

August 26, 2021

Washington State Public Disclosure Commission
Alice Fiman, Compliance Officer
711 Capitol Way Rm. 206
PO Box 40908
Olympia, WA 98504-1112

Re: Response to PDC Case 77415/Tacoma Weekly: Stipulation As To Facts, Violations and Penalty

Dear Ms. Fiman and PDC Commission,

As per your request, we are responding to the Sept. 19, 2020, complaint filed by Lucas Byram that the Tacoma Weekly sold its endorsements to political campaigns that year. We thought this matter was closed per our communications with Ms. Fiman's office and the Commission, and we apologize if we have missed any past emails requesting more information. Attached to this letter are all emails, contracts, and other information you might need to review our case and make your decision.

We believe that we have done nothing wrong other than to have made a mistake on a sales flyer by using the word "endorsement." We corrected that mistake by removing the "endorsement" language because we never intended to endorse any candidate in the 2020 election. It was a bad word choice and nothing more. The Tacoma Weekly was not selling its endorsement, nor have we ever sold our endorsement. We are a small weekly newspaper and in our 38-year history of publishing, we have endorsed only one or two candidates as it is not our policy to give political endorsements. In this matter, no endorsements resulted as part of a sales promotion. The promotional sales flyer intention was to attract business not necessarily sell packaged advertised. A variety of candidates purchased advertising packages from Tacoma weekly none endorsed by the Tacoma weekly. The attached emails and contracts will reflect that the initial offer in the sales promotion never took place. In fact, Mr. Whalen states that an endorsement was never offered as a part of this package. As soon as we realized our mistake on the sales flyer, we issued a corrected version. We then met with Ms. Kreiselmaier, Mr. Figueroa, and Mr. Whalen to discuss the matter including canceling our contracts with them altogether. All three of these candidates wanted to continue advertising and initiated the changes in their contracts and signed new contracts for print advertising and newspaper box wraps. There are no signed contracts stating that the Tacoma Weekly would provide endorsements, and no advertising or articles written about these candidates in any way reflected our endorsement of them.

Ms. Kreiselmaier, Mr. Figueroa and Mr. Whalen were aware that the articles we would write about them would be the same as articles we've published in the past about other politicians. They were also aware that we would be contacting their competitors as well in order to write articles on them as we did with Ryan Mello, who was running against Mr. Figueroa and had no advertising package with the Tacoma Weekly. We reached out to candidates running against Ms. Kreiselmaier and Mr. Whalen, but they did not respond to our invitation. All stories published in the Tacoma Weekly reflect our editorial policies in that they were researched and done through interviews, notes and transcripts, which are attached to this email.

During the 2020 campaign, we also wrote about other candidates including Sarah Rumbaugh and Hans Zeiger, who were opponents for Pierce County Council District 4, and about all three candidates for Pierce County Sheriff: Doug Richardson, Cyndie Fajardo and Ed Troyer. In addition to Ms. Kreiselmaier, Mr. Figueroa and Mr. Whalen, other candidates placed advertisements with us including Sarah Rumbaugh, Marilyn Strickland, Ed Troyer and T'wina Nobles.

In closing, we feel that the Tacoma Weekly is caught in a dispute between political parties and that we are a

victim of this. An unfortunate fact in these times is that political advertising and political contests have become vicious. With the fear of future fines, we will no longer write candidate profiles or accept advertising from candidates in any form. A small company such as ours cannot afford to take a large financial hit such as this fine. All our services are free, and we live on very little advertising revenue. It is not uncommon for us to refuse certain types of advertising. For example, we will not publish advertisements for guns or gun shows in our newspaper. We're not in the business of promoting violence or lies.

If the PDC board would review our long history of community news, you would see that we have played an important role in the positive growth of Tacoma's and Pierce County's diverse communities, and we've given cities and towns throughout the county opportunities to tell the public about their accomplishments and, most recently, how to survive in a pandemic. We are a one-of-a-kind resource for Pierce County and with that in mind, we take the rules of journalism very seriously. We want no one to question our credibility. We apologize to the Commission for any mistakes we have made, and we are more than willing to publicly apologize to you and our readers.

We thank you for taking time to read this letter and review the documents attached.

Sincerely,
John Weymer
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(253) 405-4893

Matt Nagle
matt@tacomaweekly.com
(253) 267-3276

1. According to the Respondent's website, the Tacoma Weekly is a "weekly community newspaper published by Pierce County Community Newspaper Group. The paper started in 1987 as the Tacoma Monthly and in 1994 became the Tacoma Weekly. The free newspaper is distributed on Thursdays to hundreds of businesses and public spaces in the Tacoma area."

This information is incorrect. The Tacoma Monthly became the Tacoma Weekly in 1990, and we distribute our newspaper on Wednesdays.

2. On August 5, 2020, the Respondent sent an e-mail to a distribution list soliciting an offer to purchase advertising in the Tacoma Weekly. The email solicitation including the subject line "Let's Get You Elected", noted that the August 2020 primary election was just conducted the previous day, stated the advertising was limited to only four candidates, and included an information sheet listing the items included and cost.

The information sheet being referred to here was an uncorrected version of our sales promotion flyer that was sent to a limited number of candidates. We corrected our mistake immediately and re-sent this flyer to the candidates. See attached documents.

3. The solicitation from the Respondent include the following: (1) 12 quarter-page print ads; (2) Two full page ads; (3) four front page ads; (4) one "maga block" ad for 12 weeks; (5) four 8 1/2 x 11 inserts; (5) a Tacoma Weekly editorial; (6) one cover story; and (7) a Tacoma Weekly endorsement of the candidate. The cost of this offer was stated as \$2,500.

The information in this solicitation was an uncorrected version of our sales promotion flyer and was sent to a limited number of candidates. We corrected our mistake immediately and re-sent this flyer to the candidates. The Tacoma Weekly did not publish any editorial concerning the 2020 election nor were any endorsements given. See attached documents.

