

Benton County

# Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

November 8, 2022 General Election



**BENTON COUNTY WA**  
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## Registration Deadlines:

These deadlines apply to new registrations & voter updates!

**Mail:** October 31

**Online:** October 31

**In-Person:** November 8

## Military & Overseas Ballots

**Mailed:** September 24

**Ballots Mailed:** October 19

## Additional Resources:

### Local Election Information

[www.bentonelections.com](http://www.bentonelections.com)  
(livechat feature available)

### County Information

[www.co.benton.wa.us](http://www.co.benton.wa.us)

### State Election Information

[www.sos.wa.gov](http://www.sos.wa.gov)

### Campaign Finance Information

[www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov)

## Ballot Drop Box Locations:

### Courthouse

620 Market St., Prosser

### Benton City - City Hall

1009 Dale Ave., Benton City

### West Richland Library (Drive up)

3803 W. Van Giesen St., West Richland

### West Richland - City Hall (Drive up)

3100 Belmont Blvd., West Richland

### Jefferson Park (Drive up)

Symons St., Richland

### WSU Tri-Cities (Drive up)

2710 Crimson Way, Richland

### Benton County Voting Center

(Drive up - in Parking Lot - Streetside)

2600 N. Columbia Center Blvd., Richland

### Benton County Voting Center (Inside)

2618 N. Columbia Center Blvd., Richland

### Badger Mountain Community Park

(Drive up)

350 Keene Rd., Richland

### Benton County Campus (Drive up)

7122 W. Okanogan Pl., Kennewick

### Kennewick City Hall (Drive up)

210 W. 6th Ave., Kennewick

# Letter to Voters

Dear Benton County Voters,

We are pleased to present the 2022 Benton County Local Voters' Pamphlet for the November 8, 2022, General Election. This fall you are going to have the opportunity to shape the future of your community by participating in the election process. You will have the opportunity to vote on everything from Federal and State offices, local races, and measures that affect you, your family, and your neighborhood. When you vote, you have a direct say in our government at the local, state, and federal level.

This pamphlet is designed as a reference tool to help you make informed decisions. Inside you'll find useful information about voter registration, deadlines for returning your ballot, and ballot drop box locations. This pamphlet includes statements and photos from candidates that have submitted information about their candidacy and information about the local ballot measures that may be in your district.

Benton County will be sending every eligible household in the county a copy of this guide.

Please note that we do not make edits or corrections to any statements.

To be eligible to vote in the November General Election, you must be a registered voter in Benton County.

**Your Signature Matters!** Two of the most common reasons ballots are unable to be processed are they are returned without a signature or with a signature that does not match what we have on file. DON'T LET THAT BE YOU. Please follow the tips in this pamphlet regarding signing your ballot before it is returned.

We want to help every eligible person register to vote and every registered voter receive their ballot. The earlier the Elections Division is contacted by individuals who need a replacement ballot, want to register to vote and receive a ballot, or have related issues, the more options there will be available to provide assistance. You can call us at (509) 736-3085, send us an e-mail at [elections@co.benton.wa.us](mailto:elections@co.benton.wa.us), visit our website at [www.bentonelections.com](http://www.bentonelections.com), or come into one of our offices at:

Benton County Voting Center,  
2618 N. Columbia Center Blvd., Richland, WA  
Auditor's Office, Benton County Courthouse,  
620 Market St., Prosser, WA

Both offices are open weekdays 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., and on Election Day 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The Benton County Elections Division is dedicated to assisting all voters, candidates, and jurisdictions in the election process while ensuring elections are conducted securely, accurately, and transparently in compliance with the laws of the State of Washington. I hope you find this Voters' Pamphlet useful, and of course, do not hesitate to contact my staff or me with any questions.



Amanda Hatfield  
Benton County Elections Manager

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### To register to vote, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- A legal resident of Washington State.
- Not serving a sentence of total confinement under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections.

### Three ways to register:

- Online - [VoteWA.gov](http://VoteWA.gov)
- By mail - Call us at (509) 736-3085 and we will mail you a form.
- In Person -  
 Benton County Courthouse,  
 620 Market St., Prosser  
 Benton County Voting Center,  
 2618 N. Columbia Center Blvd.,  
 Richland

## Ballot Return Deadline

Election Date	By Mail	Drop Box or In-Person
November 8, 2022	Postmarked by November 8, 2022	By 8:00 p.m. November 8, 2022 (Election Day)

### Tips to ensure your ballot is counted:

1. If you register to vote online, your signature from the Department of Licensing becomes your voter registration signature. Take a moment and look at the signature on your Driver License or State ID.
2. The signature on your ballot does not need to be perfect or in cursive. It just needs to be consistent and match what we have on file.
3. If you are not sure what signature we have on file, simply fill out a paper registration form with your updated signature. You can print out a registration form by scanning this QR code.



