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Tea party 'grandma' takes on maverick Sen. Sheldon

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Tea party candidate Nancy Williams of Belfair filed to challenge state Sen. Tim Sheldon in the 35th legislative district today. And Glenn Gaither of Hoodspport filed as an Independent to take on Rep. Fred Finn, also in the 35th.

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Williams, who lives in Belfair and filed as a Republican, listed her name formally as "Nancy (grandma) Williams" — one of several candidates who are trying to personalize a campaign message on the ballot. Reporting partner Jordan Schrader has this round-up of other races where one candidate identified himself with "Prefers Lower Taxes" party, another with the "Conservative Party" and another "Neither Party."

Party."

Gaither called me back but the connection died, and I haven't been able to learn more about his campaign. (A Republican, Linda Simpson, has filed to raise money to challenge Finn but has not filed her candidacy yet.)

Williams' filing was not unexpected, and she filed with the state Public Disclosure Commission a couple of months ago to start raising funds. I couldn't reach her today either, but she said in an April interview that Sheldon should not hold two elective jobs — as state senator and as Mason County commissioner — and she described him as a career politician.

Democrats often criticize Sheldon for siding with Republicans on budget, tax and business issues. But Williams said voters in the 35th deserve more.

"No. 1, the big issue to me is he's a career politician. We want everyday people that live their everyday life (to serve in office). No. 2, as a Republican I want a full Republican, not a Democrat who is part Republican. I want the whole enchilada. I think that's what the 35th district deserves," Williams said.

"I'm a tea party conservative. This is what got me moving. And that is less government.

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We know that. We've got to have less government," Williams added.

Williams said the national Democrats' health-reform bill is her "No. 1" priority and she wants to fight it "tooth and nail" as a legislator. She said she also "would like to start chiseling away at entitlement programs" and she said she's heard of food stamp recipients selling benefits for cash.

Sheldon appears to be taking news of the opponent as he does every election, and he's hired his daughter to serve as a paid campaign manager. Sheldon has been in the Legislature since the early 1990s, calling this "the 10th time I'll be running for the Legislature." He served three terms in the House and after winning a Senate seat in 1997 he was re-elected to three full terms in that body.

"I am a long-term politician. Now that (Sen. Ken) Jacobsen is leaving I think there are only five people who have been in the Legislature longer than I have. That may be a liability this year, but it's a fact," Sheldon said today. "I think I serve my constituents well. I'm not a partisan politician. I strive to serve everyone regardless of party. I don't take party line votes."

Sheldon said he also surveys voters in the district and tries to take positions that "reflect my constituents' wishes. So I haven't voted for new taxes or excessive spending. The last time I voted for a supplemental budget was in 1994. In 2003 I voted for a general-fund budget."

He said he isn't hearing much of a buzz for the tea party in the 35th and he hears from constituents they are happy with his work. So far, Sheldon has raised \$31,775, second only to Finn's \$44,965 among candidates in the district.

In the other 35th district race, Republican Dan Griffey of Allyn is challenging Democratic Rep. Kathy Haigh of Shelton.

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Filing week has few surprises

BRAD SHANNON; Staff writer

NOTE: A reference to the role of the Olympia Patient Resource Center has been clarified; also the name of the Washington Conservation Voters is corrected.

Two challengers stepped forward this week to take on state Rep. Sam Hunt, the five-term Olympia Democrat in the liberal 22nd District.

Medical marijuana activist Justin Kover filed as a Democrat and questioned Hunt's record on initiative rights, public records law and the environment. Hunt won an endorsement from Washington Conservation Voters. Chris Ward, who filed a few citizen initiatives this year and at one time planned to run for U.S. Senate, also filed to run against Hunt, listing "No Party" preference.

The filings were among the few surprises during a candidate-filing week in which 14 candidates – including Republicans Dino Rossi, Paul Akers and Clint Didier – filed to run against U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, the three-term Democrat. Included were familiar candidates such as Goodspaceguy and Mike the Mover, who filed as Democrats.

In another surprise, Ric Abbett of Tenino filed as a Democrat on Friday afternoon to run against Thurston County Auditor Kim Wyman, a Republican and her party's lone countywide elected official. And Glen Morgan of Olympia filed as a Republican for the county assessor position, which has drawn three Democrats – Jeff Gadman of Lacey, Steve Drew of Olympia and Dennis Pulsipher of Olympia.

