

San Juan County

2018 April 24 Special Election

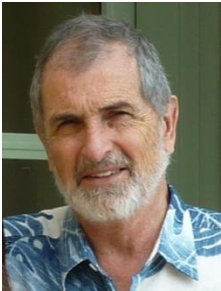
Voters' Guide

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Hospital Commissioner 1

5-year initial partial term

San Juan County Public Hospital
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Richard Fralick

Elected Experience: Orcas West Representative on the San Juan County Council 2009-2012. Elected to San Juan County Board of Freeholders in 2005, Chairman of the Charter Writing Sub-Committee. Elected Member and Chair of Orcas Island School Board 1981-1985.

Other Professional Experience: Senior Scientist, Project Leader, Principle Investigator, Director of Research (Various). Small Business Owner.

Education: B.S. in Physics, Stanford University; PhD. in Upper Atmospheric Physics, University of Pittsburgh; Medical Engineering Certificates and Visiting Scientist, University of Washington.

Community Service: Boards of Orcas Landing Water System, Orcas Medical Center; Long range planning committees of Orcas Island Schools, Orcas Fire Department.

Statement

The decisions made by the first governing body of the PHD will influence the quality of health care services available to Orcas Island for years to come.

I believe I have both the vision and skills needed to act positively in this vital process defining the structure of our PHD and establishing funding levels and performance metrics for existing practices. I am genuinely committed to seeking out and listening to diverse viewpoints to find balanced solutions necessary to ensure efficient and financially responsible delivery of high quality medical services to as many members of our community as possible.

As a 37-year Orcas Island resident, I know the history of our health care services and appreciate their importance in maintaining our economically diverse population. As a small business owner and former County Council member, I understand budgeting, will ask hard questions and exercise fiduciary responsibility in setting appropriate taxation levels.

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San Juan County Public Hospital District No. 3 – Hospital Commissioner 2

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Hospital Commissioner 2

5-year initial partial term

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Groundwater**

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Senior Group Counsel, Intel Corporation; Of Counsel, Perkins Coie Portland, OR; Partner, Stradling, Yocca, Carlson & Rauth, Newport Beach, CA. Chief Operating Officer, Cycomm Corporation, Newberg, OR; Owner/Founder, Emma's Kitchen LLC and Herdi, LLC

Education: J.D., UC Berkeley School of Law, Boalt Hall; MBA, University of Oregon; BA UC Berkeley

Community Service: Coalition for Orcas Health Care (COHC); SHIBA (Statewide Health Insurance Benefit Advisors) Volunteer; Obamacare Navigator; OPAL Board Member and Fundraising Chair; Orcas Island Historical Museums Board Member; San Juan County Master Gardeners Foundation Board Member and Treasurer; Fun House Mentor

Statement:

Rural healthcare is a money-losing proposition and I believe medical services on Orcas deserve predictable, sustainable financial support.

Access to local primary and urgent after-hours healthcare is vital to our wellbeing. I experienced this need personally while my mother lived with us during her final years. Without quality healthcare on Orcas we would have had to move off island to care for her.

That is why I joined the Coalition for Orcas Health Care and why I have volunteered for the last 6 years to help people get health insurance for the health care they need.

As a commissioner I will support financial assistance for all existing primary care providers while working to make sure they provide quality care in an economically efficient manner. I will also support providing that assistance in the most cost effective way and explore methods to improve after-hours urgent care.

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Arthur Lange

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: Owned management consulting business doing strategic planning, teambuilding, leadership training; Director, Psychological Services Clinic with staff of 14 at UC-Irvine; Taught in Executive Management programs at UCLA, UC-Irvine, UC-Riverside, U of Washington; Author, three books on effective communication

Education: Bachelor's, Political Science, McDaniel College; Doctorate, Counseling Psychology, American University; Postdoctoral Internship, Southern Illinois University

Community Service: Finance Committee, OI Community Foundation; Member, Coalition for Orcas Healthcare; Orcas Medical Foundation Board (2007-2014); Orcas Center Board (2006-2012); Volunteer consultant to three OIFR Chiefs on strategic and operational planning and passage of Fire/EMS levy; SJ County Human Services Advisory Board

Statement:

I believe access to primary/urgent care is vital to our community, just like Fire, Sheriff and EMS services. We may not all use these services to the same extent but we want them to be available when we need them, especially urgent care. It is a very real possibility that we could be without any primary/urgent care on Orcas. While that possibility is scary, it is very real.