**Important Information:** If a primary election was held for an office, the two candidates who received the most votes in the Primary advance to the General Election. Each candidate for partisan office may state a political party that he or she prefers. A candidate's preference does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with that candidate.

## Are you mailing your ballot?

### *Check the collection time!*

To account for delivery standards and to allow for contingencies, the USPS recommends voters mail their ballots at least one week prior to Election Day. If you are unable to do so, we recommend that you use one of the conveniently located drop boxes.

**Official Ballot Drop Boxes are open until 8:00 p.m. on November 8, 2022.**

## City of Prosser

**Proposition No. 1****Police Station and City Hall Bonds**

The Prosser City Council adopted Ordinance No. 22-3187, regarding voter approval for financing certain capital improvements.

If approved, this proposition would authorize financing to replace the City's Police Station and City Hall, including land acquisition, design, construction and equipping of public space for community meetings, public safety, utilities, public works, and other City services. It would authorize issuance of not more than \$16.8 million of general obligation bonds maturing within 31 years payable by the levy of the annual levy of excess property taxes, all as provided in Ordinance No. 22-3187.

Should this proposition be approved?

YES

NO

The Official Ballot title was written by the City of Prosser as required by law. The Benton County Auditor is not responsible for the content of arguments or statements.

**Explanatory Statement**

Prepared by bond counsel to the City (Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth PC)

The City of Prosser is asking voters to decide on a bond measure to fund a replacement for the City Hall and Police Station that were destroyed by fire.

The bonds, together with funds from grants and other sources, would pay to acquire a new site and to construct and equip a new City Hall and Police Station, including spaces for community meetings, public safety, public works, utilities and other city services. The funding package would also pay for the costs of issuing the bonds.

If this measure is approved, no more than \$16.8 million of bonds will be issued. The City will determine when and how much to issue up to that limit. Less debt will be issued if grants and other funding become available. The amount of bonds issued will not exceed the available legal debt capacity for voter-approved debt at the time the bonds are issued.

The annual property taxes necessary to repay the bonds will depend upon interest rates; the timing of the issue and amount of the bonds issued; and changes in property values. The City estimates that if all \$16.8 million of bonds were issued at current market rates, the annual property tax rate would be approximately \$1.085 per \$1,000 of assessed value over the 31-year life of the bonds. For example, additional property taxes on a home assessed at \$350,000 would be about \$379.75 per year.

**Committee & Contact Information  
Pro Committee**

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Doug Merritt

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**Committee & Contact Information  
Con Committee**

Gary Vegar  
Maricela Sanchez  
Marty Taylor

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## Argument For

No argument submitted

## Argument Against

We represent a coalition of civic minded Prosser citizens who enthusiastically support all of Prosser, except this bond. The proposed bond is not in the best interests of Prosser. Here's why:

*Process:* The approximate \$20,000,000 city hall / police station project on six acres of riverfront property was created by a city committee of councilmen and employees guided by architectural consultants. The process did not include meaningful public participation.

*Finances:* The \$16,800,000 construction bond represents an enormous, unnecessary expenditure of taxpayer dollars within our small town. Property owners will be taxed for 31 years with renters and consumers sharing the burden. The Benton County Courthouse is an option which would eliminate the inflated bond. Sharing government buildings and operation costs would save taxpayers millions of dollars. Why no government collaboration? The city wanted to purchase a portion of the already publicly paid for Courthouse. Additionally, the city rejects a mutually supportive relationship with the County to benefit Prosser taxpayers.

*Location and Size:* The proposed 39,000 square feet of desired interior construction space and six-acre river front campus is grossly inflated for community needs. Further, it places the police station across the river from the established community, and most importantly, four Prosser Schools.

True - Prosser's city employees and police need proper functional facilities. However, this bond does not meet the best fiscal and safety needs of citizens. The city has already authorized expending \$1.7 million on the project before bringing the bond to voters. Choose effective government and vote no.