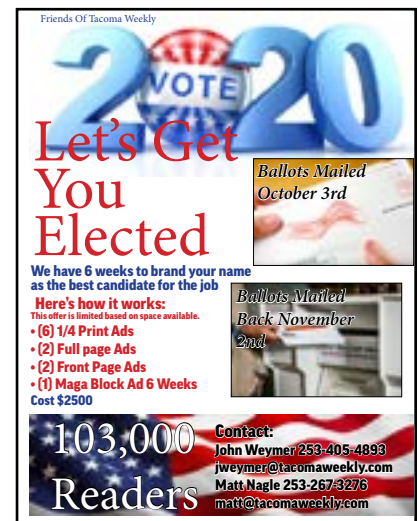
4. Based on PDC staff's query in the contributions and expenditures database, two 2020 candidates were identified as having reported a purchase of a Tacoma Weekly advertising package: Javier Figueroa, current Mayor of the City of Lakewood, and Jason Whalen, Deputy Mayor of the City of Lakewood. Both



Corrected
Version



Sept14th
Version



Mr. Figueroa and Mr. Whalen were 2020 candidates seeking the office of Pierce County Council.

Mr. Figueroa and Mr. Whalen responded to our initial erroneous flyer. When we realized our error, we met with both of them to discuss the matter including canceling our contracts with them altogether. Mr. Figueroa and Mr. Whalen initiated signing new contracts for print advertising and newspaper box wraps only.

5. Mr. Figueroa signed a Statement of Understanding (SOU) acknowledging violations of RCW 42.17A.320 by failing to disclose the required sponsor identification on paid political advertising sponsored by his Campaign that ran in the Tacoma Weekly. Mr. Figueroa paid a \$150 civil penalty resolving his failure to include the required sponsor identification in a Tacoma Weekly cover story, published on August 18, 2020, about his 2020 Pierce County Council candidacy. The headline to the story states: "Javier Figueroa Bringing an independent vote to Pierce County Council".

Mr. Figueroa was made aware that the original flyer he received was erroneous. Mr. Figueroa insisted on keeping the contract in place with changes that did not include paid news articles. The published article includes no endorsement language, nor does it state that voters should vote for him. Mr. Figueroa was extremely aggressive with his advertising demands, and we strive to serve our clients to the best of our ability. See attached documents.

6. Mr. Whalen signed a SOU acknowledging violations of RCW 42.17A.320 by failing to disclose the required sponsor identification on paid political advertising sponsored by his Campaign that ran in the Tacoma Weekly. Mr. Whalen paid a \$150 civil penalty resolving his failure to include the required sponsor identification in a Tacoma Weekly cover story, published on September 2, 2020, about his 2020 Pierce County Council candidacy. The headline to the story states: "Jason Whalen: A Work Together Approach". A paid for political ad featuring Mr. Whalen, also published in the September 2, 2020 Tacoma Weekly, includes the following language: "A community leader

From: Javier Figueroa <jvfig@comcast.net>
Subject: Re: Weekly Campaign for Figueroa
Date: August 28, 2020 at 10:57 AM
To: Matt Nagle <mnnagle@tacomaweekly.com>, John Weymer <jweymer@tacomaweekly.com>
Cc: contact@elecjavier.com

Anyway we can schedule a call to discuss my email below?

Javier

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 25, 2020, at 12:24 PM, Javier Figueroa <jvfig@comcast.net> wrote:

John and Matt:

I just want to thank you again for taking interest in my race. Thank you for your support and confidence in me. Below is an outline of what I think is part of our contract. Note: Ad copy required of me due on Friday prior to the Wednesday print day. FYI: Pamphlets mailed out on Tuesday, Oct. 6 and Ballots mailed out on Friday, Oct. 16.

1. ¼ ads for 12 weeks: started with ad copy to stay the same until further notice.
2. 2 full page ads – dates picked: October 7th and 21st. Do I just provide content?
3. 4 Front Page Ads Banner: I'm not sure who is responsible for ad content/If it's me, then I need dimension/copy restrictions. Dates for the banner ads:
 - a. October 7, 14, 21, 28
4. 1 Mega Block Ad 12 weeks: John, not sure what this is; but, I did look at website and couldn't figure it out. Who designs the ad? Should have started by now.
5. (4) 8.5 x 11 inserts that the Weekly prints. Dates picked for the inserts: October 7, 14, 21, 28. Do I just provide content? Is this print on both sides are one side?
6. Weekly editorial: In October?
7. Cover story or two: 1 complete / if another is done, then 2nd one can be done on Oct. 21?
8. Weekly Endorsement: Whenever you do the endorsements.
9. Cover on Distribution boxes: I think the ¼ ad copy now in use would do or just the yard sign copy. How many boxes will be showcasing this?

Thank you for your patience and understanding with my notes above.

Javier

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BILL TO
Friends to elect Javier Figueroa
4514 72nd Ave. W.
University Place, WA 98466

INVOICE 1750

DATE 09/28/2020

DUE DATE 09/28/2020

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
09/05/2020	Payment	Credit card	1	-1,329.00	-1,329.00
09/25/2020	Graphic Services	Signs poster, photos	1	1,329.00	1,329.00

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TOTAL DUE

\$0.00

PCNG Mail - Tacoma Weekly Ad Copy

8/24/21, 8:39 PM



Matt Nagle <mnnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Tacoma Weekly Ad Copy

2 messages

Jason Whalen <jason@ledgersquarelaw.com> Mon, Aug 24, 2020 at 12:20 PM
To: Josh Amato <josh@sermodigital.com>, Matthew Lundh <mattew@sermodigital.com>
Cc: Matt Nagle <mnnagle@tacomaweekly.com>, John Weymer <jweymer@tacomaweekly.com>

Josh and/or Matt,

When you get a chance, can you forward a jpg of our campaign sign logo, a few pics, and whatever else may be helpful for the Tacoma Weekly folks to start working on ad copy (and the cover article).

We will want to plan when to drop these so we can a bit of coordination.

Matt Nagle and John, can you give us a sense of the calendar when the various ads, articles, etc. will hit so we can coordinate our overall media strategy?

Thanks!