What I Stand For: a) Everyone should have access to primary/urgent care including after- hours urgent care in a financially sustainable manner; b) All existing practices that request would receive assistance; c) I will spend taxpayer dollars in as responsible and cost-effective a manner as possible and I will keep levy rates as low as possible to effectively achieve the goal; d) I will conduct PHD business in an open and transparent manner and I want to hear your recommendations.

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Hospital Commissioner 3

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Leif

Elected Experience: none

Other Professional Experience: RN since 1995, Home Health/Hospice, ICU/CCU/ED, Group Homes/Nursing Homes, Case Manager/Admissions, Nurse Manager. Official 2005 San Juan County Health Report.

Education: BS Biology, Wheaton College '85; BSN Nursing, Seattle University '95; MHA School of Public Health & Community Medicine, University of Washington

Community Service: Lions Club (record breaking Blood Drive, Mobility Equipment, Community Services outreach, fundraiser chair, webmaster, watchdog; Library volunteer/Library Friends record breaking fundraiser chair; Historical Museum volunteer/gardener; Orcas Center volunteer usher/gardner; Senior Center dishwasher/volunteer; Rotary; Food Bank volunteer. Numerous published comments/information on Orcas healthcare [Orcas Issues blog]. Open mic poet.

Statement:

I am a nurse my role is Healthcare Advocate: support and promote the rights of the patient, help build capacity to improve community health and enhance health policy initiatives and address the challenge of patient-centered care in our complex healthcare system.

I have thirty five years experience in healthcare from the bedside to case manager to whistleblower. My MHA degree is identical to the PHD Commissioner role in all important respects. It is rooted in 15 years of research and advocacy for Orcas healthcare. I believe improvement of our local system must be based on a model of professional collaboration and ethical governance.

Vote No! ...unless you know what you are voting for and sure of how it will make things better for Orcas as a healthy community. We can vote *Yes* for minimal system support interventions *now* or hold another vote when we have discussed matters more thoroughly.

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Richard (R.J.) Myers

Elected Experience: None to date

Other Professional Experience: R.J. is a Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), a Maritime Medical Care Person in Charge (MCPIC), a Remote EMT, and a US Coast Guard Licensed Captain. He is an IFSAC Fire and Emergency Services Instructor and an instructor of the "Stop the Bleed" national curriculum. He is also a former DSHS employee and currently works in the field of fire prevention, life safety, and community risk reduction.

Education: Bachelor of Arts, Pacific Lutheran University

Community Service: Our Whole Lives Orcas Island, Orcas Island Film Festival Projection, Orcas Island Food Co-op Build.

Statement:

R.J. Myers has over a decade of experience in Healthcare. These experiences working in mental health, wilderness therapy, emergency medical services, and reproductive health and education have given a diverse perspective working with all segments of the population. He has seen both the success and failure of medical systems and has an intimate understanding of the consequences of both. R.J. Myers is committed to assuring the residents of our beautiful island have access to quality healthcare they deserve.

R.J. is concerned with responsible handling of taxpayer funds and integration between emergency services and primary care providers. He is dedicated to coming up with innovative solutions to issues of access and to expand hours of care in order to serve more of the population on Orcas Island.

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Bill Bangs

Elected Experience: None.

Other Professional Experience: 43 years of systems engineering, project management, and radar systems development. Analyzed requirements, designed alternatives, developed and tested resulting designs within strict time and cost constraints. Documented results in written reports and oral presentations. Over 30 years owning and operating a consulting company with multiple professional associates. Served on and chaired various working groups.

Education: BA in Math & Physics, PhD in Engineering & Applied Science, Yale University.

Community Service: Served on Board of Directors of several community and nonprofit organizations. Served as Treasurer of three such organizations, responsible for budget development and monitoring, financial performance reporting, audit management, and investment policy.