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**Bill**

**Spencer**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience**

No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience**

No information submitted

**Education**

No information submitted

**Community Service**

No information submitted

**Statement**

No information submitted

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**Brenda  
Chilton**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience**

Benton County Auditor, 2010-present

**Other Professional Experience**

Chief Deputy Auditor, 2005-2009; Supervisor, Auditor's Office, Benton County, 1998-2005; Paralegal, 1987-1998

**Education**

Graduate, Columbia Basin College; Certified Public Official, Washington State Association of Counties; Certified Election Administrator, State of Washington; Certified Elections/Registration Administrator, The Election Center/Auburn University; Certified Licensing Operator, Department of Licensing

**Community Service**

Past President, Kiwanis Club of Atomic City; current member Kiwanis Club of Tri-Cities Industry; Past-President, Washington State Association of County Auditors; Past President, Tri-Cities Republican Women

**Statement**

It's been my honor and privilege to serve Benton County since 1998, the last 12 of those years as your County Auditor. I am fortunate to lead a group of high-achieving individuals in the four separate and diverse divisions of the Auditor's Office – Accounting, Elections, Recording and Licensing. Our team continually strives to provide our citizens the best service possible, using innovative, efficient, and fiscally responsible policies and approaches. In Elections, we are committed to secure, accurate, and transparent processes. At a time when elections are under extreme scrutiny, the 125K plus voters of Benton County need and deserve a County Auditor with experience, integrity, and commitment to making sure every vote counts. I am a current member of the Executive Steering Committee for the VoteWA statewide voting system, as well as serving on the Voting Systems Certification Board. I serve on the Board of Trustees for the Washington Association of County Officials and as Chair of the Vehicle Licensing Committee for the Washington State Association of County Auditors. Endorsed by the Benton County Republican Party.

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**Josie**

**Delvin**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience**

No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience**

No information submitted

**Education**

No information submitted

**Community Service**

No information submitted

**Statement**

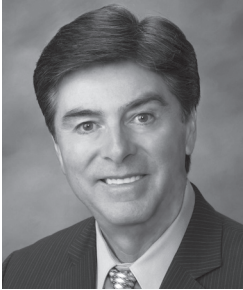
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## Michael Alvarez

(Prefers Republican Party)

### Elected Experience

Mayor, City of Richland, Review and Manage a \$320 million dollar

plus city budget, Council Liaison Planning Commission, Economic Development, Code Enforcement, and much more.

### Other Professional Experience

U.S. Marine Corp. Veteran, Business Owner Mortgage Company 26 years, Faculty, Master Instructor teaching Finance, Advanced Business Management, Consumer Protection and Code of Ethics to professional organizations throughout Washington. Current Finance Officer U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Vice President funding development Boy Scouts of America, Past President and Treasurer TCAR.

### Education

Bachelor of Business Administration, Management NMSU

### Community Service

*Community Service Award Winner*, Commissioner for Richland Parks and Recreation Commission, Fund Raiser Safe Harbor, National Child Identification Program.

### Statement

I will continue to use my Skills and Experience to improve the *Quality of Life* for our senior citizens, youth, families, and veterans. It is written the ideal county commissioner should have experience in Finance, Budgeting, Communications, and Personnel. I am the only candidate that has the education and Extensive Financial and Business Experience needed to help ensure that your taxpayer money is being used in the best possible way, and taxes are NOT increased unnecessarily. I have a proven record of saving taxpayer's 1000's of dollars in taxes annually. I support our Police and Fire Fighters making sure they have the proper tools to ensure *Exceptional Public Safety*. I am heavily supported by both law enforcement and firefighters. I have fostered strong relationships with the local business community and support *Smart Economic Development*. I will continue to listen to the needs and concerns of our citizens. My pledge to you is to be Present, Accountable, and Transparent to all citizens of Benton County. I have been married 32 years to my wife Gina, have two children, both graduates of Richland High and WSU! We have called Benton County home for 30 years. Endorsed by the Benton County Republican Party.

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## William 'Bill' Jenkin

(Prefers Republican Party)

### Elected Experience

Two-term state Representative, serving Benton county. Three years on

Prosser School Board, 2 years as School Board President

### Other Professional Experience

Owner of Prosser Vineyard & Winery and Bill's Tasting Room, Former Edward Jones Financial Advisor and Farmers Insurance Agent. Real Estate Investor. Current New York Life Financial Services Professional.

### Education

B.A. Business Management-University of Redlands

### Community Service

Washington Complete Count Census Committee, State Tourism Marketing Authority, Rotary District Governor (2017-2018), Founding Chairman of Prosser Boys & Girls Club, past Prosser Chamber of Commerce President, Prosser Economic Development Association (2011-2016), People for People Board Member, Prosser United Good Neighbor President (2014). Historic Downtown Prosser Board Member.