PCNG Mail - Correction Article

8/24/21, 8:45 PM



Matt Nagle <mnnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Correction Article

Jason M. Whalen

Whalen for Pierce County Council, I

7201 Holly Hedge Lane SW, #2

Lakewood, WA 98499

253-327-1701

www.whelenforcouncil.com

https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?ui=2&as=correction_article...

Jason Whalen <jason@ledgersquarelaw.com>

To: Matt Nagle <mnnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 9:43 AM

Hi, Matt,

Don't know if John spoke with you yesterday, but the local Dem party is very exercised about the thought that I (and/or Javier) "bought" endorsements from the Tacoma Weekly. While we purchased an advertising package that did include an interview and a background article, there was no endorsement language provided or sought, but the community needs to hear that from the Tacoma Weekly (especially since, unfortunately, the solicitation ad that you guys sent out included that language of "endorsement", which was likely a mistake).

Are you folks planning on running a correction statement or article?

Jason M. Whalen

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committed to working together to deliver for us.”

Mr. Whalen was aware that the original flyer he received was erroneous. Mr. Whalen contract to that did not include paid news articles. The headline was chosen because it best described why he was running, which is what the article was about. The headline choice was in no way intended to reflect his advertisements to influence voters or act as an endorsement. The published article includes no endorsement language, nor does it state that voters should vote for him. See attached documents.

7. The Respondent also sold an advertising package to Dr. Elizabeth Kreiselmaier, a candidate for U.S. Representative in the 6th Congressional District in 2020. As noted for the two candidates listed above, the Tacoma Weekly advertisements for Dr. Kreiselmaier consisted of the same advertisements as for Mr. Whalen and Mr. Figueroa, including the cover story. The headline to the story was: “Elizabeth Kreiselmaier ‘Mom on a Mission to Clean Up the House’”. A paid for political ad, also published in same edition of the Tacoma Weekly, includes the following tagline: “A Mom On A Mission To Clean Up The House”.

Ms. Kreiselmaier was aware that the original flyer she received was erroneous. Advertising was negotiated with her that did not include paid news articles. As with Mr. Figueroa and Mr. Whalen, Ms. Kreiselmaier’s story included no endorsement language, nor does it state that voters should vote for her. These articles are part of our regular news coverage. The headline was chosen because it best described why she was running, which is what the article was about. The headline choice was in no way intended to reflect her advertisements to influence voters or act as an endorsement. See attached documents.

8. For Dr. Kreiselmaier, the Oct. 7 – 13, 2020 edition of the Tacoma Weekly included an article entitled “Smashing the glass ceiling in the 6th Congressional District”, which was all about Dr. Kreiselmaier. The article noted it was a paid advertisement that included the sponsor identification indicating that Dr. Kreiselmaier’s Campaign was responsible for the advertise-

From: Jason Whalen [mailto:jason@ledgersquarelaw.com]
Subject: Updated Contract for Tacoma Weekly
Date: October 8, 2020 at 1:45 PM
To: John Weymer [mailto:jweymer@tacomaweekly.com]
Cc: Tom Perry [mailto:dawgperry@gmail.com], Josh Amato [mailto:josh@sermodigital.com]

John,

Thank you. Attached is the updated and executed contract. We will update the ad copy for the next sequence of ads.

Thanks,

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Lakewood, WA 98499
Bellingham

Product:
40 spots @ \$250 per unit \$10000

Week:
8 weeks banner ad Sept. 22nd to Nov 3rd 2020

Total \$10000.00

1. This agreement is made this 8th day of October, 2020, between Jason M. Whalen, hereinafter referred to as "Client", and Tacoma Weekly Inc., hereinafter referred to as "Advertiser".
2. The Client has agreed to purchase advertising space from the Advertiser for the purpose of promoting the Client's campaign for the position of Councilmember for District 6 of Pierce County, Washington.
3. The Advertiser has agreed to provide the Client with the advertising space for the purpose of promoting the Client's campaign for the position of Councilmember for District 6 of Pierce County, Washington.
4. The Client has agreed to pay the Advertiser the sum of \$10,000.00 for the advertising space.
5. The Advertiser has agreed to provide the Client with the advertising space for the purpose of promoting the Client's campaign for the position of Councilmember for District 6 of Pierce County, Washington.
6. The Client has agreed to pay the Advertiser the sum of \$10,000.00 for the advertising space.
7. The Advertiser has agreed to provide the Client with the advertising space for the purpose of promoting the Client's campaign for the position of Councilmember for District 6 of Pierce County, Washington.

ment. The advertisement for Dr. Kreiselmaier that appeared in the Tacoma Weekly edition identified her Congressional campaign as the sponsor.

This advertorial acts the same as a display advertisement with the difference being that the advertorial is an advertisement in written form. It was an ad whereas the cover stories for Ms. Kreiselmaier, Mr. Figueroa and Mr. Whalen were not ads but part of the Tacoma Weekly's regular reporting.

9. On October 16, 2020, Matt Nagle, Managing Editor for the Respondent stated that "an uncorrected version of our sales promotion flyer was attached to email sent to select candidates. We corrected our mistake immediately and re-sent our email to these candidates." He further stated the corrected solicitation included: 12 quarter page ads, two full page ads, four front page ads, one block ad for 12 weeks, four "insertions of your flyer" limited to 8 1/2 x 11, one "Advertorial" ad, and a meeting with Tacoma Weekly editorial staff.

The candidates met with the Tacoma Weekly editorial staff, which consists of the Respondent and Mr. Nagle, to negotiate contracts and for Mr. Nagle to conduct interviews for the articles, which were done in the same manner as all articles he writes. Each interview took approximately one hour, and time required to write each article was approximately two to three hours. This was the same time invested for other articles he wrote about candidates in the 2020 election: Hans Zeiger, Sarah Rumbaugh, Doug Richardson, Cyndie Fajardo, Ed Troyer and Ryan Mello (who ran against Mr. Figueroa), none of whom signed contracts with the Tacoma Weekly. Mr. Nagle reached out to candidates opposing Mr. Whalen and Ms. Kreiselmaier but received no response. See attached documents.

