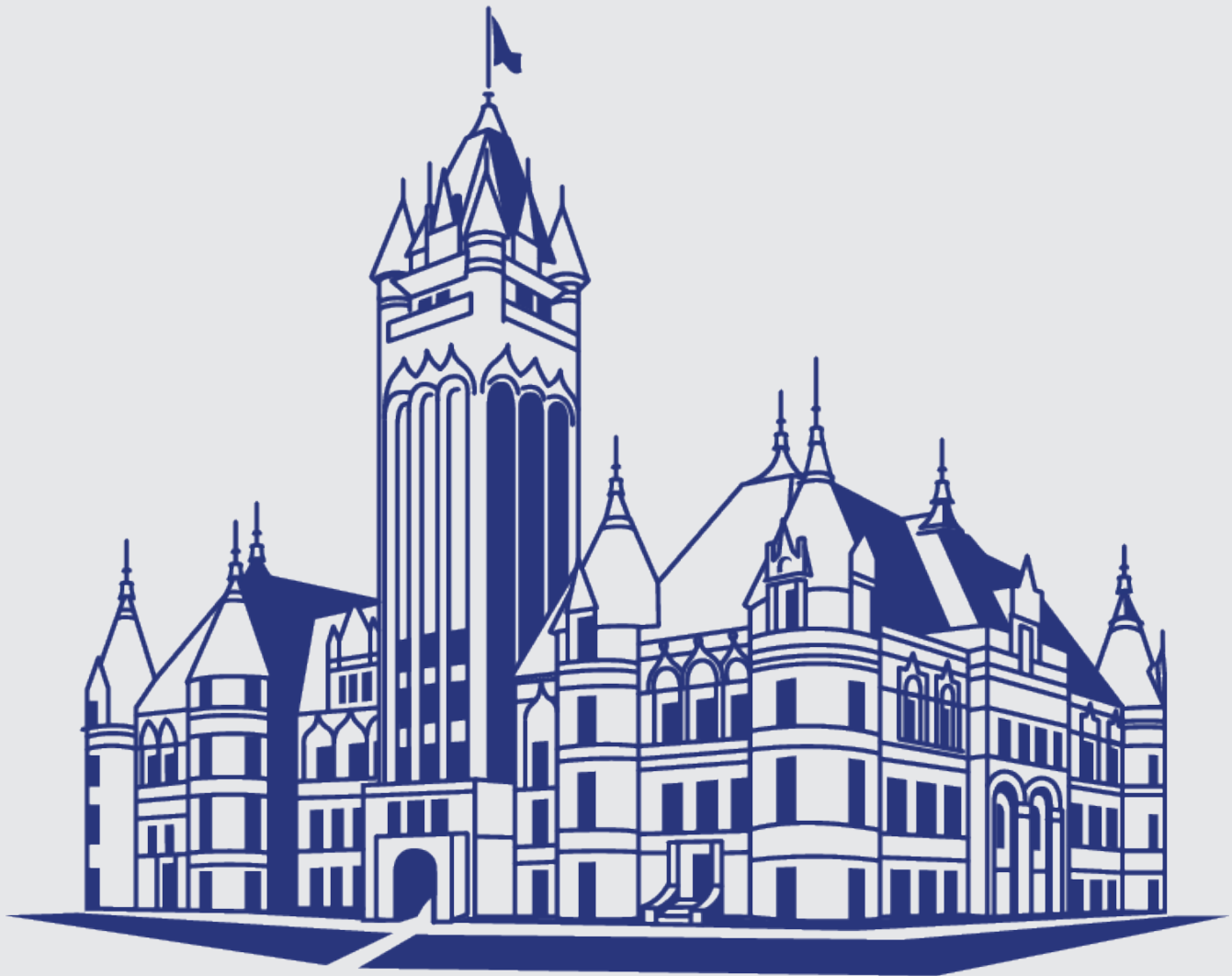


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Voters' Pamphlet

November 5, 2024, General Election



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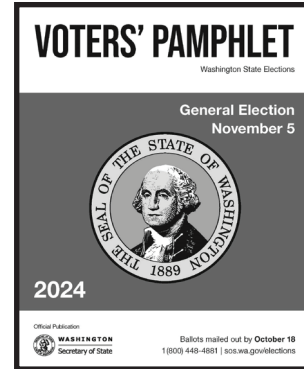
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State Measures and Candidates

Expect two Voters' Pamphlets for this General Election. The state will send you its pamphlet, see below, with all federal and state races and issues.



What you'll find in the state voters' pamphlet

Initiatives

- Initiative Measure No. 2066
- Initiative Measure No. 2109
- Initiative Measure No. 2117
- Initiative Measure No. 2124

Federal

- President/Vice President of the United States
- U.S. Senator
- U.S. Representative, District 5

State

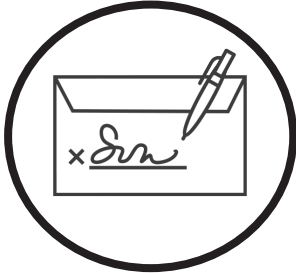
- Governor
- Lt. Governor
- Secretary of State
- State Treasurer
- State Auditor
- Attorney General
- Commissioner of Public Lands
- Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Insurance Commissioner
- Legislative District 3
- Legislative District 4
- Legislative District 6
- Legislative District 7
- Legislative District 9

Judicial

- Supreme Court Justice Position 2
- Supreme Court Justice Position 8
- Supreme Court Justice Position 9
- Court of Appeals Judge Position 1
- Spokane Superior Court Judge Position 8
- Spokane Superior Court Judge Position 11

Your vote is powerful! To make sure your vote counts, it's crucial to sign your ballot envelope and understand the impact your signature has on validating your vote. Signature verification plays a vital role in upholding the integrity of elections and ensuring your voice is heard.

Here are a few points to emphasize the importance of your signature:



Signature Required

To ensure your ballot is valid, please remember to sign the return envelope.



Signature Verification

Your signature, whether in print or cursive, is compared to the signature we have in your voter registration record. That's right, we look at each signature on each ballot that is returned.