Statement:

Vision: A modern, cost-effective, patient-centered healthcare system tailored to our island needs that minimizes off-island travel □ at an affordable price. Primary Care by local clinics enabling long-term clinical relationships. Urgent Care with remote call-in 24/7, walk-in care during clinic hours, and local same or next-day care seven days a week. Access to modern technology including electronic health records and telemedicine for specialty care. Locally available select services supported by the community (e.g., blood draw, dialysis, and special injections).

Plan: Maintain our current level of care. Stabilize the funding of the existing practices and assess their performance. Ensure accountability of the district and the supported practices by developing, tracking, and publishing report cards of financial performance and patient experience. Provide transparent, periodic cost reporting to control costs and minimize the tax impact. Collaborate with Orcas EMS, local elder care services, and county mental and behavioral health agencies.

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Steve Hulley

Statement:

It has become necessary, for personal reasons and with regret, that I not pursue becoming Orcas PHD commissioner 4. Unfortunately, Washington State law does not permit my name to be removed from the ballot, so all I can do at this stage is ask you to choose one of the other candidates to receive your vote. Fortunately there are four excellent choices, including the one I will be voting for, Diane Boteler MD.

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John Dann

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: I am a retired surgeon, the founder of a nonprofit operating a craniofacial surgical team in Leon, Nicaragua, and formerly spent about 20 years on the medical executive committee of one of the top specialty hospitals in the San Francisco bay area.

Education: I am a graduate of Holy Cross College, Harvard School of Dental Medicine and Washington University Medical School, (St. Louis).

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement:

As a retired surgeon I am now an Orcas Island resident. I feel that a medical perspective would be appropriate to the operations of the hospital district. The priority of the district should be to form and operate a mechanism to assure the availability of primary care medical services for island residents.

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Diane L Boteler

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: My past work experience includes physician and medical director at Orcas Island Medical Center, Orcas EMS medical control physician, fill-in physician on Orcas, Lopez and San Juan, outpatient family physician, hospitalist, and emergency room physician for the US Indian Health Service on the Navajo reservation. Current work as a part-time hospitalist in Bellingham, one of our referral centers, and as a medical software developer.

Education: Harvard University AB in Biology. MD from University of Colorado School of Medicine. Residency in Family Medicine at the University of Washington. Diploma in Tropical Medicine & Hygiene from the London School of Tropical Medicine.

Community Service: No information submitted

Statement:

As a family physician for 30 years, I have a broad perspective on health care and a unique view of how excellent rural health care should operate. With a PHD, islanders will have a voice in how we work towards health care that provides high quality, patient-centered, primary and 24/7 urgent care accessible to all. I am the only candidate who has the extensive clinical and hospital experience essential to help guide this process.

Starting with our existing clinics, I will work towards transparency, fiscal responsibility, and improved collaboration with EMS. As a commissioner, I want a Board that listens to islanders' concerns, evaluates our health care needs and diligently researches the most cost-effective way to provide them.

I've lived on Orcas for over 20 years. I want to help make our health care stable and sustainable. I hope my experience and commitment to community earns your vote.

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San Juan County Public Hospital District No. 3 – Hospital Commissioner 5

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Patricia Miller

Elected Experience: San Juan County Council 2011 – May 2013.

Other Professional Experience: Ray's Pharmacy, Finance Manager; T-Mobile Senior Vice President, Business Operations & Customer Retention, Chief Accounting Officer; Cornerstone Columbia Development Company, Regional Controller.

Education: Orcas Island High School, University of Washington Bachelor of Administration with Accounting Concentration.

Community Service: Orcas Island Animal Protection Society, SJ County Economic Development Council, Eastsound Planning and Review Committee, Eastsound Water, SJ County Citizens Stormwater Advisory Committee, SJ County Master Gardener, SJ County Affordable Housing Workgroup, San Juan Initiative, Orcas Senior Center Finance Committee Advisor, SJ County Wireless Task Force.