### Statement

While representing you in the state Legislature, I fought for common sense policies that protect agriculture, keep our communities safe, and improve accountability and transparency in government. I have a proven record of pragmatic solutions based on conservative principles and am excited to put my experience to work for you as your next Benton County Commissioner.

The county's agricultural success is critical and I will continue to support local farms which are a cornerstone of the economy. As Commissioner, I will ensure public safety taxes are spent effectively so that law enforcement has the resources they need to deter crime and increase safety in our communities.

Taxpayers deserve results and the government must spend the peoples' money wisely. As a small business owner, I understand the economic challenges facing our communities. That is why I'm dedicated to putting county government to work to support economic development while protecting family budgets from over regulation and excessive taxes.

With a broad background in economic development, housing, financial services, and relationship-building, I want to work with you to preserve our way of life and make the future even brighter for Benton County residents.

Vote Bill Jenkin for Benton County Commissioner, Position 2.

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William 'Bill'

**Leach**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience**

Benton County Coroner from 2019 to present

**Other Professional Experience**

Worked in the Benton County Coroner's Office as a Deputy Coroner for over 5 years before being elected. Previous to that I was a police officer for over 17 years. I have investigated over 1000 deaths.

**Education**

No information submitted

**Community Service**

No information submitted

**Statement**

It has been my pleasure to serve the citizens of Benton County as their coroner for the past four years, and I look forward to continuing this service for the next four years.

Thank you

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**Eric  
Eisinger**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

None.

**Other Professional Experience**

Eric is a former prosecutor for the City of Kennewick. For 18 years, he has prosecuted and defended thousands of criminal and civil cases. Eric has litigated in state and federal court, including multi-million dollar cases. He has a 10.0 "Superb" client rating on Avvo.com. He has served as a judge pro tem. Eric is a partner at the Richland law firm Walker Heye, PLLC. He was President of the Benton Franklin Counties Bar Association from 2016-2017.

**Education**

University of Idaho College of Law (J.D. 2003); Washington State University (B.A., summa cum laude, 1999).

**Community Service**

Small Group Leader, New Vintage Church.

**Statement**

Our community is at a turning point. As crime continues to rise, we must resist the progressive criminal justice initiatives coming out of Olympia and take a stand for the rule of law and the Constitution. As your county prosecutor, I will fight to keep Benton County from becoming like Seattle where the parks and streets no longer belong to the people. I will vigorously prosecute crime and fight for the safety of your community. I will request appropriate bail on all cases.

I understand that criminal cases are fundamentally about people. Justice requires compassion for victims and for the community. I believe people can change, but societal order depends on appropriate boundaries. I oppose needle exchange programs and giving drug pipes to addicts. I support programs that provide help and real solutions and show genuine compassion without removing the natural consequences of illegal behavior.

I am the candidate endorsed by the Benton County Republican Party. I will uphold your constitutional rights including the right to protect your home and your family and your right to keep and bear arms. I love this community and I ask for your vote. [www.ericforprosecutor.com](http://www.ericforprosecutor.com)

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**Ryan  
Lukson**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

Richland City Council 2018-Present, Richland Mayor  
January 2020-January 2022

**Other Professional Experience**

Benton County Prosecutor's Office 2011-Present, Assistant Chief Deputy Prosecutor

**Education**

University of Washington, Business-Finance 2004; Florida State University College of Law 2009

**Community Service**

Director, Washington Counties Risk Pool Executive Committee; Richland Police Pension Board; Richland Fire Pension Board; Tri-Cities National Park Committee; TRIDEC Board; Benton Franklin Council of Governments Board; Richland Library Board

**Statement**

As a current deputy prosecutor and former Mayor of Richland, I'm running for Benton County Prosecutor to hold criminal offenders accountable and give a voice to victims. Born and raised in the Tri-Cities, I chose to raise my family in the community I love. I have the leadership skills necessary to keep our community safe and lead the Prosecutor's Office into the future. With violent crime on the rise across our state, it's more important than ever to elect a leader with proven experience and positive relationships with our existing prosecutors.

Over the past ten years, I have built strong relationships with our law enforcement, mayors, and community organizations. I am prepared to leverage those relationships in support of additional resources for the Prosecutor's Office to maintain the quality of life we all enjoy.