Also Friday, a 24-year-old Vancouver man named Bryan Baird filed as an independent for the 3rd Congressional District seat that U.S. Rep. Brian Baird, D-Vancouver, is giving up. State elections spokeswoman Stephanie Horn said Bryan Baird's candidacy was rejected because people who hold the office must be 25 or older, and officials were returning Baird's \$1,740 filing fee.

Bryan Baird did not return a message left at his listed campaign number, which had a voice message identifying it as "the committee to elect Bryan Baird to Congress."

The challengers to Hunt give Olympia-area voters more ballot choices than expected.

Rep. Brendan Williams is retiring from the other 22nd District House seat, and seven

candidates filed in that race. They are Lacey City Councilman Jason Hearn, who filed as preferring the “GOP Party”; F.G. (Fred) Jensen, an anti-abortion activist who filed as preferring “Prolife Democrat” Party; Judi Hoefling, Chris Reykdal and Stew Henderson, all of whom filed as preferring “Democratic” Party; Steve Robinson, “Progressive Dem” Party; and Jeremy Miller, preferring “Demo” Party.

Thurston County Democrats recently nominated Henderson as their preferred candidate. Two other Democrats who registered to collect money for campaigns decided not to file – state employee Joe Mihelich and Washington State Nurses Association lobbyist Sofia Aragon.

One state Supreme Court race was completed this week. Chief Justice Barbara Madsen drew no opponent, so she has a free pass to a fourth term.

But two of her colleagues up for re-election drew challengers. Justice Richard Sanders faces Bainbridge Island lawyer Charlie Wiggins and a second challenger, Pierce County Superior Court Judge Bryan Chushcoff, who filed Friday; Justice James Johnson also faces Tacoma lawyer Stan Rumbaugh in an Aug. 17 primary. Supreme Court races are decided in the Aug. 17 primary if any candidate gets more than 50 percent of the vote.

Three Thurston County District Court judicial candidates also got free rides to four-year terms. Kalo Wilcox drew no opponent for Position 1 and is automatically elected without going onto the primary ballot; the same is true for Sam Meyer in Position 2 and M. Brett Buckley in Position 3.

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Kover, who ran for mayor of Tumwater and lost last year, works as the office manager for the Olympia Patient Resource Center, which provides education and other aid to patients about medicinal marijuana. He said his House campaign is about a broader objection to Hunt – including Hunt’s effort to regulate the citizen initiative process and increase the initiative-filing fee from \$5 to about \$200, and Hunt’s view that the names of voters on citizen initiatives should be considered public records.

“The three planks of my campaign are open government, truth in budgeting and protecting our initiative process,” Kover said.

Kover questioned Hunt’s sponsorship of House Bill 2372 a year ago; the bill would have eliminated an oil- spill advisory council and transferred the oversight to another agency. Other legislation sought this year by Gov. Chris Gregoire shifted the council’s oversight to the Puget Sound Partnership.

“It’s a democratic process. Nobody should be entitled to office,” Hunt said of the challenge. “If he (Kover) wants to run a campaign and put us out there together, that’s all

right with me.”

Hunt defended his record on the initiative process, saying he supports it and has collected at least five pages of signatures for Initiative 1098, which proposes a high-earners income tax. Hunt also said initiative signers’ names should be public, and he defended his environmental record, which includes passage of bills taking mercury out of the environment.

Ward’s campaign did not respond to a request for comment.

But a man with the same name and phone number has indicated on websites that he was running for U.S. Senate. He also filed several citizen initiatives, including measures to lower the state’s spending limit each year, limit expense reimbursements for lawmakers, require proof of citizenship to receive welfare benefits and bar employment actions by the state Military Department based on sexual orientation.

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Candidates who filed

These candidates filed for statewide office or in Thurston County during the Monday-through-Friday filing week. Party preference is noted as it will be listed on ballots:

U.S. Senate

Schalk Leonard, Poulsbo, no party; Patty Murray, Seattle, Democratic; Norma D. Gruber, Walla Walla, Republican; James (Skip) Mercer, Bellevue, no party; Goodspaceguy, Seattle, Democratic; Mike The Mover, Mill Creek, Democratic; William Edward Chovil, Tacoma, Republican; Charles Allen, Seattle, Democratic; Dino Rossi, Bellevue, Republican; Bob Burr, Bellingham, Democratic; Paul Akers, Bellingham, Republican; Clint Didier, Eltopia, Republican; Mohammad H. Said, Ephrata, centrist; Mike Latimer, Des Moines, Republican; Will Baker, Tacoma, Reform.