Statement:

I would be honored to serve our community as Public Hospital District Commissioner. Quality health care is essential for a healthy community and we must develop a sustainable health care system that meets *our* needs.

As a commissioner I promise to utilize a collaborative approach in working with our commissioners and medical practitioners to implement solutions to improve our community's primary, urgent, and after-hours care. I will apply my leadership and fiscal discipline to make educated common-sense decisions on how to efficiently utilize precious tax dollars to support our health care system. I will broaden my knowledge and understanding of the needs of our community by soliciting your input on priorities and solutions. I will guarantee that health care providers, who receive support from the PHD, are held to high standards regarding customer's satisfaction. I will ensure transparency in the operations of the PHD.

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San Juan County Public Hospital District #3

Proposition No. 1

Establishment of San Juan County Public Hospital District No. 3

Ballot Title

The San Juan County Council adopted Resolution No. 35-2017 regarding the formation of a public hospital district for Orcas Island. If approved, San Juan County Public Hospital District No. 3 would be established with a boundary of all land within voting precincts 22, 23, 24, and 25, which together comprise all of Orcas Island and certain nearby islands, with the purpose of operating health care facilities and providing hospital services and other health care services. Shall San Juan County Public Hospital District No. 3 be established?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

After receiving a petition, the San Juan County Council adopted a resolution calling for the voters to consider a proposition to establish a hospital district for a portion of the county with a boundary that includes all of the land within voting precincts 22, 23, 24 and 25. This will include all of Orcas Island and certain nearby islands including Big Double Island, Little Double Island, Victim Island, Skull Island, Indian Island, Twin Rocks, Oak Island and Picnic Island. It will be called San Juan County Public Hospital District No. 3.

If approved by a simple majority of those voting, this measure will establish a public hospital district with authority to own and operate hospitals and other health care facilities and to provide hospital services and other health care services.

Initially, five commissioners of the public hospital district will govern the district, each of whom must reside in the district and each of whom will be elected at-large from voters in the entire district. Each person duly elected will serve a term that is staggered based upon the number of votes received. Those receiving the most votes will serve the longest initial term. Successor commissioners will be elected to serve full terms at future district elections.

The vote on this measure is for the formation of public hospital district only. If approved, the district commissioners will adopt a budget, which will likely include a mix of sources of revenue (service fees, regular property tax, excess property tax, and/or bonding) and a detailed list of expenses. The commissioners will decide what space is necessary for the district activities and the manner in which services will be provided. This measure is not an endorsement of any existing provider of health care services, nor does it guarantee service by one provider or another. Some sources of revenue may require public hearings and/or voter approval before an assessment is made.

A “yes” vote is in favor of the establishment of the public hospital district for Orcas Island. A “no” vote is against the formation the public hospital district for Orcas Island.

Argument For	Argument Against
<p>Primary and after-hours urgent care are vital for <i>all</i> members of our community. We may not need our doctors often, but we want them <i>here</i> when we need do them. Both clinics on Orcas say that without additional funding they will have to close. Furthermore, it’s unlikely a new provider would open a practice here without such assistance.</p> <p>For decades, our doctors have been supported by</p>	<p><i>Vote No on Public Hospital Taxing District.</i></p> <p>Could we really lose our island doctors? No, private practice has been on island for more than 50 years. With Dr. Russell joining the medical center, patient visits are up 60% in January. Air transportation insurance is always available for doctor approved emergencies.</p>

large, annual donations from a few donors, but they are no longer with us. *We need reliable funding* to keep our clinics open – now and for generations to come.

Rural clinics lose money because rural care is more costly than urban care. Also, Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurances pay far less for family doctor visits than for other specialties (less than it costs to provide services) and the costs of providing care keep increasing.

Washington legislators created Public Hospital Districts to help communities fund local health needs. An Orcas PHD would support our existing clinics, *not* a hospital. PHDs are funded by a property tax levy set by the commissioners, with a maximum of \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value. For example, a levy rate of \$0.59 for a home assessed at \$450,000 would be \$265.50 per year. Choosing qualified commissioners who will seek cost efficiencies and collaborate as a team is important.