Action Required

If the signature on your ballot isn't similar to the signature in your voter registration record or if the signature was missing, don't worry. You can still "cure" your ballot so it counts. Our office will contact you with directions on how to cure your ballot.



The Power of Your Signature

Your signature validates your ballot, your choices, and your participation in the democratic process.

A FEW TIPS:

- 1 If you registered to vote online, your signature from the Department of Licensing is your voter registration signature. Take a moment and look at the signature on your drivers' license or state ID.
- 2 If you registered with a paper form, your signature from the form is your voter registration signature.
- 3 The signature on your ballot does not need to be perfect. It just needs to be consistent and match what we have on file.
- 4 If you are not sure what signature we have on file, you can update your signature.
 - Print out a registration form and mail us the form with your new signature; or
 - Call 509-477-2320 or email elections@spokanecounty.gov to request a Signature Update form; or
 - Visit Spokane County Elections to fill out a form in person

4 Ballot Drop Box Locations

Ballot drop boxes are available starting **October 11** and close promptly at **8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 5.**



- Airway Heights Library - 1213 S Lundstrom St
- Argonne Library - 4322 N Argonne Rd
- CenterPlace Event Center - 2426 N Discovery Pl
- Central Library - 906 W Main Ave
- Cheney Library - 610 First St
- Deer Park Library - 208 S Forest Ave
- Elections Office - 1033 W Gardner Ave
- Fairfield Library - 305 E Main St
- Hillyard Library - 4110 N Cook St
- Indian Trail Library - 4909 W Barnes Rd
- Latah Town Hall - 108 Market St
- Liberty Lake Library - 23123 E Mission Ave
- Liberty Park Library - 402 S Pittsburg St
- Medical Lake Library - 321 E Herb St
- Millwood City Hall - 9103 E Frederick Ave
- Moran Prairie Library - 6004 S Regal St
- North Spokane Library - 44 E Hawthorne Rd
- Otis Orchards Library - 22324 E Wellesley Ave
- Rockford Town Hall - 20 W Emma St
- Shadle Park Library - 2111 W Wellesley Ave
- South Hill Library - 3324 S Perry St
- Spangle Town Hall - 115 W 2nd St
- Spokane Co. Courthouse - 1116 W Broadway Ave
- Spokane Valley Library - 22 N Herald Rd
- STA Plaza - 701 W Riverside Ave
- The Hive - 2904 E Sprague Ave
- Waverly Town Hall - 255 N Commercial St

Voter Service Centers

You may register to vote, drop off ballots, get replacement ballots, use an Accessible Voting Unit (AVU), or receive other assistance as needed at:

Downtown Spokane

Elections Office - 1033 W Gardner Ave

- From **September 20 - October 25**
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- From **October 28 - November 4**
Weekend included, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **Election Day November 5**
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Or

Catalyst Building - 601 E Riverside Ave

- **Monday, November 4**
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **Election Day November 5**
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Spokane Valley

CenterPlace - 2426 N Discovery Pl

- From **November 2 - November 4**
Saturday - Monday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **Election Day November 5**
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Voters with disabilities have the option of voting independently and privately using an accessible voting unit.

The accessible voting equipment will be available at the Elections

Office beginning Friday, October 11 and at CenterPlace and the Catalyst Building during hours of operation (see above).

Student Engagement Hub

Public universities in Washington State now offer Student Engagement Hubs to ensure college students never miss an election when away from home.

Eastern Washington University Hub

Pence Union Building
926 Elm St, Cheney

Open Election Day, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Get ready! Register to vote.

To ensure you're eligible to vote this coming election, register to vote now. Three ways to register are:

- **Online.** Visit votewa.gov and register online.
- **By mail.** Print a registration form at www.spokanecounty.org/elections or call 509-477-2320 to request one be mailed to you.
- **In person.** Visit Spokane County Elections, 1033 W Gardner Ave, during business hours.



Qualified registrants must be at least 16 years old, a U.S. citizen and Washington resident, with no court orders (or total confinement for a Washington felony conviction) that disqualifies you from voting.

Deadline to register

To qualify for the General Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, your **online** or **mailed** voter registration must be received by October 28. Or visit a Voter Service Center **in person** before 8:00 p.m. November 5. You must be 18 years old by November 5.

Moved? Update your voting address

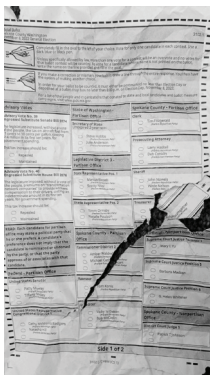


If you've moved recently, and need a ballot mailed to your new address, contact the elections office by mail, phone, email, or online by October 28. Or visit a Voter Service Center in person before 8:00 p.m. November 5.

Help! My ballot was lost or damaged.

There are multiple ways to get a replacement ballot if yours has been lost or damaged:

- Contact Spokane County Elections to request a replacement ballot be sent by mail. Call 509-477-2320 or email elections@spokanecounty.gov.
- Print a replacement ballot packet from www.spokanecounty.org/elections. When finished voting, return the ballot packet by drop box or mail
- Or visit your nearest Voter Service Center (locations listed on page 4)



Uh oh! I received a ballot for someone who died or who doesn't live here.

If you've received a ballot for someone who doesn't live at your address or who is deceased, simply write "Not at this address" or "Deceased" on the ballot envelope and return it in the mail or in a drop box.

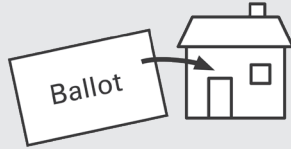
Once returned to the Elections Office, we can follow up on the information you provided according to state and federal law.

Thanks for helping us keep our voter rolls current!



How do I cast a ballot?

Your ballot will be mailed no later than **October 11** to the mailing address on your voter registration. If you need a replacement ballot, visit www.spokanecounty.org/elections or contact the Spokane County Elections Office.



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Vote your ballot. You are not required to vote every race on your ballot. We encourage using this pamphlet to help you decide.