Please join retired Benton County Sheriffs Larry Taylor and Steve Keane, Benton County Coroner Bill Leach, retired West Richland Police Chief Ben Majetich, and Benton County Prosecutor Andy Miller in supporting my campaign. I have spent my career defending the rights of our law enforcement officers. I would be honored if you would join these members of our law enforcement community in supporting my candidacy.

**Contact**

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**Thomas J****Croskrey**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Unopposed****Elected Experience**

As your current Sheriff, my thirty years of law enforcement experience alongside that of the members of the Sheriff's Office, we are entirely dedicated to the protection of each individual's fundamental Constitutional Rights and to the Public Safety of our community.

In collaboration and partnership of the local, state and federal partners, I am committed to serving the citizens with integrity and humility. In these uncertain times, our shared values of Teamwork, Integrity, and Commitment and with an emphasis on Mission, I will serve as the guidepost as we continue to provide a proactive and responsive Sheriff's Office.

**Other Professional Experience**

No information submitted

**Education**

No information submitted

**Community Service**

No information submitted

**Statement**

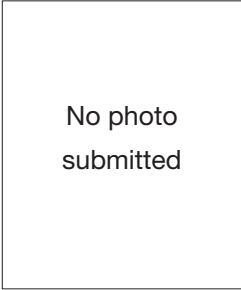
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**Kenneth  
Spencer Jr**  
(Prefers Republican Party)

**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience**

No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience**

No information submitted

**Education**

No information submitted

**Community Service**

No information submitted

**Statement**

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Terry M.  
**Tanner**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience**

No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience**

No information submitted

**Education**

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**Community Service**

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**Statement**

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**James (Jim)**

**Bell**

(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed**

**Legal/Judicial Experience**

Judge, Benton County District Court 2021-present; Partner, Bell, Brown & Rio Law Offices 2009-2021; Owner, Law Office of James Bell 2007-2009; Associate Attorney, Roach & Petersen Law Office 2002-2007; Franklin County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney 1994-2002.

**Other Professional Experience**

Legal Counsel, Greater Columbia Behavioral Health 2009-2021; Judge Pro Tem, Benton County and Franklin County District Courts.

**Education**

University of Puget Sound School of Law (Now Seattle University School of Law) J.D. 1992, Brigham Young University, B.S. Accounting 1988.

**Community Service**

Board of Trustees, Greater Tri-Cities YMCA 2000-present. Served as YMCA Board President 2006-2009. YMCA Volunteer of the Year 1999.

**Statement**

District Court is the court most residents are likely to come in contact with, whether as a juror, as the recipient of a traffic ticket, as a victim, as a witness, or even as a non-felony defendant. It requires a judge who thinks quickly and decisively, yet also with compassion, empathy, and a full understanding of the law. Judge Bell's experience, personality, and temperament have cultivated these qualities along with an understanding that most people just want a chance to be heard and be treated fairly in a stressful system. Judge Bell was appointed as a District Court Judge in May 2021 and continues to serve with thoughtfulness and understanding while fostering justice and accountability.

Judge Bell and his wife of 36 years, Cindy have made the Tri-Cities their home since 1994. Their three children are now grown and have returned to live and work in the Tri-Cities, along with one grandson and a granddaughter on the way. Judge Bell treasures the connection he shares with his family, his church, and the Tri-Cities community. He is honored to serve Benton County and is looking forward to continuing to serve with honor, compassion, and integrity as a District Court Judge.

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Dan  
**Kathren**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience**

No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience**

No information submitted

**Education**

No information submitted

**Community Service**

No information submitted

**Statement**

No information submitted

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**John S.  
Ziobro**  
(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed**

#### **Elected Experience**

John Ziobro was appointed to the District Court bench in 2017. He served as a Benton County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney from 1996-98. Assistant City Attorney for Kennewick, 1998-99. Kennewick City Attorney 1999-2007. From 2007 to 2017, John was in private practice focusing on civil litigation, land use, business transactions and employment law. Voted Washington Law & Politics Rising Star, 2004 and Super Lawyer 2004-07.

#### **Education**

Seattle University, Juris Doctor 1995; Washington State University B.A. Political Science 1989; Columbia Basin College A.A. 1987; Kamiakin High School, 1985

#### **Community Service**

Rotarian 2007-2010; Tri-Cities Regional Chamber Committee, 2014-17; STEM Foundation Board Member (2010-14)

#### **Statement**

Our court system works best when lawyers are prepared and judges understand the facts of a case and the governing law. I work hard to make sure I am prepared to hear the cases that come before me. I push attorneys to be at their best when they come to court to ensure their clients have a full and fair opportunity to have their case decided.