Additional Comments

The Tacoma Weekly exists to be a resource and voice for the people of Tacoma and its many diverse communities, including the LGBTQ community of which Mr. Nagle is a part. We are the only community newspaper left in Tacoma, and we take very seriously the responsibilities that come with that. Mr. Weymer and Mr. Nagle have been struggling hard financially throughout the COVID pandemic yet the Tacoma Weekly has persevered to keep printing and with special emphasis on BIPOC individuals and communities, which is so important in these times. We are not here to break laws or profit from elections. That is not what we are about.

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ELECTION RESULTS REVEAL MAJOR CHANGES IN PUYALLUP TRIBAL COUNCIL

Big WINNER

BY JOHN WEYMER
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Aug. 1, was voting day at the Puyallup tribe of Indians, and the results in this tribal election for tribal council are as big as they are surprising.

The membership made its collective voice heard loud and clear that they want change and they want it now. At a time when the tribe is facing its most critical roadblocks in modern Puyallup tribal history, it's obvious that the membership was that bringing a major shift in power to the council is the smartest move they can make. Their very futures are on the line in this one of COVID-19.

In total, 15 candidates put themselves in the running for two council positions at were up for re-election, leaving four candidates that survived the June 6 primary to move on to the Aug. 1 general election. Incumbents Jim Ridout and Ann Bryson, and newcomers Monica Miller and James Miles.

Ridout received the most votes with 75 tribal members voting for him, and losing the most absentee ballots, showing that the membership is in the heart of reservation and around the country units him and wants him to stay in leadership. But in a major upset, Miller received the second highest number of votes, receiving 62 votes, which means that she is effectively unseated Bryson who has been on the council for the past six years, even lost by a considerable number of votes at 38, and Miles came in last with 11 votes.

Ridout is a well-liked tribal member involved in the tribe's gaming enterprises. As someone brand new to the council, Monica Miller represents the ray of hope that the entire tribe needs right now. Infections and fighting among the council members have been going on ever since David Bean was chosen as council chairman last year. This was another startling upset in tribal leadership, as Bean replaced Bill Sterud as chair after Sterud's more than 40 years of serving on the council in various positions, including chairman, compared to Bean's 13 years on council.

With these new election results, however, the council is now poised to experience a major change in power balance, as the chairmanship will again be decided by the full council in keeping with election year protocol. Looking at who's on this "new" council, Sterud has a good chance to return to the chairman's seat. Traditionally backing Bean are his sister and current tribal council member Anna Bean, and council member Annet Bryson. Bryson used to be part of the group too, but now he is out. Sterud is typically been supported by Jim Ridout and Sylvia Miller and now Monica Miller is in the picture, creating a very good likelihood for a nomination for Sterud at the vote for chairman to stay in his lane.

Under Bean's leadership, the tribe has been floundering in numerous ways. But there is the impact of the coronavirus as how the tribal council has responded to the membership demands transparency and straight answers about tribal finances and a clear plan of action, but he doesn't seem to want to go that way even though he championed transparency of the council when he first ran, leading him being elected. Local media can't get any clear answers either, with Bean taking a cue from Donald Trump to establish code of silence when the media, like Tacoma Weekly, asks pressing question

See TRIBAL COUNCIL / page 5

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Support neighborhood businesses at Hilltop Business Crawl

BY MATT NAGLE
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Throughout the coronavirus pandemic, innovation has shown itself in an array of ways, especially in bringing people together somehow as we're all told to keep our distance. In Tacoma's Hilltop neighborhood, the Tacoma Housing Authority and Hilltop Action Coalition, in partnership with The Community Market, are doing just that, co-hosting a Business Crawl event to get people out and about while also supporting local entrepreneurs who are struggling these days.

The event will be held on two days - Saturday, Aug. 22 and Sunday, Aug. 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - along the Martin Luther King Jr. Way corridor through Hilltop from South 9th Street to South 13th Street, and on South 11th Street between M and I Streets. It will include many brick and mortar businesses and micro-businesses that don't have a physical storefront but will participate as vendors in booths set up at the Tacoma

Housing Authority's parking lot (902 S. L St.) and at Fab-5 (1120 S. 11th St., across from People's Park). So far, 32 businesses and vendors have signed up and the list is growing.

A map of the event route and all participating businesses is included in the Hilltop Business Crawl passport. The passport is available for printing

Hilltop Action Coalition office (1116 Earnest S. Brazill St.). Get four stamps from businesses you visit then turn in your passport to win great raffle prizes from these local businesses, and vote for your favorite business for the People's Choice Award. Businesses will also have signs in their windows showing that they are part of the Crawl.

Everyone coming to take part is required to wear a face mask and stay socially distant. Pick up a free face mask, and bottled water, at the Hilltop Action Coalition office during the event.

The Hilltop Business Crawl is being held not only to help neighborhood businesses impacted by COVID-19, but also to bring in shoppers while the area contends with the heavy street construction for the new Link light rail that's going in. Both of these situations have contributed to making the Hilltop core more difficult lately, but the Crawl is completely walkable and will have signage placed to guide participants along the streets.

Alyssa Torrez works with Tacoma Housing Authority and spends a lot of time in Hilltop. "It's so different to walk around and not be able to do the things we're used to doing, so hopefully the Business Crawl will encourage people to just get out on a nice weekend, bring the family, grab some food and visit the vendors

and businesses," she said. "We'll have some music and fun stuff for people to do safely to help support the businesses and give people a sense of positive community engagement that we haven't had in a while."

In the past, the Housing Authority and Hilltop Action Coalition have helped to organize the popular Hilltop Pop-Up Market, but can't this year due to the virus. The Hilltop Street Fair has also been cancelled this year, so the Business Crawl will be a fun way for locals to still enjoy a summertime Hilltop experience.

"We knew that it would be important to somehow bring the community together to enjoy the history and culture that Hilltop provides," Torrez said. "This is the first time for something like this to happen in Hilltop. We thought this would be a good opportunity for some form of community engagement in absence of the big street fair that usually happens, to encourage people to safely and comfortably visit businesses without gathering a lot of people in one space."