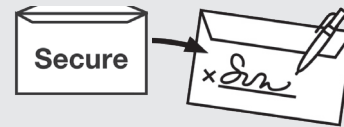
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Place your ballot in the security envelope.



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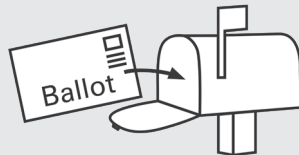
Place the security envelope inside the return envelope. **Don't forget to sign the return envelope.**



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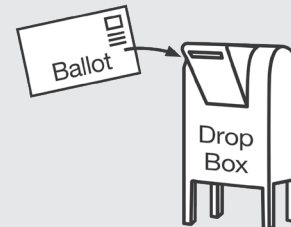
Return your ballot by mail, no stamp needed. If mailed, your ballot must be postmarked by **November 5**.

A late postmark could disqualify your ballot. The USPS recommends that you mail a week before Election Day.



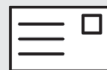
Or

Return your ballot to an official ballot drop box. Drop boxes are open until 8:00 p.m. on **November 5**. See page 4 for drop box locations.



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Did we get your ballot? Check the status of your ballot at votewa.gov to see if it has been received by the Elections Office.



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

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



Where can I vote in person?

You may be surprised to learn that Spokane County has not had physical voting machines since 2005. Our state is one of the early adopters of vote-by-mail.

Return your signed ballot by mail (postage free!) or drop it off at one of the secure county drop box locations by 8 p.m. Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

I forgot to put my ballot in the security envelope. What should I do?

If you put your ballot directly in the return envelope without putting it in the security envelope first, don't worry. You can return your ballot as is. The security envelope is just an added measure for voter privacy. Your ballot will not be invalidated if it is not in the security envelope.

Where's my county commissioner?

Don't be alarmed if you do not have a county commissioner race on your ballot.

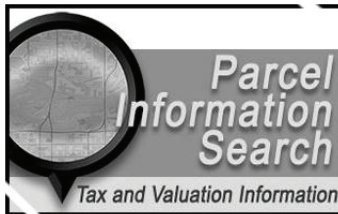
Only voters living in commissioner districts 1, 3, and 5 will have that commissioner race on their ballot. If you live in district 2 or 4 you will vote for your commissioner in 2026.

How do I know which district I'm in?

Want to verify what district you are in or view your parcel information? You can find this data and much more in one place on the Spokane County website.

Go to spokanecounty.org, then:

1. Find "Parcel Information Search" at the bottom of the page.



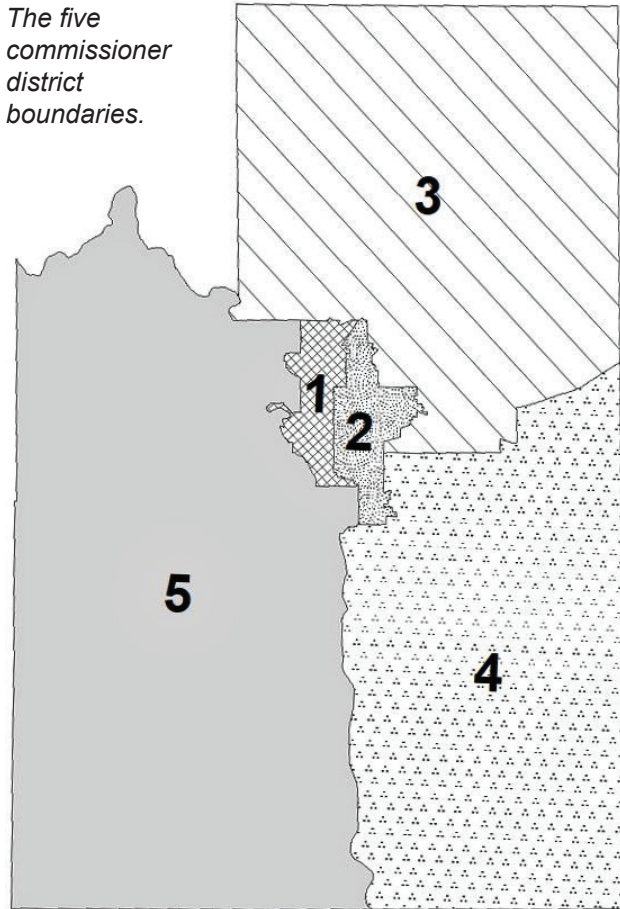
2. Enter your residential address and select "Search."

1033 W GARDNER AVE Search

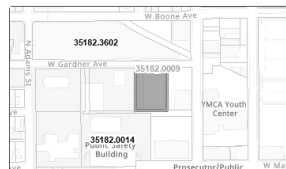
Parcel Example: 35182.4601
Address Example: 1116 W BROADWAY AVE

3. Information for your parcel, including commissioner district and school district, will appear in 9 different info boxes. Each box will display additional information when selected.

The five commissioner district boundaries.



Site Address: 1033 W GARDNER AVE



Parcel Information
1033 W GARDNER AVE
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Spokane #81
Spokane #81
Holmes Elementary
North Central High School
Snowdon Elementary
Yasuhara Middle School
More

Utilities
City of Spokane Water Department
Spokane Solid Waste Management
More

Public Safety
City of Spokane Fire Department
Spokane Police Department
More

Permits and Licensing
Animal Control
Building Permits
Code Enforcement
Electrical Permits
Online Building Permits
More

Other Services
Courts
Public Defender
Snow Removal
Golf Courses
More

Elections
Legislative District: 3
Precinct: 3327
Jurisdiction: Spokane
General Election Information
Voter Registration
More

Renewal of One-Tenth of One Percent Sales and Use Tax For Juvenile Detention Facilities and JailsSee complete resolution text at www.spokanecounty.org/elections**Ballot Title**

The Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 24-0428 concerning renewal of the juvenile detention facilities and jails sales and use tax pursuant to RCW 82.14.350.