State Supreme Court (nonpartisan)

Position 1: Stan Rumbaugh, Tacoma; Jim Johnson, Olympia.

Position 5: Barbara Madsen, Seattle.

Position 6: Charlie Wiggins, Bainbridge Island; Richard B. Sanders, Olympia.

Congressional District 3 (southwest Washington including Olympia)

Cheryl Crist, Olympia, Democratic; Norma Jean Stevens, Ocean Park, independent;

Jaime Herrera, Ridgefield, Republican; David B. Castillo, Olympia, Republican; Denny Heck, Olympia, Democratic; David W. Hedrick, Camas, Republican.

Congressional District 9 (Lacey to Federal Way)

Roy Olson, Olympia, Green (Party); Adam Smith, Tacoma, Democratic; Jim Postma, Steilacoom, Republican; Richard (Dick) Muri, Fife, Republican.

Legislative District 2 (southwest Pierce and southeast Thurston counties including Nisqually Valley and Yelm:

House position 1: Jim McCune, Graham, Republican; Marilyn Rasmussen, Eatonville, Democratic.

Position 2: Tom Campbell, Roy, Republican; J.T. Wilcox, McKenna, Republican.

Legislative District 20 (southwest Thurston and all of Lewis counties)

House position 1: Corinne Tobeck, Littlerock, Democratic; Richard DeBolt, Chehalis, Republican.

Position 2: Gary Alexander, Thurston County, Republican.

Legislative District 22 (north Thurston County including Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater):

House position 1: Judi Hoefling, Tumwater, Democratic; Chris Reykdal, Tumwater, Democratic; Steve Robinson, Olympia, Progressive Dem; Stew Henderson, Olympia, Democratic; Jason Haern, Lacey, Republican; Jeremy Miller, Olympia, Demo Party; F.G. (Fred) Jensen, Olympia, Prolife Democrat.

Position 2: Sam Hunt, Olympia, Democratic; Justin Kover, Olympia, Democratic; Chris Ward, Olympia, no party.

Legislative District 35 (west Thurston, Mason, northeast Grays Harbor and parts of Kitsap counties)

Senate: Nancy (grandma) Williams, Belfair, Republican; Tim Sheldon, Potlatch, Democratic.

House position 1: Daniel (Dan) Griffey, Allyn, Republican; Kathy Haigh, Shelton, Democratic.

Position 2: Glenn Gaither, Hoodspport, independent; Fred Finn, Thurston County, Democratic; Linda Simpson, Bremerton, Republican.

Thurston County assessor

Jeff Gadman, Lacey, Democratic; Steve Drew, Olympia, Democratic; Dennis Pulsipher, Olympia, Democratic; Glen Morgan, Olympia, Republican.

Thurston County auditor

Kim Wyman, Lacey, Republican; Ric Abbett, Tenino, Democratic.

Thurston County clerk

Betty Gould, Lacey, Democratic.

Thurston County commissioner, district 3 (west Thurston County)

Karen L. Valenzuela, Olympia, Democratic; Pat Beehler, Tumwater, Republican.

Thurston County coroner

Gary Warnock, Rainier, Democratic.

Thurston County prosecuting attorney

Jon Tunheim, Olympia, Democratic.

Thurston County sheriff

Debra (Debbie) Mealy, Olympia, Democratic; John Snaza, Tumwater, independent.

Thurston County treasurer

Bill Pilkey, Olympia, independent Dem; Shawn Myers, Olympia, Democratic; Tom Nelson, Olympia, GOP; Noah Crocker, Olympia, Democratic.

Thurston County District Court judge

Position 1: Kalo Wilcox.


Position 2: Sam Meyer.

Position 3: M. Brett Buckley.



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Farmer challenges incumbent for Frankin Co. treasurer

By Kristi Pihl, Herald staff writer

PASCO -- A Franklin County farmer and bookkeeper is challenging a five-year incumbent to head the county treasurer's office.

Josie Koelzer of Basin City will face Tiffany Coffland, who is seeking a second term to lead the office that's in charge of collecting taxes for all taxing jurisdictions in the county from schools to mosquito and cemetery districts.

Both of their names will appear on the primary ballot Aug. 17 but a winner won't be decided until the general election Nov. 2.