We must support primary/urgent care on Orcas. Without a PHD, Orcas could easily be without doctors. Please vote yes for the Public Hospital District, then vote wisely for the commissioners.

Our Orcas property tax burden has increased by 23-33% last year. If the PHD passes, increases will be around 43% for most property.

80-86% of Orcas islanders will not be covered by UW specialist care, if PHD is passed. If the PHD passes, we may be locked in with UW for 3 years, with its lack of Kaiser Core network specialists. UW does not cover the majority of islanders; 80% are in core network, which means Kaiser patients will not be able to utilize UW specialists. See <https://wa-medicare.kaiserpermanente.org/out-of-network> Routine blood draws will not be available to non-UW patients.

\$1M was raised for UW startup and projected 2017 cost. \$411,000 was paid UW. \$589,000 left is double the projected need for whatever loss will be incurred for this year.

We have the best EMS money can buy, so if you have an emergency you call 911. If you do not have an emergency, check with an online doctor immediately, or check with your doctor in the morning from the local practices or SJI, which has several practicing clinics and a medical center with an emergency room.

Please Vote No on Public Hospital Taxing District

Rebuttal of Argument Against

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Rebuttals not allowed

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San Juan Island School District #149

Proposition No. 1

Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of San Juan Island School District No. 149 adopted Resolution No. 01-018 concerning a proposition to levy taxes. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the District's educational programs and operational expenses not funded by the State of Washington including instruction, special education, and operational expenses:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 of Assessed Valuation	Total Amount
2019	\$0.7567	\$2,426,500
2020	\$0.7904	\$2,559,958
2021	\$0.8257	\$2,700,755
2022	\$0.8625	\$2,849,297

Should this proposition be approved?

- Yes
 No

Explanatory Statement

Washington State Law found at RCW 84.52.030 authorizes school boards to propose local levies to assist in the funding for school operations and programs within the district. Based upon that statute, the Board of the San Juan Island School District (the "Board") has proposed a four-year levy to replace a levy that expires in 2018.

The revenue from the levy for the years 2019-2022 will be used to fund activities in the school district as authorized by the statute, which is termed "enrichment funding" for the district. The Board has great flexibility to identify the need for such funding. In each of the next four school years, the Board has determined that the State contribution to the school's general fund will be insufficient to pay for necessary programs and operations to properly meet the needs of students. The Board has identified necessary expenses for instruction, special education expenses and operations as appropriate for the levy.

If adopted, the taxes will be collected based upon the total levy amount approved by the voters. The levy rate (expressed per thousand dollars of property value) will then be set based upon the value of property in the district. An estimate of the levy rate has been made in the ballot title, but the actual rate each year will be based upon the property values in the assessment year. The revenue will be applied each year based upon a budget approved by the Board.

A "yes" vote approves the imposition of the levy, as described. A "no" vote opposes the imposition of the levy.
The measure will pass if it receives a simple majority of those voting.

Argument For	Argument Against
<p>The Educational Programs and Operations Levy is a local property tax. 100% of this levy stays in our community, supporting our students in programs not funded by the state.</p> <p>This is the renamed M&O levy, voted on every four years, expiring in December 2018. This is a renewal, not a new tax and will not increase your current tax bill. The structure of this levy is based on enrollment. This request is for an amount that will provide for</p>	<p>No argument against was submitted</p>

growth in enrollment over the next four years. If enrollment does not increase, the district will only collect the qualifying amount.

Our district is dependent on this local levy to continue excellence in education from Kindergarten to 12th grade. The tax pays for approximately 17 percent of existing programs. This local levy is essential to maintain the level and quality of programming and instruction necessary for a well-rounded, comprehensive education for our students. It supports everything not directly funded by the state such as Counseling, Nursing services, Special Education, para-educators, office staff, transportation, food service, technology and specialized teachers for art and music.

Due to new limitations by the state, the district already faces an annual \$400,000 reduction in the local levy. *If this levy does not pass, our school district will have to cut an additional \$1.92 million from the \$11.5 million budget, severely reducing existing programs.* Please vote yes for Proposition 1. We need your vote to support our public schools and our children’s future.

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