If approved the county would renew the expiring one-tenth of one percent county-wide sales and use tax, commencing January 1, 2026 and terminating December 31, 2035, to be used solely for the purpose of operating, maintaining, repairing, equipping, re-equipping, financing and remodeling of juvenile detention facilities and jails as provided in Resolution No. 24-0428.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Measure No. 1 lets Spokane County voters determine by majority vote whether or not they want to authorize the renewal of the County-wide Juvenile Detention Facilities and Jails sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent (1/10th of 1%) for a ten (10) year time frame commencing January 1, 2026 and terminating December 31, 2035 as authorized by RCW 82.14.350. For every \$10 spent by residents, visitors, and tourists in Spokane County, 1 cent would be collected. It is projected that Measure No. 1 would annually raise \$16.5 million in 2026.

The tax revenue collected would be used by Spokane County solely for the purpose of operating, maintaining, repairing, equipping, re-equipping, financing and remodeling of juvenile detention facilities and jails.

On November 7, 1995 Spokane County voters first approved the Juvenile Detention Facilities Jails sales and use tax. Since then, the voters have approved renewal of the tax four additional times on November 3, 1998, September 16, 2003, March 11, 2008 and April 28, 2015.

Statement For***Vote "Yes" to Support Community Health and Safety***

Spokane's youth are our greatest hope for the future. Voting "Yes" to *Renew* the current sales tax for juvenile justice and jails will ensure *operations and essential services will continue to be provided* for Spokane County adults and juveniles who enter our justice system and jails. This measure will protect our community safety and support our youth under 18, providing accountability and helping them make better choices. We must continue to invest in our youth for a safer community!

Voting "Yes" will Not increase sales taxes you pay. Voting "Yes" means the rate stays flat. Since 1995, Spokane County Voters have overwhelmingly approved this funding source five times. Our community recognizes the value of early intervention to get youth on the right track and reduce future crime in our community.

This tax Renewal will Not fund the construction of new jail facilities.

All five County Commissioners unanimously voted to place this tax renewal on the ballot and intentionally removed the word "construction" in the measure. Funding will be used to *continue funding* essential staff, maintenance, and operations of the current juvenile detention facility and adult jails.

Join us in Supporting this Measure

As a Republican County Sheriff, a Democrat County Commissioner and a former Superior Court Judge, we don't always think alike, but we *All* agree that voting "Yes" on this Measure will help protect community safety, support youth and families, and continue funding essential services for our community. Please vote "Yes!"

Committee Name and Members: John Nowels, Amber Waldref, Harold Clarke III;
yesonjuvenilejustice@gmail.com

Statement Against

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement against the ballot measure.

Spokane County | Commissioner District 1 | 4 year term



Chris Jordan

(Prefers Democratic Party)

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Elected Experience

Spokane County Commissioner.

Other Professional Experience

Assistant Attorney General - Washington State Attorney General's Office (Spokane Division), protected vulnerable children; Project Fellow - Columbia Legal Services, led campaign to pass bipartisan law helping homeless schoolchildren and families; Governor's Appointee - UW Board of Regents, advocated for college affordability; Proud Union Member.

Education

Mead Schools graduate - Mt. Spokane High School; Law

Degree, Master of Public Administration, B.A. - University of Washington.

Community Service

Juvenile Court Improvement Committee, Hope and Teamwork Awards - Spokane County; Bishop's Committee - St. Andrew's Episcopal Church; Legislative Intern - Senator Patty Murray; Volunteer - Spokane River Cleanup, West Central Dinner Table.

Statement

Serving as your County Commissioner is a privilege. I'm proud of my work with both parties to get things done: making government more transparent, improving access to justice, and appointing a medical doctor to the Health Board. I've pushed to expand job training and apprenticeships, and urged the County to take climate change seriously. Let's build on this progress with smart investments to reduce crime, expand drug treatment, and support first responders; by collaborating as a region to tackle homelessness; and by working for a County that's more affordable, welcoming, and accessible to all - where working families can thrive.

Unopposed

Spokane County | Commissioner District 3 | 4 year term



Josh Kerns

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Elected Experience

Spokane County Commissioner, 2016-Present; Precinct Committee Officer

Other Professional Experience

Josh and his wife, Nichole, own a marketing business. For six years, Josh served as a Senior Legislative Aide in the Washington State House of Representatives working on legislative issues and helping constituents navigate government bureaucracies.

Education

Josh earned both his Bachelor in Business Management and his Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Whitworth University. He earned his Associates degree

from Spokane Community College, and is a graduate of Mt. Spokane High School.

Community Service

Local school volunteer; Former youth sports volunteer; Former Vice President, Spokane County Young Republicans; Former Treasurer, Spokane County Republican Party

Statement

As a lifelong resident of Spokane County, small business owner, and elected County Commissioner, Josh will keep fighting to create a community where businesses flourish and our residents can find good paying jobs and raise their families. Josh continues to be committed to bringing economic development opportunities to Spokane County and promoting transparency in government.

Josh is a leader who pushes for safer communities by supporting public safety and law enforcement. Instead of raising taxes, Josh fights for efficiencies in government and growing our economy to solve budget challenges. Let's continue to get results for Spokane County.

Unopposed



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Elected Experience

Spokane City Council, 2002-2009; Spokane County Commissioner 2011-2024

Other Professional Experience

US Marine Corps 1969-1972. Licensed architect, real estate broker, investment consultant for over 45 years. Currently serving on local, regional and state boards and commissions, many in leadership roles. Recognized nationally by the American Public Transportation Association as the national "Outstanding Board Member of the Year" in 2008 for my leadership skills.

Education

Western High School, Las Vegas NV 1969; University of Idaho, BA Architecture and Business Finance (Minor), 1972-1977

Community Service

40 years of civic activities, please see my website for a broader list.

Statement

It's been an honor to serve as your County Commissioner. I've brought more and better paying jobs to the community, streamlined processes, reduce the cost of government, and developed balanced budgets without new taxes. I find solutions. I've pledged to not support any property tax increase for 2025. I have worked to protect you, your family and our quality of life. I am the only candidate endorsed by Sheriff John Nowles and previous Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich.

I would be honored to receive your vote and continue our journey to success, working on the issues important to you and our community.