Koelzer said she has no specific changes in mind for the office at this point but is eager to hear more ideas from citizens about what changes they want for the job.

Koelzer, 49, said she felt now was the time to give back to her community. The last of her three children just graduated from high school, and she graduated last year from Washington State University Tri-Cities with a bachelor's degree in psychology and a minor in human resources.

Koelzer handles the books for RJ Koelzer Inc., the farm she and her husband Rick own. She also works part time for a Tri-City agricultural firm and the Ed Poe Agency, a Connell insurance firm, helping with the finances.

Koelzer, who is running as a Republican, said her work experience has given her familiarity with finances, accounting and budgets.

But she also feels she can bring personal service to the office and be responsive to citizen needs. Koelzer said her energy and efficiency are also assets.

"I'm a people person," she said. "And I'm real goal orientated."

Koelzer said she wants to look at what other county treasurers are doing to improve the office.

Coffland, who was appointed in 2005 and elected in 2006, has a list of improvements she'd like to tackle if re-elected.

Coffland, 42, of Pasco, has worked for the county since 1989 when she took a job as a licensing deputy. She started working in government accounting in 1991 and earned an associate's degree with a concentration in accounting from Columbia Basin College in 1995.

In 2009, she served as audit chairwoman for the Washington State Association of Treasurers.

Coffland, a Democrat, said since being elected she's improved efficiency by using a machine to process tax payments rather than processing everything by hand.

And she moved the treasurer's office onto the same accounting system as the auditor's office.

Coffland's office also was the first in the state to send real estate excise information

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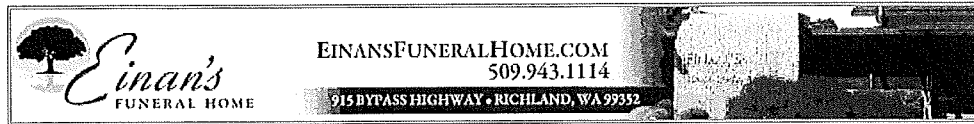
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Richland's Spencer has BBQ to announce run for assessor

By John Trumbo, Herald staff writer

RICHLAND -- Bill Spencer is ready to make the big move, from a job in the Franklin County Assessor's Office to seeking election as Benton County assessor this fall.

The 32-year-old Richland resident announced his candidacy Thursday with a barbecue in Howard Amon Park.

Married with four children, Spencer is making his first bid at elected office. He is running as a Republican and is a member of the Benton County Republicans.

"People have encouraged me to run," he said, noting that after working two years as a commercial appraiser in the Franklin County Assessor's Office he has some ideas on how to improve the Benton County operation.

"I want to make assessments fair and equitable. I want to be the public's advocate," Spencer said. He said the office has had trouble keeping up with new construction and he would work to make the office more efficient. He also promises he would provide more staff training.

One priority would be to bring more current computer technology to the assessor's office, said Spencer, who graduated from Richland High School in 1996 and studied business at Columbia Basin College in Pasco and Washington State University Tri-Cities.

His community involvement includes becoming an Eagle Scout by setting up a soccer field at Columbia Basin College, and being a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He also has participated in the tea party movement, campaigned for a constitutional group called Liberty and is a member of the Richland Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee.

Spencer said his 14 years of appraisal experience includes founding an appraisal business in the Tri-Cities and being an appraiser in Nevada, where he also was a licensed loan originator. He became an accredited Washington state appraiser in 2008.

Spencer has a website at www.voteforbill.net that includes his personal and professional history and explains how the office of a county assessor works.

He was the first to file on Nov. 2 with the state Public Disclosure Commission as a declared candidate. There are three candidates to date: Spencer, incumbent Barbara Wagner and Tammy McKiernan, who works in the assessor's office.

Spencer reported having received \$14,875 in donations as of June 2. McKiernan reported having \$1,610, and Wagner listed \$2,000 as a personal loan as of May 8.

Formal filing of candidate papers begins Monday.

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Pelletier among announced candidates who failed to file

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Business leader and community activist Mark Pelletier, an announced candidate for the open seat in the 17th Legislative District, was among the no-shows last week when the filing deadline for the Aug. 17 primary election passed on Friday.

Pelletier, a Republican with a background as a career social worker, told The Columbian's editorial board in a May 25 interview that while he holds conservative values, he would be "unwilling to sever support for the genuinely needy" if elected to the Legislature.