#### **Contact**

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**Jennifer (Lampson)**

**Azure**

(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed**

**Legal/Judicial Experience**

Benton County District Court Judge; Judge Pro Tem -Benton District, Benton-Franklin Superior Court, Pasco Municipal; Azure Law Office, PLLC; City of Auburn Prosecuting Attorney; Prosecution for Cities of Fircrest, Puyallup and Sumner; Franklin County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

**Other Professional Experience**

Youth Volleyball Coach and Referee, Kinko's Corporate Headquarters, KC Sheet Metal - Payroll Clerk, AR/AP

**Education**

Gonzaga School of Law, Washington State University, Kamiakin High School

**Community Service**

YMCA Mock Trial Judge/Rater; Tri-City Youth & Justice Forum; Benton-Franklin County Bar Association; Girls on The Run, Founding Member of Washington Women Lawyers SEWA; WWL – Judicial Evaluation Committee; Mentor Children's Representation, Instructor Law Enforcement Reserve Academy

**Statement**

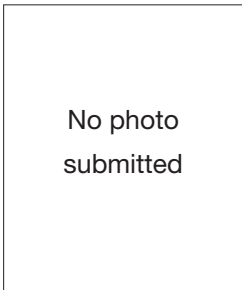
Judge Azure and her husband Torey, are raising their three children here in Kennewick, Washington; Elizabeth, Michael and Samantha. As a fourth generation Tri-Citian, she has spent the majority of her career serving our community. respected by the legal community, Judge Azure is known for providing a courtroom where every party is treated fairly. Judge Azure is prepared, informed and courteous to everyone in the courtroom. She has a strong legal background, a demonstrated commitment to public service and the necessary temperament to handle the large caseload of District Court. Judge Azure has handled thousands of court hearings as a Prosecutor, Defense Counsel and now Judge. She believes a Judge's duty is to ensure all parties are heard and the law is upheld. She is honored each day to work for and with the people of Benton County and looks forward to bringing her experience, integrity and leadership to the District Court of Benton County for the next four years.

**Contact**

(509) 619-5800; jenn@electjenn.com

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**Sanders**  
(Nonpartisan)

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**Elected Experience**

No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience**

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**Education**

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**Community Service**

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**Statement**

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# WSU Tri-Cities

Student Engagement Hub (HUB)

VOTE  
COUGS VOTE

The logo features a stylized cougar head in profile, facing right, enclosed within a circular border. The cougar's mane is depicted with several short, vertical lines. The entire graphic is rendered in a dark gray color.

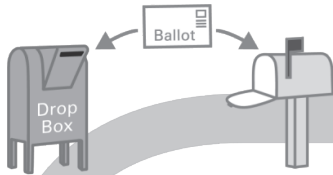
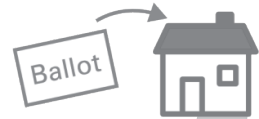
Benton County is pleased to be partnering with WSU Tri-Cities to open a ***Student Engagement Hub (HUB)*** for the 2022 General Election. Students and citizens will be able to obtain the following services at the ***HUB***:

- Register to vote
- Update your address
- Pick up a ballot
- Accessible Voting Unit (AVU) available
- Deposit ballot in a secure drop box (Drive up)

For information on dates, times and services available at this location visit [www.bentonelections.com](http://www.bentonelections.com)

# Vote by Mail in Benton County

All eligible voters are sent a ballot at least 18 days prior to the Election Day.



All ballots have pre-paid postage and can be returned by U.S. mail or placed in one of the 10 convenient drop boxes. Drop boxes are open until 8 p.m. on Election Day.



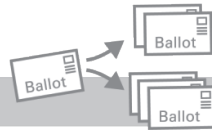
The security sleeve is put in a return envelope and signed (or marked with witnesses). Voters can also update their contact information on this envelope.



Voter places their marked ballot into a provided security sleeve.



During the 18-day voting period, mail and drop boxes are checked frequently by election staff. Ballots taken to the Election Center and are scanned to show as "Received".



At the County Voting Center, ballots are sorted into batches and prepared for signature verification.



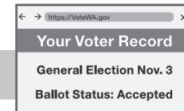
The signature on the outer envelope will be compared to the signature on file for the voter. If the signature is missing or does not match, the voter will be contacted.