Molly Marshall

(Prefers Democratic Party)

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 votemollymarshall.com

Elected Experience

Treasurer Grandview/Thorpe Neighborhood Council; Community Assembly Land Use Executive Committee

Other Professional Experience

Lt. Col (Ret) Air National Guard - 30 years; Pilot - KC-135R Stratotanker and C-26 Reconnaissance Aircraft; Officer in charge, 141st ARW Command Post, Fairchild AFB - Command Control of Nuclear Mission and worldwide refueling operations; USAF Academy: Team leader who implemented the first Iridium/GPS based airdrop and cargo tracking system; Spokane County Elections Employee

Education

EWU - Bachelor of Arts; USAF Air Command & Staff College, Squadron Officer School

Community Service

Cofounder Citizens Action for Latah Valley; LCHS Parents' Music Association; Juvenile Diabetes Program Volunteer; Grandview/Thorpe Trolley Trail Project Leader

Statement

I devoted my career to serving my country... now it is time to serve my county. Contaminated drinking water is unacceptable. I will prioritize getting clean water and resources to affected residents. Citizens must be protected through smart development, improved road safety, and wildfire prevention. A plan for a new jail must address public safety and be worthy of community support. I will bring responsible leadership that will listen and collaborate to create a thriving community that is safe for all residents!

Endorsements: Corrections Officers Local 492, Commissioners Amber Waldref and Chris Jordan, Greg Bulkley Col (Ret.) 141st ARW



Mick Yarroll

(Nonpartisan)

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Elected Experience

I've held no political office previously.

Other Professional Experience

I have 45 plus years of experience in the utilities industry. Installing underground and above ground cables and wiring, utility maintenance. building foundations, installing gas lines, water lines and septic for large housing developments. I'm a heavy equipment operator with a Class A CDL.

Education

Graduated Colville High School, Heavy Equipment & Basic Engineering school, CDL training, Communications training.

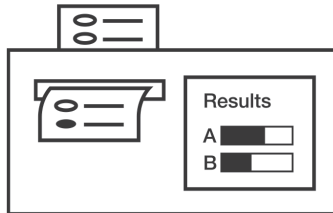
Community Service

Fundraising for youth athletics, cancer/medical, and gun club.

Statement

Water is the most vital resource we have next to oxygen. The quality of the systems providing water to our citizens is essential. Maintenance of these systems is my priority. I have a great working knowledge of utility systems, and a firm belief in fiscal responsibility. I have experience with budgeting, submitting budgets, and project budgeting. I have partnered in a construction business and storage units; understanding the challenges and regulations business owners must meet. I've built relationships throughout my career and have a deep respect for our utility workers. Having retired from communications, I would look forward to putting my experience to work for the citizens of Stevens County

Unopposed



View election results online starting election night.

After 8 p.m. on election night, unofficial results are posted at:
www.spokanecounty.org/elections

Results will be updated as more ballots are processed. Results are unofficial until the Spokane County Canvassing Board certifies the General Election on Certification Day, November 26, 2024.

Who donates to campaigns?

View information on financial contributions for federal candidates:



Federal Election Commission

www.fec.gov

Toll Free 1 (800) 424-9530

View financial contributions for state and local candidates and measures:



Public Disclosure Commission

pdc@pdc.wa.gov

www.pdc.wa.gov

Toll Free 1 (877) 601-2828

Additional Sales and Use Tax for Enhanced Community Safety Purposes**Ballot Title**

See complete resolution text at www.spokanecounty.org/elections

The Spokane City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-0067 concerning a proposition for funding enhanced community safety and other public safety operations such as the Spokane Fire Department, Spokane Police Department, Municipal Court, and Office of the Police Ombudsman. If approved, this proposition would increase the sales and use tax rate by one-tenth of one percent (0.1 %) to provide ongoing funding for community safety, criminal justice and law enforcement purposes permitted under RCW 82.14.450.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Proposition No. 1 submits to the voters a measure proposing an increase in the sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) for enhanced community safety functions pursuant to RCW 82.14.450. This tax is estimated to generate \$7.7 million dollars annually, fifteen percent (15%) of which will go to Spokane County, resulting in approximately \$6.5 million collected each year by the City of Spokane. The funds will be dedicated to enhanced community safety purposes and other public safety functions, such as operations and other enhancements for the Spokane Fire Department, the Spokane Police Department, Municipal Court, and the Office of Police Ombudsman.

This proposal is expected to begin no later than January 1, 2025, and will cost the average Spokane resident about \$1 per every \$1,000 they spend, with several necessities, like food, prescription drugs, mortgages or real property rentals, not subject to the tax.

If the Community Safety proposition is not approved, the proposed operational enhancements will not occur or will have to be funded from currently unidentified sources.

For and Against statements on next page

Additional Sales and Use Tax for Enhanced Community Safety Purposes

Statement For

Essential funding for police, fire, and community safety

Public safety is the top priority for Spokane's neighborhoods and its residents, and all of our businesses. Proposition 1 addresses this need with critical investments: increased Spokane Police Department staffing, including neighborhood and downtown resource officers and traffic enforcement positions; Spokane Fire Department investment in life-saving fire apparatus to ensure on-time responses to emergencies, station improvements, and training. Funds will also reduce backlogs in our courts and police ombudsman office to better serve our city and its criminal justice system.

Economic Uncertainty

This measure generates the revenues needed to assure current and future funding for our community's public safety needs during these times of economic uncertainty.

Prop. 1 exempts basics, including food and prescription drugs

Washington State law prevents taxation of food, prescription drugs, and other basics. Proposition One also exempts mortgages, property rentals, and more—helping reduce the burden on seniors and working families. Funds will be subject to independent audits to ensure accountability.

Endorsed by Police, Fire and First Responders

Spokane Police Chief and Police Officers Guild, Spokane Fire Chief and Fire Fighters Union, Mayor Lisa Brown, and the majority of the City Council approve Prop 1 as an essential tool to address safety priorities and plan for future public safety needs.

Rebuttal of argument against

Political rhetoric won't keep our streets safe or help people in times of crisis. Spokane Police and Firefighters, along with many in our business community, endorse this measure because it will add staffing and services residents need *now* and provide sustainable and accountable funding to meet future needs.

