essential functions of government are driven by our values. Vote for me to keep our values on the Thurston County Commission. Everyone in our community matters.



Jon Pettit
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It's time for a new direction for Thurston. Many of you know me as a champion of the citizens of Thurston County against waste and overregulation. I'm proud that I have been able to contribute much to the process over the years, but I believe it has now become necessary for me to run for a position where I can even make a greater difference.

the beautiful environment we enjoy. I will increase public safety through adequately funding our law enforcement. I will accomplish my goals without raising your taxes or adding any new taxes.

I've developed the Pettit Plan (pettitplan.com) which outlines my platform. I developed this plan with knowledge and experience as a successful business person and as a private citizen. My approach is "common sense." The Pettit Plan addresses many issues including eliminating waste, and eliminating unnecessary regulation, while protecting

I'm a native of Thurston County. My father was a County Commissioner. I've serve my community by sharing my property "The Deschutes River Ranch" with families, friends and schools.

I'm asking for the opportunity to work for you and I'm also asking for your vote.

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No statement was submitted.



Diane Dondero
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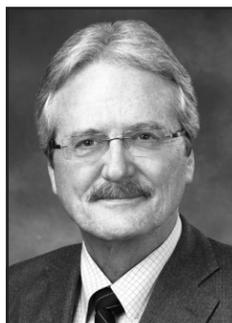
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Diane is a retired in-home care provider of 25 years serving a broad spectrum of Washington families. *"Working with the terminally ill and infirm instilled in me a strong advocacy for individual rights and personal freedom. I learned to listen, do my research and come to the table ready to find creative solutions."*

The middle class has become poorer. The impoverished have become homeless. We can no longer afford business as usual. *"Private property owners, service workers and retirees are not the best resource to fill county coffers. We are smarter and can do better than that. I want to incentivize 21st century ideas that not only rebuild the economy, but reverse this downward spiral for all residents of Thurston County."*

County commissioners wear the hat of "city council" for unincorporated Thurston residents. *"As your next District One Commissioner, I will provide equal representation, promote plain talk in place of legalese, and work to solve problems collaboratively before enforcement is needed. I want to make local government more inclusive, accessible, and helpful, and to better support property rights and individual freedom."*

"Let's build on the momentum for change to put the people's voice at the forefront of the decision-making process."



John (Hutch) Hutchings
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Vote for common sense, representation, compassion, and integrity on the County Commission. It is time to rethink the past and retool our future; creating a healthy community requires collaboration, problem-solving, policy making, and grace under fire.

Here is my commitment to you: I support property rights and I'll protect employment and the environment for our kids and grandkids. I have reinforced my 35-year law enforcement career with these professional tools: a graduate degree, a Fulbright scholarship, adjunct professor, and author of a book on mental health. My education and experience will help me improve our community's mental health by reducing stigma, addressing chemical dependency, and pursuing innovative justice.

A major issue is the "gopher plan" (HCP), which could cost county residents \$151 million in administration and \$1 million in litigation. Misguided policy-making also cost county residents \$13 million in the Maytown lawsuit. The county has lost more than \$1 million in annual sales tax revenue due to lost business. This is wrong!

We can have reasoned and balanced policy, protecting individuals, businesses, and the environment with community representation. As your commissioner, I will provide the leadership and care that you deserve. I ask for your vote. Thank you.