A partial list of participating business and vendors: Grit City Ciderworks, The TSM Shop, Red Elm Café, Tacoma's No. 1 Fried Rice, Johnson's Candy Company, Mr. MAC's LTD, Sam & Terry Barbershop, The Eleven Eleven, Love by the Slice, Hilltop Loans Pawn Shop, Goodfellas Barbers, Bob's Bar-B-Q Pit, The Fish House Café, Manifesto Coffee, Lavonne's Room and many more.

The Crawl is being sponsored by Sound Transit and with assistance from the City of Tacoma and Downtown On the Go. Learn more at Hilltop Action Coalition's Facebook page



Hilltop businesses have been impacted by COVID-19 and Link rail construction. The Crawl offers families a way to have a fun summertime experience in Hilltop. Saturday, Aug. 22 and Sunday, Aug. 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Support neighborhood businesses at Hilltop Business Crawl

in advance at www.ActivateHilltop.org and for pick-up during the event at the

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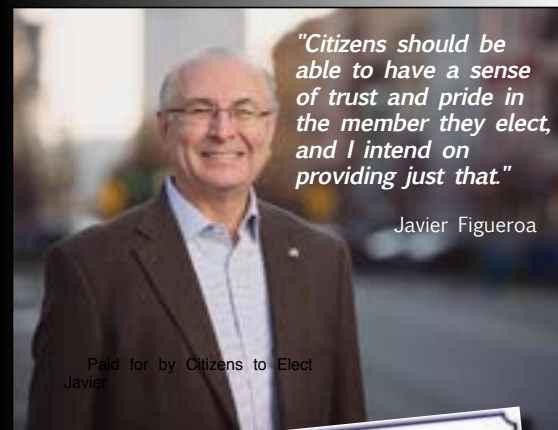
*Blessed are the sorrowful,
they shall be comforted.*

Pierce County's Catholic Cemetery † Est. 1905

Calvary Cemetery has roots deep in Tacoma's history; founded by Tacomans, built by Tacomans and operated by Tacomans. Calvary Cemetery today is a well managed and well maintained full service cemetery providing the finest services to Tacoma's Catholic community and all denominations.

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SISTER CITIES STORIES AROUND THE WORLD

BY MATT NAGLE
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For as long as mankind has existed, origin stories have been part of every culture and belief system on earth. How did we get here? What universal forces have come into play to influence our existence? As a unifying form of communication, they all share a common thread: a striving to make sense of what seems unfathomable to grasp in our humble existence. Best of all, origin stories help us to relate to others and bring us all together as we contemplate the mysteries of the world.

To share the power and richness of these stories, Tacoma Sister Cities is presenting "In the Beginning: Origin Stories from Tacoma's Sister Cities from Around the World." Among the stories that will be shared by Tacoma Sister Cities members will be a Slavic origin story (Russia, Ukraine and Croatia) titled "Bird of Gamayun," a prophetic creature of Slavic folklore with the body of a large bird and the head of a beautiful woman. She is said to live on an island near the Euphrates River and is held in esteem for her knowledge of everything that occurs within the world, including man and animal, gods and heroes. Honoring Tacoma's sister city Sari Grad, founded by Greek colonists in 385 BC, the creation of the world through the eyes of the Greeks will be told as well.

Walter Allen and his family will talk about the origin of the Milky Way, and Rose Coggins' daughter Stella McShera will share the Philippine origin story, "Pan de Sal Saves the Day," an award winning children's story authored by Norma Olizon-Chikiamco and Illus-



Gamayun of Slavic folklore as depicted by artist Viktor Vasnetsov.

trated by Mark Salvatus. In this story, a young girl, embarrassed by how she is different, learns that these differences in culture are reasons to celebrate and cherish. This story tells that even in America, where many people of color feel ashamed of their ancestry, differences in cultures can be embraced and

even revered if we take our time and muster the courage to share them.

Following the presentations, Tacoma Sister Cities chair Clare Petrich will talk to viewers about telling their own story, addressing the question, "How do you say who you are with your origins?" Funded by Tacoma Creates and in part-

nership with the Tacoma Public Library, the program is being shared in two sessions, with the second session scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 29, 1-2:30 p.m. Registration is required at https://bit.ly/originstories_tsc. Registrants will receive a Zoom link via email one hour prior to the event.

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TACOMA ARTS LIVE ADJUSTS WITH THE TIMES

BY MATT NAGLE
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When COVID-19 descended upon Washington state, the arts took a big hit. Live theater experiences were brought to a screeching halt, leaving venues like Tacoma Arts Live (TAL) with empty venues and the unpleasant task to cancel previously scheduled shows that ticketholders were very much looking forward to attending and TAL staff was excited to bring to the stage. In fact, stage sets for performances of the award-winning "Tribes" at Theater on the Square

which we're waiting on," Fischer said, noting that TAL is engaged in ongoing discussion with the governor's office concerning a re-opening plan.

Just like every other arts organization, Tacoma Arts Live had to readjust in creative ways, which includes staying afloat financially and meeting its non-profit mission during a time of quarantine. As COVID has negatively impacted City of Tacoma finances, the City has suspended TAL's management contract, which



Presented virtually, four-event series "The Muse Hour" will feature (from left) Karamo Brown, Lila Downs, Rhiannon Giddens and Francesco Turrisi, and Thomas Lauderdale and China Forbes of Pink Martini

still in place, ready for when the seats are once again filled with arts patrons.

"It's one of those projects that we'll have ready at a moment's notice to share with the community," said TAL Executive Director David Fischer. TAL has numerous artists lined up and ready to take the stage when Pierce County reaches that level of re-opening.