Together, we all have a voice in spending priorities for a clean and safe Spokane!

Committee Members:

Randy Marler, randymarler@gmail.com;
Trevor Winters, twinters07@gmail.com;
Gavin Cooley, cooleyg@gmail.com

Statement Against

Say No to a Blank Check

This proposed tax isn't a public safety measure—it's a financial power grab, granting a blank check to current and future Mayors and City Councils with no expiration date and virtually no oversight. Can the people trust the City, given its financial track record, to spend these funds responsibly—not just today, but long term? Can you say confidently that the City is respecting the will of the voters and standing by our commitments to safeguard neighborhoods, or are politics being allowed to get in the way?

Other communities have implemented similar taxes with clear, specific outcomes—identifying exactly how many more police officers or firefighters will be hired. But in Spokane, the proposal is intentionally vague allowing funds to be diverted from law enforcement, firefighting/emergency services, and criminal justice. Shockingly, some City leaders have pushed to fund unrelated projects, like street infrastructure and climate initiatives, using public safety tax dollars—moves that would erode public trust and dilute any benefits of the tax.

Let's demand solutions that genuinely prioritize our community's safety and fiscal responsibility. We urge voters to reject this vague, permanent tax increase. With no clear plan, no defined strategy, and no accountability, this tax is an irresponsible blank check.

By voting 'No,' we send an unmistakable message: We expect responsible budgeting, we deserve unwavering transparency, and we insist on public safety plans that serve the people—not politics.

Rebuttal of argument for

Spokane deserves safety, but it shouldn't require blindly trusting politicians, as these proponents suggest. Our community can't afford to gamble on a vague measure with no safeguards or end date. The City's routine independent audits won't prevent the poor decisions this measure enables.

In these times of 'economic uncertainty,' Spokane needs clear, responsible, transparent planning—not empty promises. Demand a real plan, true accountability, and a genuine commitment to public safety. Please Vote No!

Committee Members: Dennis Flynn, dpflynn@hotmail.com;
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Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection

See complete resolution text at www.spokanecounty.org/elections

Ballot Title

The Rockford Town Council accepted Resolution 24-07 concerning a proposition to finance 2025 fire protection services. This proposition would authorize the Town to levy an excess property tax in 2025 on all taxable property within the Town of Rockford at an approximate rate of \$.51 per \$1,000 of assessed value to raise \$35,380.67 to be used to provide adequate services in 2025. This levy replaces an expiring levy, which the Town has collected in past years. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

Explanatory Statement

The Town of Rockford's fire department provides emergency fire protection and medical services to its residents. If approved by the voters, this proposition will authorize the Town to retain its existing regular real property tax levy rate of \$.51 per \$1,000 assessed valuation in 2025.

The Town Council has determined that this proposition is necessary to maintain an effective level of services, fire fighter staffing, equipment and facilities considering rising costs. Approval of this measure will allow the Town to maintain the level of fire protection provided to its residents.

Statement For

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement for the ballot measure.

Statement Against

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement against the ballot measure.

Fire Protection Service Excess Levy

See complete resolution text at www.spokanecounty.org/elections

Ballot Title

The Spangle Town Council enacted ordinance No. 462 concerning a proposition to finance the 2025 fire protection services. This proposition would authorize the Town to levy an excess property tax in 2025 on all taxable property with the Town of Spangle in an approximate rate of \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed value to raise \$49,000 to be used to provide adequate fire protection services in 2025. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

The Town of Spangle's volunteer fire department provides emergency fire protection and medical services to its residents. No other funds, grants, or loans are available to defray the cost of a Fire Protection Services Contract with Fire District #3 for the year 2025.

The Town Council has determined that this proposition is necessary to adequately protect the Town of Spangle, its citizens, and provide adequate Fire Protection Services. Approval of this measure will allow the Town to maintain the level of fire protection provided to its residents.

Statement For

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement for the ballot measure.

Statement Against

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement against the ballot measure.

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Police Protection Service Excess Levy

See complete resolution text at www.spokanecounty.org/elections

Ballot Title

The Spangle Town Council enacted Ordinance No. 463 concerning a proposition to finance the 2025 Police Protection Services. This proposition would authorize the Town to levy an excess property tax in 2025 on all taxable property with the Town of Spangle in an approximate rate of \$.80 per \$1,000 of assessed value to raise \$28,000.00 to be used to provide adequate police protection services in 2025. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

The Town of Spangle's police department provides crime prevention, assistance to victims of crime, maintains public order and overall safety of the community. No other grants, or loans are available to defray the cost of the Police Protection Services Contract with the Spokane County Sheriff's Department for the year 2025.

The Town Council has determined that this proposition is necessary to adequately protect the Town of Spangle, its citizens, and provide adequate Police Protection Services. Approval of this measure will allow the Town to maintain the level of police protection provided to its residents.

Statement For

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement for the ballot measure.

Statement Against

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement against the ballot measure.

Bonds To Construct and Improve Schools and Acquire Land**Ballot Title**See complete resolution text at www.spokanecounty.org/elections

The Board of Directors of Cheney School District No. 360 adopted Resolution No. 30-23-24, concerning a proposition to relieve overcrowding and provide safe, modern facilities. This proposition would authorize the District to: construct one additional elementary school in Airway Heights; make District-wide health and facility improvements (expanding kitchens and improving bus loops at Salnave and Windsor; upgrading HVAC; connecting old sections of buildings into new sections at CHS, Betz, Sunset, Windsor); acquire land; issue no more than \$72,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 30-23-24. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would authorize Cheney School District to issue \$72,000,000 of bonds to: (1) construct one additional elementary school in Airway Heights, on a site owned by the District on South Craig Road and West 1st Avenue; (2) make District-wide health and facility improvements (including expanding kitchens and improving bus loops at Salnave and Windsor Elementary Schools; upgrading HVAC; connecting old sections of buildings into new sections at CHS and Betz, Sunset and Windsor Elementary Schools); and (3) acquire land for new and expanded facilities of the District. The School Board approved the Facility Committee's recommendation that these projects were necessary to relieve overcrowding and provide safe, modern facilities. Further information is available at <https://www.cheneysd.org/>.