The return envelope (signature envelope) will be opened and the security sleeve with ballot will be removed.



At any point once we get your ballot, you can check the progress online.  
\*Please allow 2-3 days for the system to update.



If the signature is verified, the ballot will now be marked as "Accepted". You will be credited for participating in this election in the VoteWA system.



The ballot is removed from the security sleeve. This results in secrecy of the vote.



The ballot will be reviewed for potential scanning issues. If there are none, the ballot will be scanned.



All scanned ballots will be moved to a secure location inside the Voting Center.

**The election is complete, and preparations for the next election cycle begin.**



The County Canvassing Board meets and certifies the election.



At 8 p.m. on Election Night, ballots that have already been scanned are tabulated and results will be reported.

# Washington State's New Voting Rights

## Felony Conviction and Voting Rights

New Washington Legislation went into effect January 1, 2022 regarding convicted felons and their right to vote.

### When is my right to vote restored?

- If you were convicted of a felony in a Washington State court, your right to vote is restored automatically once you are no longer serving a sentence of total confinement in prison.
- If you were convicted of a felony in another state or in federal court, your right to vote is restored automatically as long as you are no longer serving a sentence of total confinement in prison.
- You **do not** lose the right to vote for a misdemeanor conviction or a conviction in juvenile court.



### Registering to vote

Once your right to vote is restored, you must register to vote even if you were previously registered. You do not need a certificate of discharge to register to vote.

### You can register to vote at:

- Benton County Elections Division
- Department of Licensing
- Online at [votewa.gov](http://votewa.gov)

For more information see Substitute House Bill 1078 - Washington State Legislature.



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## Ballot Drop Box Locations

Ballot drop boxes are a convenient way for you to return your ballot on or before Election Day. These secure ballot drop boxes can be found at 10 locations throughout Benton County. Boxes are open 20 days prior to Election Day and remain open until 8:00 PM on Election Day. Ballot drop boxes do not require any postage and guarantee your ballot will be received by the Auditor's Office.

### Kennewick

Kennewick City Hall, 210 W. 6th Ave. (Drive up)  
 Benton County Campus, 7122 W. Okanogan Pl. (Drive up)

### West Richland

City Hall, 3100 Belmont Blvd. (Drive up)  
 Library, 3803 W. Van Giesen St. (Drive up)

### Benton City

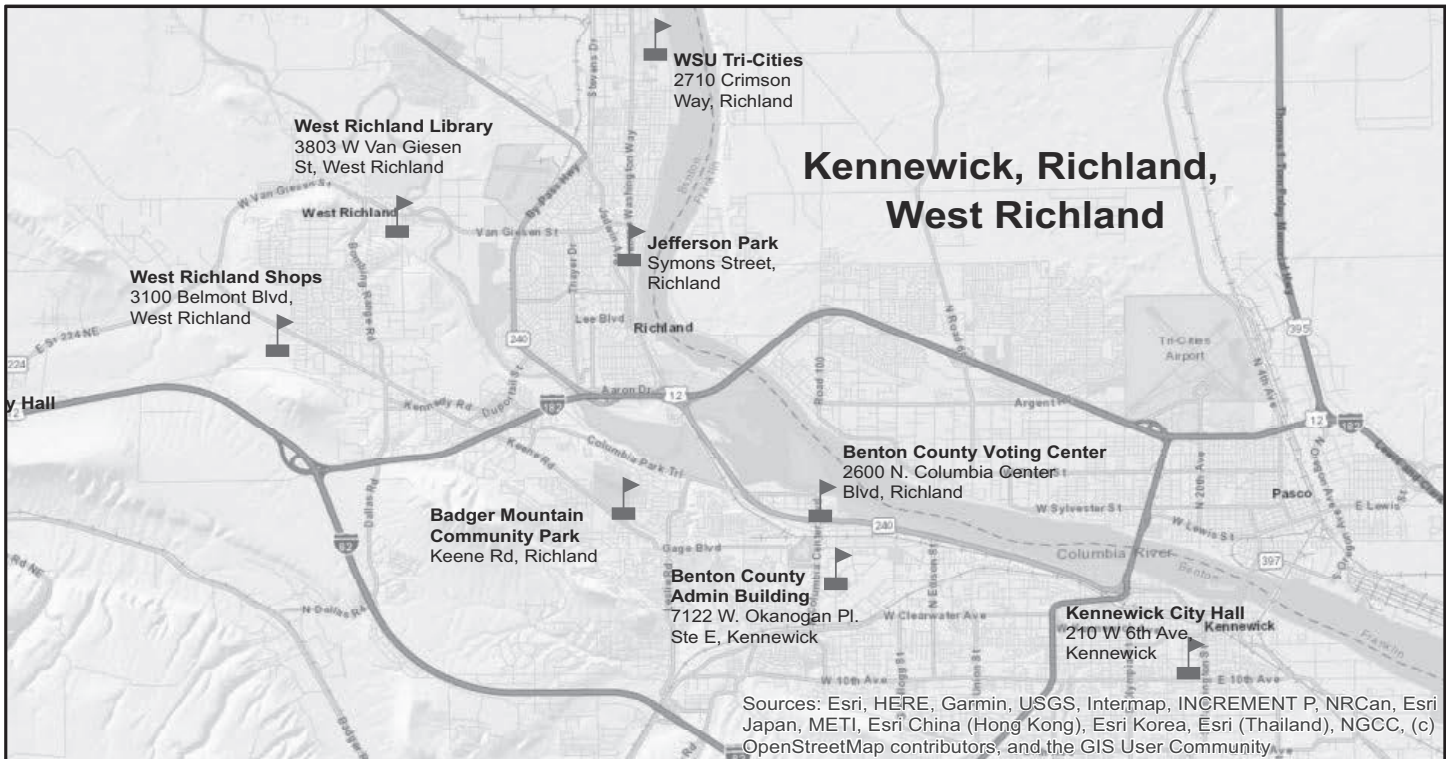
City Hall, 1009 Dale Ave.