In the end, he said Monday, "I didn't get enough money or enough help. It become evident the money wasn't there. So when it came time for filing, I'd pretty much spent everything we brought in. I had no confidence that I'd be able to put together the work team to really run a good race."

Pelletier said he had mixed feelings about dropping out.

"I'm disappointed at not having an opportunity to serve my community and make some changes in Olympia," he said. "On the other hand, it's nice to get my private life back. I did feel I brought good qualifications to the race and I hope I get the chance to run again someday."

He said he would support fellow Republican Paul Harris in the contest for the seat being vacated by Democratic Rep. Deb Wallace. Democrats Monica Stonier and Martin Hash are the other candidates remaining in the race.

In the 18th District, seven candidates — but only one Democrat — filed for the open seat currently held by Republican Rep. Jaime Herrera, who is running for Congress. That means the Republican Party won't have to pressure any of its four candidates to withdraw from the race. The party had worried that if two Democrats filed for the seat, and Republicans split the GOP vote four ways, no Republican might place in the top two in the August primary. Under the state's primary system, the top two vote-getters advance to the general election regardless of party.

Independents unite

Richard Carson, an independent running in the 18th, put out a press release Monday noting that a record five independent, nonaffiliated candidates have filed for the Legislature. They include both liberals and conservatives running in urban and rural districts.

"We have a message of independent rather than special interests that resonates with voters," Carson said. "And with the top two vote getters in the primary election moving on to the general election, independent candidates have their best chance ever of winning seats in the state Legislature."

The five candidates issued a joint "Declaration of Independents" proclaiming "that we are united in our belief that the political parties serve special interest money and do not represent the voters."

Another candidate, Jon T. Haugen of Vancouver, filed for the 18th District seat at the last minute. He identified himself as "Prefers Neither Party." In 2008, Haugen ran against state Sen. Joe Zarelli, R-Ridgefield, as a Democrat.

In the 49th District, Democratic Rep. Jim Jacks got a Republican opponent when Bill Cismar, a data network administrator, filed last week. But Jennifer Conkey, a Democrat who self-financed a campaign focused on opposing tolls on a new Interstate 5 bridge, failed to file by Friday's deadline.

Conkey said in a phone message that she was giving her full support to Jacks.

State Rep. Jim Moeller, D-Vancouver, will face Republican Craig Riley in the other 49th District race.

3rd Congressional

Six candidates remain standing in the 3rd Congressional District race for the seat from which U.S. Rep. Brian Baird is retiring.

Republican Chris Boyd, a disabled Army veteran who entered the contest late, decided at the last minute not to make the race.

"I feel that with the timing of my entry and time spent away from my campaign for family concerns, I will not be able to sustain the momentum I would need to reach the ears of the voters in Southwest Washington ," he said in a statement.

Boyd endorsed Olympia Republican David Castillo, saying, "He stays true to his values and exemplifies the meaning of integrity."

Norma Jean Stevens of Ocean Park was a surprise filer for the seat. She stated her party preference as "Prefers Independent Party."

Besides Castillo, the other candidates are Republicans Herrera and David Hedrick and Democrats Denny Heck and Cheryl Crist.

1 others, others -- there's a lot of variation across the
2 counties.

3 Q. Have you -- are you familiar with any research about the
4 extent to which voters recall instructions all the way
5 through the ballot?

6 A. I'm not.

7 Q. Is there any reason to believe that as they proceed
8 through a long ballot, they might forget instructions
9 that they read at the beginning of the exercise?

10 MR. AHEARNE: Objection; foundation.

11 A. I don't know.

12 Q. (by Mr. McDonald) At page 46 of your report, the last
13 full sentence of the paragraph B says, "This would
14 suggest that a reasonable person would conclude that
15 most Democratic candidates listed on the Top Two general
16 election ballot are in fact the official nominee of the
17 Party." Which are the Democratic candidates listed on
18 the ballot?

19 A. Let me read the whole paragraph.

20 Q. Sure.

21 A. Okay, your question is which --

22 Q. You said the "Democratic candidates listed on the Top
23 Two." Did you mean the candidates who had said they
24 preferred the Democratic Party?

25 A. Yeah. The point is, there are candidates. This

1 complicates what Dr. Manweller's trying to measure as
2 either being, quote, correct or incorrect, unquote,
3 responses, that on an actual top-two primary or general-
4 election ballot, some of those candidates are, in fact,
5 nominated and/or endorsed. So it complicates what he's
6 trying to measure with his survey, then.