These bonds will be repaid from annual excess property taxes not to exceed 21 years at an estimated tax rate of \$0.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or \$191.25 per year for a \$425,000 home. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call your county assessor for more information.

For and Against statements on next page

Bonds To Construct and Improve Schools and Acquire Land

Statement For

Proposition No. 1: School Bond to Meet Needs of Community Growth

For the last 10 years, Cheney, Airway Heights, and the West Plains exploded with growth. Due to all the new homes and apartments, most of the schools in the district are over capacity. To compensate, the district is using portables, and modified school boundaries. Ultimately these strategies are just band aids, the time has come that we need to address the real problem. This bond will pay for an additional elementary school in Airway Heights, secure needed land for a future Airway Heights high school, as well as a centralized transportation site which will save thousands in fuel costs.

This bond also provides facilities improvements across the district to ensure our schools meet modern safety/energy standards. This bond will benefit all schools around the district (additional bleachers at CHS, improved student drop off at Salnave as well as Windsor, and energy efficiency upgrades in other schools).

The state does not fund the construction of new schools, or improvements to existing structures. There is no guarantee that land needed for a secondary school will even be available in the years to come, it maybe now or never for more schools in Airway Heights. We are already behind the growth in our community. Approve the bond so the district can more appropriately draw boundaries, getting schools back to designed capacity levels.

Rebuttal of argument against

If this bond doesn't go through now, it is only going to cost the community more in the future. The projected cost of just over \$17 a month, is less than many pay for streaming subscriptions, or a fast food meal. While we don't like seeing taxes going up, this will not be a significant hardship for 99% of our families.

Committee Name and Members: West Plains Citizens for Excellent Education; Zachary Zorrozuva, westplainscee@gmail.com

Statement Against

Funding public schools for the Cheney School District impacts children, families and the employees that serve them each day. The district is asking for \$72 million in bond dollars to be approved to fund several district building projects, including a new elementary school in Airway Heights, land acquisition for an additional secondary school, improving bus loops at Salnave and Windsor, and other building improvement projects.

The most significant negative is the cost impact to individual home owners - \$0.53 per \$1000 of assessed value. A home valued at \$400,000 would owe \$212 in property tax per year (\$17.55 per month) towards the building of new schools and improvements in Airway Heights, the West Plains and Cheney. This is in addition to the taxes owed from the previous bond.

The negatives of not passing this bond would also impact children and families. Students would continue riding the bus out of Airway Heights to the overcrowded schools in the West Plains area. The buildings that need maintenance improvements will continue to deteriorate and we will need to replace them sooner rather than later. The safety of students in the bus loops would continue to be compromised. While a new elementary school will be built in Airway Heights with this bond, a secondary school will come at a cost (and financial ask) later.

While taxes are a hardship, it is up to communities to facilitate the construction of new schools and maintain the current buildings. I hope that everyone considers both sides.

Rebuttal of argument for

A rebuttal statement was not received by the submission deadline.

Committee Members: Heather Schlaich, heather.schlaich@gmail.com

Bonds to Construct School Facilities

See complete resolution text at www.spokanecounty.org/elections

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Deer Park School District No. 414-200-61 adopted Resolution No. 7-2023-24, concerning a proposition to relieve overcrowding and provide safe, modern facilities. This proposition would authorize the District to: construct a new elementary school (Grades 2-5) and a new transportation facility on a site to be acquired by the District located on East D Street; issue no more than \$55,100,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 27 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 7-2023-24. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would authorize Deer Park School District to issue \$55,100,000 of bonds to construct a new elementary school (Grades 2-5) and a new transportation facility on a site to be acquired by the District located on East D Street. The School Board determined that these projects are necessary to reduce overcrowding and create new learning spaces to maintain smaller class sizes, improve student and staff safety and security, increase student access to technology, expand educational opportunities and replace the District's nearly 100 year old transportation facility. Further information is available on the District's website at <https://www.dpsd.org/>.

These bonds will be repaid from annual excess property taxes over approximately 27 years. With outstanding bonds expiring, the District anticipates the bond tax rate will decrease by \$0.27 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call your county assessor.

Statement For

Vote Yes: Proposition 1

Proposition 1 will improve our schools and make sure our students have what they need to learn and grow. This plan will help us build a new elementary school and a new transportation center. This plan anticipates a decrease in the bond rate.

Why Vote Yes?

1. Fix Overcrowding and Safety Issues: Arcadia Elementary School is overcrowded. Some classrooms are in temporary buildings outside, compromising student safety. The gym, which acts as a cafeteria too, is too small to handle both duties. A new school will make sure students and teachers have a safer and better place to learn; **2. Transportation Facility:** The transportation center is almost 100 years old and needs significant improvements. Building a new and more efficient facility will increase safety and save taxpayer money in the long run; **3. Using Tax Money Wisely:** We know taxes are important. Your money will be spent carefully. By combining these projects into one plan, we can save money, and keep rates almost flat; **4. Preparing for More Students:** Deer Park is growing. More kids are expected to join our schools soon. If we don't act now, we might face even more problems and not have enough space for everyone.

By voting Yes on Proposition 1, you're helping to create safer schools, using taxpayer money wisely, and preparing for more students. Support our schools, teachers, and community by voting Yes on Proposition 1. Let's make sure our future is bright for everyone in Deer Park!

Committee Name and Members: Committee to Support Deer Park Schools;
Caleb Krantz, jenn.caleb@q.com; Jessica Schroeder, girlie0011@hotmail.com;
Shauneen Flugel, shauneenflugel@gmail.com

Statement Against

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement against the ballot measure.