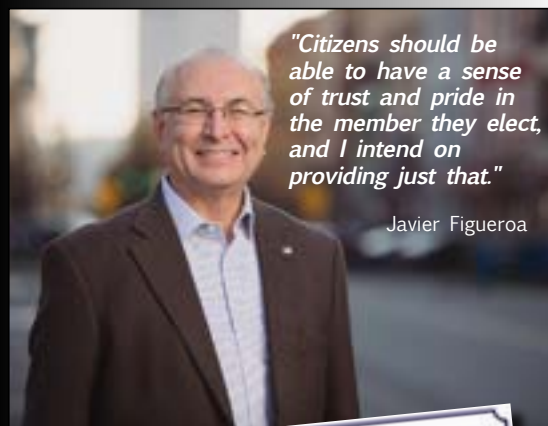
"Some of the artists can do so under social distancing rules, which means 25 percent of a normal house for us, so some are ready to go when the governor gives the all-clear for indoor convening,

means TAL staff is receiving no fees for the work they continue to do. This meant laying off about 30 part-time and seven full-time staff, with the remainder working reduced hours.

"It's been painful to furlough so many of my team who have tremendous talent and move them into the ranks of the unemployed," Fischer said. "We're not alone, of course, but doesn't make it any easier."

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PAGEANT WINNER WORKS TO EXPAND LITERACY

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Jayne Alexis Reyes Brunner has been selected as Mrs. Washington America United, a title that she will carry for the coming year in community service, being a good neighbor, and supporting first responders and military personnel.

Brunner's plan is to partner with children's literacy nonprofit Reading Partners and local legislatures on pro-literacy policies, and create resume workshops for at-risk populations such as foster care students, veterans, domestic abuse survivors, and other at-risk people who may need strong literacy skills to obtain work.

When asked why she ran for this title, Brunner said, "I wanted to serve my community, state, and personal platform in a way that was beyond what I do as an educator and first responder. I know that from being involved within pageantry, being a titleholder creates opportunity to amplify solutions to our concerns. What better year than to compete in 2020 to find answers to our most difficult questions and to be an advocate in unprecedented times?"

Brunner said that students learning online presents a great opportunity to start volunteering with Reading Partners in working with virtual tutoring services, and to work with legislators to ensure the passage of pro-literacy policies for Washingtonians.

From feeding bottle calves on a family farm in rural South Dakota to living up and down the West Coast where she now resides in the Seattle area, Jayme has had the opportunity to work in higher education for the last decade in many facets and loves to watch students acquire basic life skills, go from backpack to



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briefcase, and fulfill their lifelong goals. She currently serves as the Director of Housing and an instructor for a first year seminar course at DigiPen Institute of Technology.

Brunner received her Bachelor of Science from South Dakota State University and her Master of Science in College Counseling from Azusa Pacific University. She also owns her own coaching company, Jayme Alexis LLC, that specializes in career, competition and life coaching, specifically with transitions and implementing values.

As Mrs. Washington America United, Brunner will be supporting the values of the America United Pageant and her personal platform of achieving literacy in the digital era. As an adoptee, along with parents who provide foster care, and in her higher education career where she predominantly had foster care students and survivors of domestic abuse, Brunner wants to use her literacy platform to ensure that people have the ability to create a new life, which often starts with a new resume and cover letter.

"I hope that by the end of my year, I will have contributed to increased literacy efforts through more volunteers in

Washington for Reading Partners, additional data that supports policy changes that are pro-literacy for all Washingtonians, and I hope to make changes that without me in the equation, are a long term benefit to all people," Brunner said. "I'd love to achieve as a community to provide more resume and career related services to at-risk populations so a new chapter of life does not feel so far out of reach."

Brunner will compete for America United Mrs. in Seattle on June 23-26, 2021. The America United Pageant (www.

americanpageantunited.org) focuses on community service and platform, supporting first responders and military, and loving your neighbor. The pageant consists of 50 percent interview, and the rest being on stage question, gown, and fun fashion. The pageant is for ages 13-100.

Brunner wants to reach all four corners of Washington. If you'd like to partner with her for first responder support projects, literacy work or invite her to make an appearance, connect with her at info@jaymealexis.com.

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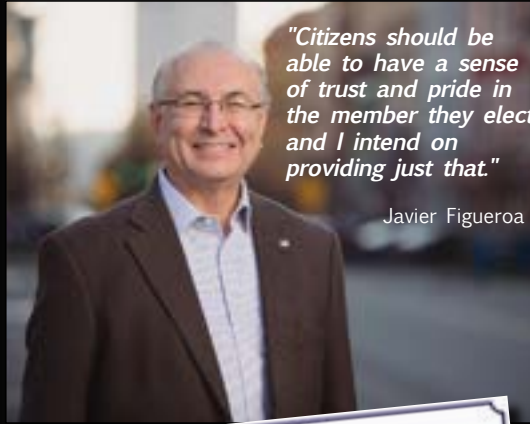
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Cover Story TRANSFORMING Hilltop



soon closed, leaving the site an eyesore and source of frustration for Hilltop residents tired of seeing their neighborhood ignored and left in blight.

Since 2012 the building sat vacant, empty and waiting for some type of renewal. Finally, the wait was over when Forterra purchased the property in September 2019.

Things started to look up, and in the best manner possible.

Renowned for their commitment to sustainable cities and regional land conservancy for 30 years, the non-profit Forterra secures urban and rural lands to ensure equity and livability in community development. For the Rite Aid property, Forterra purchased the 1.7 acres following conversations with community stakeholders and Tacoma's elected leaders about how the organization could help address displacement in the neighborhood due to rising costs. Based on community guidance, Forterra

intends to develop the property with a mix of housing that is affordable to rent and own, as well as offices for nonprofits and local businesses, and additional resources like community meeting space.

"Our number one goal with this project is to fight displacement of long-term residents and businesses in Hilltop," said Forterra President and CEO Michelle Connor. "We're committed to listening closely to residents as we design this project. We want the development to address the real needs of the community and reflect the neighborhood's rich history and culture."

With Sound Transit's Hilltop Link Extension going in, it fits hand in glove with new development at the Rite Aid property. Scheduled to open in 2022, the Link will carry riders through downtown and up to the Hilltop terminus and new transit station. Committed to partnering with the people who call Hilltop home, Forterra

approached Fab-5, a Hilltop-based non-profit launched 20 years ago to organize community youth and to be a leader in Hilltop's future. Linking up with Fab-5 would ensure a plan for community-driven design so that the project could provide long-term affordability and sustainability to Hilltop residents.