7 MR. MCDONALD: Let me mark this as the next
8 exhibit.

9 [Off the record - discussion]

10 [Exhibit 5 marked for identification]

11 Q. (by Mr. McDonald) I've handed you what has been marked
12 as Exhibit 5. This is part of the exhibits attached to
13 the declaration of Katie Blinn -- excuse me; Catherine
14 Blinn filed in this matter last week. And I didn't
15 attach her declaration to this, but she identified it as
16 a general-election ballot from Jefferson County in the
17 2008 election, and I so represent that to you based on
18 her representation to us. I have not checked it
19 independently.

20 MR. MCDONALD: Then if you would mark this, please.

21 [Exhibit 6 marked for identification]

22 Q. (by Mr. McDonald) Exhibit 6 is the Bates-numbered page
23 that precedes the ballot I just gave you, and I believe
24 it's identified as an insert or material that
25 accompanied the Jefferson County ballot. To the best of

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AGREEMENT

RE: *WASHINGTON STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY, ET AL, V. REED, ET AL*, No. CV05-0927
JCC (W.D. Wash.)

THIS AGREEMENT is between: Todd Donovan, PhD, Professor of Political Science at Western Washington University, with expertise in political science, referred to as the EXPERT; and the ATTORNEY GENERAL and SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, jointly referred to as the CLIENT.

The parties agree to the promises, conditions and performances as set forth below:

I. CONTACT INFORMATION

Contacts for both parties for all matters concerning this Agreement are as follows:

1. For the EXPERT:

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II. SCOPE OF SERVICES TO BE RENDERED

A. Upon receipt of notification to proceed by the Office of the Attorney General, the EXPERT shall assist the CLIENT and the assigned Assistant Attorneys General in analyzing and evaluating in a thorough and professional manner, any issues and evidence arising in the litigation and in preparing testimony and reports within the scope of the EXPERT'S area of expertise. The EXPERT shall serve as an expert witness for Defendants in this action, and shall take direction from the assigned Assistant Attorneys General.

B. The EXPERT shall provide an analysis, within the scope of his expertise, of any expert witness reports submitted by or on behalf of experts for Plaintiff in this case, as well as conduct such research concerning Washington's Top 2 Primary as the undersigned counsel may direct. The EXPERT shall prepare written reports, and testify as needed, concerning the results of this analysis and research. The EXPERT may, within the overall budget limitations of this Agreement, hire such graduate students and other appropriate assistants as necessary to perform the services called for under this agreement.

C. The EXPERT shall provide information, affidavits, declarations, and deposition or trial testimony for the Assistant Attorneys General in this case for the CLIENT relative to issues arising in the case within the EXPERT'S area of expertise. The EXPERT shall work with the CLIENT and the assigned Assistant Attorney General in preparing for any needed testimony or in evaluating any information, affidavits, declarations, and deposition or trial testimony of other experts engaged by the CLIENT or by other parties to this case.

D. When requested by an Assistant Attorney General assigned the litigation, the EXPERT shall be available to prepare information for affidavits, to attend depositions, conferences and the trial, and to testify at the trial if necessary. The EXPERT shall help prepare an expert witness report pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (FRCP) 26(a) (2) (B) within 72 hours from the request by an Assistant Attorney General. The CLIENT shall provide information about the nature, contents, context and analysis necessary for the report, with as much advance notice as possible.

E. At the request of an Assistant Attorney General, the EXPERT shall review all relevant court proceedings and assist the CLIENT in preparing for the examination and cross-examination of witnesses.

II. CONFIDENTIALITY

All information developed by the EXPERT and all information made available to the EXPERT and all analyses, conclusions and/or opinions reached by the EXPERT shall be confidential as between the EXPERT and the CLIENT. Such information shall not be revealed by the EXPERT to any other person, organization, or entity without the express consent of an Assistant Attorney General assigned to the lawsuit, or without an order of the court. Any information or material that has been filed with the court in this action, other than pursuant to a court order making the information or material confidential, shall not be deemed confidential and may be used by the EXPERT for other purposes, including teaching.

III. TERMINATION

In the event this Agreement is terminated prior to completion, the original copies of all documentation furnished to the EXPERT by the CLIENT or the Office of the Attorney General and

documents prepared by the EXPERT prior to said termination shall become and remain the property of the CLIENT and may be used by it without restriction. Such unrestricted use, not occurring as a part of this contract, shall be without liability or legal exposure to the EXPERT.