Bonds To Construct a New Orchard Prairie School

See complete resolution text at www.spokanecounty.org/elections

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Orchard Prairie School District No. 123 adopted Resolution No. 240715-01, concerning a proposition to provide safe, modern facilities to enhance learning. This proposition would authorize the District to: construct a new Orchard Prairie School sized to meet the educational needs of current and future students; issue \$6,200,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 30 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 240715-01. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

Explanatory Statement

This proposition authorizes school construction bonds to replace deteriorating and educationally outdated school facilities and infrastructure, improve educational and athletic opportunities for all students, enhance student and staff safety, and provide healthy learning spaces.

If approved, the bonds will allow Orchard Prairie School District to replace both the original school (built in 1894) and the more recent classroom facility (built in 1971) with a new Orchard Prairie School sized to meet the educational needs of current and future students, including: a multipurpose room (lunch room, gymnasium and event space); appropriately sized classrooms to accommodate large or small groups of students; necessary space for the nurse, social worker, special education teacher and administration; up-to-code fire safety, seismic, energy efficiency and lighting systems; and a single point of entry for student safety.

The \$6,200,000 of general obligation bonds will be repaid from annual excess property taxes sufficient to pay bond debt service over a maximum term of 30 years. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call the Spokane County Assessor 509-477-3698.

Statement For

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement for the ballot measure.

Statement Against

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement against the ballot measure.

Safety, Security and Infrastructure Improvements Replacement Levy

See complete resolution text at www.spokanecounty.org/elections

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 363 adopted Resolution No. 24-06, concerning a proposition to fund safety, security and infrastructure improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to make District-wide safety, security and infrastructure improvements (including modernizing entrance security; repairing roofs at West Valley High School; improving pickup/drop off areas at elementary and middle schools):

Table with 3 columns: Collection Year, Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value, Levy Amount. Rows for years 2025, 2026, and 2027.

all as provided in Resolution No. 24-06. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy Yes

Levy No

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow West Valley School District to replace a capital levy that expires at the end of 2024. Taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay costs of making District-wide safety, security and infrastructure improvements, including: (1) modernizing, upgrading, acquiring, installing and implementing entrance security (including cameras, access controls, door locks and communications systems) and other safety and security systems; (2) replacing roofs at West Valley High School; (3) improving pickup/drop off areas at elementary and middle schools (such as Seth Woodward, Orchard Center, Centennial and West Valley City School); and (4) making other safety, security, infrastructure and capital improvements to school facilities. Further information is available at https://www.wvwd.org/.

The proposed three-year replacement levy would authorize the collection of taxes to provide up to \$3,845,001 in 2025, \$3,921,901 in 2026 and \$4,000,339 in 2027. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call Spokane County Assessor (509) 477-3698.

Statement For

Vote "yes" on West Valley School District's replacement 3-year capital levy to maintain and improve the quality of our educational facilities while benefiting from a tax decrease. This levy is essential to addressing several key needs that are crucial for our schools and community.

Several of our aging buildings are in constant need of vital maintenance projects. West Valley High School is in immediate need of critical roof repairs to safeguard previous community investments which will protect the building against weather damage and prevent costly future issues.

Maintaining our schools ensures they remain safe, functional, and serviceable for many years to come.

The levy also focuses on enhancing safety and security within our schools. Improvements will be made to pickup and drop-off areas at elementary and middle schools to alleviate congestion and boost traffic safety for students, parents, buses, and the broader community. Additionally, upgrades to school entrance security and surveillance equipment will create a more secure environment for both students and staff.

This replacement levy is not an additional tax but comes with a reduction to the current tax rate, reducing the burden to \$1.00 per thousand assessed value. This adjustment represents a financially responsible choice for our community while addressing vital needs within our schools. Let's come together to support our students, staff, and community and vote yes.

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Statement Against

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement against the ballot measure.

Maintenance and Operation Support Levy

See complete resolution text at www.spokanecounty.org/elections

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Spangle Cemetery District #1 adopted resolution #15-01, May 15, 2024, concerning a proposition to finance 2025 maintenance and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess tax upon all taxable property within the District for support of the District's maintenance and operation expenses.

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate levy Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2025	\$.20	\$20,000.00

All as provided in Resolution #15-01. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy Yes

Levy No

Explanatory Statement

The Board of Spangle Cemetery of District #1, Spokane County, Washington requests voters consider adopted resolution #15-01 to finance 2025 maintenance and operation expenses, which is essential and necessary for the maintenance and upkeep of the Spangle Cemetery. This proposition will authorize the District to levy the following excess tax upon taxable property within the District.

Commencing in 2024 for the collection in 2025, the amount of such excess levy shall be \$20,000.00, the estimated dollar rate of levy required to produce such amount being \$0.20 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value.

Statement For

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement for the ballot measure.

Statement Against

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement against the ballot measure.

Special Tax Levy

See complete resolution text at www.spokanecounty.org/elections

Ballot Title

Shall the Rosalia Park & Recreation District No. 5 be authorized to impose a special (excess) tax levy of \$.48 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, to be collected in the year 2025 in order to collect \$98,500.00 for the Rosalia Park and Swimming Pool, to help defray the costs of operation and maintenance?

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

No Explanatory Statement was submitted.

Statement For

rosalia park and rec could use this money to continue maintaining the pool and offering activities for the community.

Rosalia park and rec has been able to continue doing night swims game days and prizes for the children at the pool. They have also been able to buy some new sports equipment for kids to check out at the office.

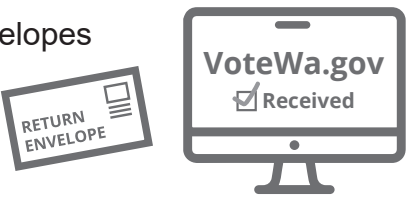
We would like to continue to help and support the park. More funding will make it so the park is available to provide updates to the park pool and basketball court.

Committee Member: Piper Dickinson, piperdickinson@gmail.com

Statement Against

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement against the ballot measure.

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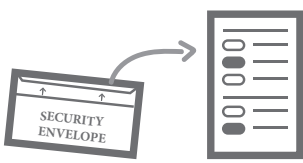
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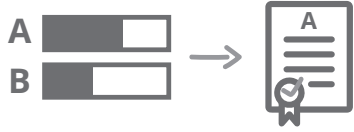
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