"Although we have team members with a history in Tacoma, none of our team is from Hilltop," said Rebecca Bouchey, Forterra's managing director of community development. "When you're working in a community, you can't just walk in as an outsider and expect to have a true conversation. To grow this into a partnership, we had to build trust."

The Hilltop Community Investment Council was born from this outreach, a 12-member group of teachers, artists, social workers, business leaders, elders and neighbors that came together to advise Forterra on early project planning for the Rite Aid project.

Together, Forterra and Fab-5 have issued a call to Black artists with roots in

Hilltop to apply their skills in transforming the Rite Aid site. Artists can submit a proposal for two projects: "Celebrating Hilltop - Get Ready," an opportunity to use art to activate the vacated buildings right now and signal to the community that this space is changing as we "Get Ready" for new opportunities ahead; and "Celebrating Hilltop: Lasting Legacy," which is for pieces that will be permanent fixtures in the new development, leaving a "Lasting Legacy." This artist call is under the umbrella of Fab-5's "#DesignTheHill" community development initiative.

The #DesignTheHill Design Event and Business Forum series will kickoff on Sept. 24, 6-7:30 p.m., via Zoom. This "Hilltop Resident Zoom Conversation" is an opportunity for current and former Hilltop residents to come together to check in, to learn a bit more about what is to come, and to talk about how they want to partner in planning this work. Those who wish to attend are asked to contact Ash at aarhin@forterra.org.



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Whenever election season arrives is when the Puyallup Tribal Council pulls out the checkbook, spending tribal members' money on buying influence with candidates the membership most likely aren't familiar with and have no idea what these candidates will actually do for the tribe. These payouts include state and federal candidates, Democrats and Republicans alike, in an attempt to play both sides of the aisle with a multi-million dollar price tag for Puyallup tribal families and to the detriment of everyone else in the state of Washington.

A Seattle Times article this week headlined "Washington tribes find new energy to vote in 2020 election, pour cash

into races" reports that Washington tribes have donated more than \$1.3 million to local candidates for this election, with the Puyallup and Muckleshoot tribes contributing to nearly half that total. However, when it comes to national political donations, the Puyallups lead the way.

"The Puyallup Tribe is in a class by itself for campaign contributions so far on federal campaigns this year since January 2019, with more than \$2.2 million spent, far and away more than any other Washington tribe, according to data from the Federal Election Commission reports of contributions for 2019-20," the article states. The Puyallup Tribe has given nearly \$240,000 to

Democrats in state and local races, including \$100,000 to the state Democratic Party, and about \$70,000 to Republicans, with \$35,500 going to the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

The tribe spends big bucks on lobbyists as well in order to get what they want, with Puyallup tribal lobbyist Ehren Flygare receiving a healthy paycheck to cuddle up with Republican politicians in particular. Flygare plays fast and loose in the game of politics.

Whether or not what he lobbies for the tribe truly benefits the membership makes no matter. For example, Flygare raised more



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RYAN MELLO

Democratic candidate wants to help bring a shift in power to the County Council

BY MATT NAGLE
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After serving 10 years on Tacoma City Council, Ryan Mello now has his sights set on the District 4 seat on the Pierce County Council. It was a close race in the primary, with just 245 votes separating Mello, a Democrat, and his opponent, Javier Figueroa, who is running as an Independent.

When asked why he chose to be a political candidate at a time when there is so much chaos in government stemming from dealing with the COVID pandemic, Mello referred back to his experience on Tacoma City Council.

"I joined the Tacoma City Council at the height of the Great Recession, and we immediately had to deal with a \$60 million budget deficit," he said. "Those were tough times, and these times are looking even tougher. It's definitely not going to be a V-shaped recovery like the President is saying. That's not what I see."

It is this type of insight that Mello feels prepared him well to broaden his impact throughout the county.

"In my time on the Tacoma City Council, I learned a lot. One of the major things I learned is that the work we're doing on some of the most critical issues facing our city need to be worked on at the regional level to really have an impact. I want to work regionally at the county and central Puget Sound level."

Affordable housing, homelessness, behavioral health and the climate are issues that Mello said he cares deeply about, all magnified by the public health and economic crisis brought on by the COVID pandemic.

"These are regional issues that need regional cooperation and attention, and where we need to be spending a lot of policy and resource time at the county," he said, noting that the many challenges and opportunities that growth provides for the county is another pressing need for the council to focus on.



Mello intends to bring his Tacoma City Council experience to serve the county.

Among Mello's priorities, human services stand out as a critical need at this time when the pandemic is having an ill effect on people's finances and their security in keeping a roof over their heads. Early in his term on Tacoma City Council, human services leaders came to him for help in getting the city to pass a be-

havioral health tax to fund these services.

"Today it generates \$4.5 million of dedicated resources for behavioral and mental health in our community," he said. He wants the county to pass this same tax.

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CITY SEEKS FEEDBACK ON PROPOSED BUDGET

BY MATT NAGLE

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The City of Tacoma has scheduled several opportunities for the community to provide feedback on the City's proposed budget for 2021-2022, which will be adopted at the end of November.

Facing a \$40 million general fund shortfall due to impacts from COVID-19, as well as decreased revenues in many of the City's special revenue and enterprise funds, the proposed budget addresses this projected deficit by utilizing savings resulting from spending reductions in 2020, retaining reserves, focusing on efficiencies in service delivery and applying one-time breaks in service and program enhancements.

Racial equity has been made a priority in developing the proposed budget, reflecting City Council Resolution No. 40622, which directs City staff to keep anti-racism at the top in budget development and to prioritize anti-racism in the planning of an economic recovery strategy. This was developed through a program and services review performed by the Office of Equity and Human Rights, and through adoption of the City's first Departmental Racial Equity Action Plans. Also reflecting community input, while the police department budget for staff has been reduced, additional budget is being proposed for body camera implementation. In addition, the proposed budget includes two new positions outside of the police department, allowing for the analysis and support necessary to structure, and later staff, an Office of Community Safety consistent with the needs and vision of our community. Project PEACE Phase II, led by the City's Office of Equity and Human Rights, is also funded in the proposed budget.