### Richland

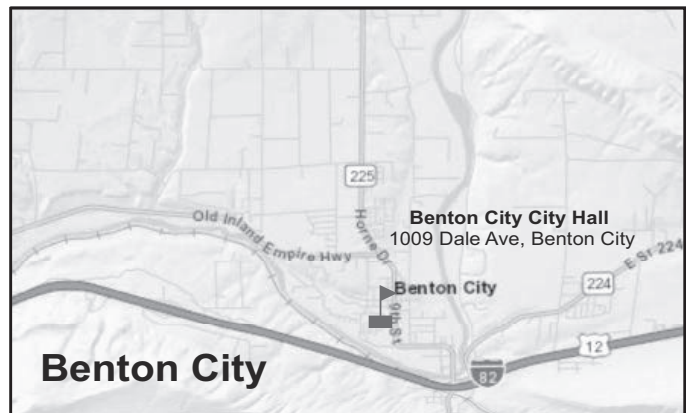
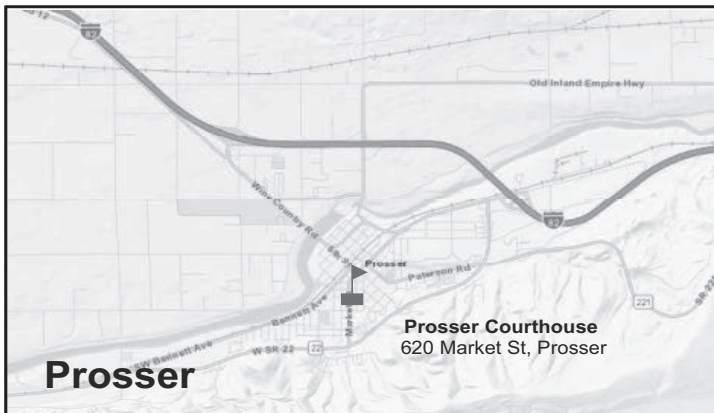
WSU Tri-Cities, 2710 Crimson Way (Drive up)  
 Jefferson Park, Symons St. (Drive up)  
 Badger Mountain Community Park, Keene Rd. (Drive up)  
 Benton County Voting Center, 2600 N. Columbia Center Blvd. (Drive up - in Parking Lot - Streetside)  
 Benton County Voting Center, 2618 N. Columbia Center Blvd., Ste 100 (inside)

### Prosser

Courthouse, 620 Market St.



Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, USGS, Intermap, INCREMENT P, NRCan, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), Esri Korea, Esri (Thailand), NGCC, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community.



# WE'VE MOVED!

*e → (next door)*

The Benton County Voting Center has moved!

Don't worry, we are right next door to our old location and are here to serve you for all of your voting and elections needs.

*Hours:*

Monday - Friday

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Election Days: 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

*Physical Address:*

2618 N. Columbia Center Blvd.

Richland, WA 99352

*Mailing Address:*

PO Box 1000

Richland, WA 99352



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