The CLIENT may, by ten days written notice beginning on the second day after mailing, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part. If this Agreement is so terminated, the CLIENT shall be liable only for payment required under the terms of this Agreement for services rendered or goods delivered prior to the effective date of termination.

IV. PAYMENT

A. Hourly Rate: Compensation for professional services shall be at the rate of **\$140.00**. The hourly rate shall include all normal overhead and operating costs. Time of any graduate students engaged by the EXPERT pursuant to this agreement shall be compensated at the rate of **\$20.00** per hour. Any additional authorized expenditures for which reimbursement is sought must be supported by actual receipts. If the term of this Agreement is extended into fiscal years beyond that in which it is executed, funding is subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

B. Travel Expenses: Lodging and subsistence, if required, will be allowed at the current regular state per diem rate, for necessary and reasonable travel away from Bellingham, Washington, relating to the performance of this Agreement. Mileage shall be allowed at the current rate authorized for state employees, or the actual cost of a rental car for which a receipt will be required. For travel outside the State of Washington, reimbursement will be allowed only for travel authorized in writing by the CLIENT.

C. Contract Maximum: All fees will not exceed **\$20,000**, including travel expenses reimbursed at the rates specified in paragraph B. above, without prior agreement and written amendment to this contract. Travel expenses and hourly fees will be identified separately on any billings from the EXPERT.

D. Contract Termination Date: This contract will expire on June 30, 2011. This Agreement must be amended before the expiration date if the services are still ongoing. If not amended, before the Expert provides any further services, a new Agreement is necessary.

E. Billing and Payment: The ATTORNEY GENERAL shall pay the EXPERT for services under this Agreement within 30 days of receipt of a properly executed voucher, which shall be submitted not more often than monthly. The voucher will indicate clearly that it is for services rendered in performance under this Agreement, and shall describe and document the work performed. If travel expenses are involved it shall provide a detailed description of those expenses.

V. TAX INFORMATION

The EXPERT shall provide the CLIENT with all information, including the EXPERT'S Federal I.D. or Social Security Number and Washington Department of Revenue Registration Number, necessary to properly report the EXPERT's compensation under this Agreement for tax purposes. The CLIENT shall provide the EXPERT with required records required for reporting income for tax purposes, such as form 1099 misc, as appropriate.

VI. ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. Time is of the essence in this Agreement.

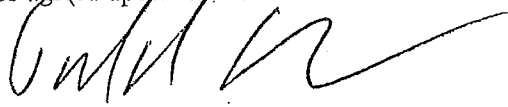
B. This Agreement contains the entire contract between the parties. No alteration or amendment to its terms is effective until signed by all parties. This Agreement shall be governed by

the laws of the State of Washington, and venue for any dispute concerning the contract shall lie only in the Superior Court of Thurston County.

C. Signatures on this Agreement may be executed in counterpart.

The signatures below constitute acceptance of this Agreement and will enable processing of payment for the services agreed upon herein.

For the EXPERT:

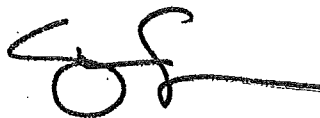


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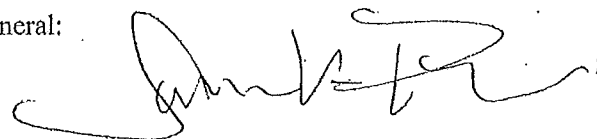
For the CLIENT:



DATE:

STEVE EXCELL
Assistant Secretary of State

For the Office of the Attorney General:

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DATE:

JAMES K. PHARRIS
Senior Assistant Attorney General

Blinn, Katie

From: Kelly Lindgren [kalmd@qwestoffice.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2008 11:19 AM
To: Blinn, Katie
Subject: draft top 2

Greetings –

I have a problem with the options provided on the Declaration of Candidacy form. None of them apply to me.

I will neither state a party preference, or want to be listed as 'No party preference stated'.

I am an Independent candidate and want to be listed as such. I think you need a third option for those of us deliberately avoiding a political party affiliation. We do not believe a political party, or no preference, is a prerequisite for elective office.

The difference between none stated and being an Independent may be subtle to you, but it is very important!

Regards,
Bridget Schwarz
Candidate for Clark County Commissioner
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