"This budget proposal comes during an unprecedented time," City Manager Elizabeth Pauli states in the City's budget highlights document. "The uncertainty surrounding economic recovery from COVID-19 contrasts with the certainty of the Council and community commitment to transformational change to address systemic racism. However, even what is certain is coupled with the ambiguity of a yet-to-be completed process



City Manager Elizabeth Pauli

that will actualize our community's vision and transformation."

The City's total 2021-2022 proposed budget is \$3.7 billion. Within that budget, the City provides a variety of services, ranging from public safety to street repair to utilities to funding for human services. Tacoma's citywide budget includes Utilities & Enterprise Funds at \$2.022 million; Trust, retirement & Special Revenue Funds at \$877 million; Internal Services \$213 million; and Capital & Debt Funds at \$59 million.

Of the total proposed budget, \$505 million, or 14 percent, is allocated to the General Fund, which is associated with traditional city services such as police, fire and libraries. Expenditures listed in the proposed budget are: Fire \$129.09 million; Police \$172.32 million; Public Safety Related \$13.57 million; Libraries \$27.57 million; Public Works \$6.60 million; Public Works Related \$24.20 million; Neighborhood & Community Services \$22.49 million; Finance Dept. \$10.52 million; Other Departments (Municipal Court, City Attorney, Planning & Development \$32.12 million; Other Non-Departmental: \$66.74 million.

To take community input into consideration, two virtual public hearings will be held during regular City Council meetings at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27 and Nov. 10. Access details will be posted at cityoftacoma.org/budget.

Community members seeking to provide feedback on the proposed budget may continue to do so using the City of Tacoma's interactive budgeting tool, Balancing Act, through Nov. 13. Visit www.cityoftacoma.org for more details.

The EQC Bug Is back

On Oct. 9, the Puyallup tribe announced that a resident at the House of Respect elder care facility and two tribal employees tested positive for COVID-19. One of the employees works for Puyallup tribal law enforcement. The other works at the House of Respect elder residence, which prompted rapid testing of all residents there and the discovery of this elder's positive status.

Less than a week later, the tribal Administration Building closed for two days following a positive diagnosis for another tribal law enforcement employee. The tribe's small business incubator building was also closed for the day on Oct. 14.

This news comes as positive COVID tests rose in 39 states during the same time period as the tribal infections, with nine states setting new seven-day records for infections last week. Nationwide, more than 43,500 new cases and 705 deaths were reported on Oct. 7 alone, according to Johns Hopkins data.

In our state, more than 98,000 confirmed cases have been reported and 2,258 deaths. More than 9,000 of those cases are in Pierce County, which has seen 219 deaths to date.

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NEW SCHOOLS TAKE SHAPE

BY MATT NAGLE

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New construction has won new schools praise for design and function.

Construction for the new Downing Elementary School and Hunt Middle School continues to move forward, part of the voter-approved 2020 bond measure to replace or renovate eight more aging Tacoma public schools in addition to the 13 schools that were replaced or renovated since 2013.

At Downing, experts are on site conducting soil surveys of the ground to study the composition and structure of the subsurface. Backhoe and water truck infiltration testing at the storm pond is also in progress. This will help determine the project's onsite detention and water-quality treatment system needed for managing stormwater.

A historical expert reviewed the site and building and will supply feedback on any historical artifacts or components that should remain in the new school. Behind the scenes, a team of Downing staff members and representatives from Kormso Construction and TCF Architecture are meeting regularly to set up goals for the building design and map out space needs for the new building.

The new Downing opens in the fall of 2022. Downing stu- **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**



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Bringing an independent vote to Pierce County Council

In the primary race for the Pierce County Council District 4 seat, Javier Figueroa won his place on the Nov. 4 General Election ballot. With 29.28 percent of the vote, he will be facing off against Ryan Mello, who received 30.04 percent. Given the primary turnout, it will be an interesting contest come November, and Figueroa is determined to provide an independent voice on the County Council.

As an Independent, Figueroa sees this as another way in which he can work outside of the box and make decisions more freely. "When you say that you are Republican or Democrat, it's because you believe in their platforms. I cannot believe in either platform solely," he

said. "As an Independent, I feel that I can choose the best of both and how it can work in our communities. Running as an Independent grants me the freedom to do that."

In terms of the areas of the county Figueroa would represent, District 4 encompasses University Place and Fircrest, parts of Tacoma (north and south ends, Hilltop and downtown) and the Port of Tacoma. He is well acquainted with University Place and Fircrest as a member of the University Place City Council, mayor pro tem and mayor of U.P., and his community service reaches further: Board Director for Tahoma Audubon Society, The Grand Cinema,

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THE PEACE BUS PRESENTS 'MR. BROWN'S PIES'

New pilot TV show aims to educate children on difficult topics

BY MATT NAGLE
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People throughout Tacoma already know Kwabi Amoah-Forsen and his Peace Bus for all the good things he does to bring humanitarian aid, build community and spread love across Tacoma and beyond. Now he is taking on a new role as children's television show writer and producer. This month, the pilot episode of "Mr. Brown's Pies" premieres on Facebook Live on Aug. 16 and Aug. 19 at 7:30 p.m. to educate children on the subjects of homelessness, poverty, incarcerations, hunger, racism and how they can help with the environment. A community drive-in showing is being planned for next month, with more details on this coming later.

Filmed entirely in Tacoma, "Mr. Brown's Pies" features zany humor and lots of laughs to communicate with its young audience about serious topics. Kwabi, the cast and crew are taking a cue from classic programs like "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," "Reading Rainbow" and "Sesame Street" to speak directly to kids, and to help parents and adults talk about these subjects that they may find difficult to explain to their young ones.

"That's what it's about," Kwabi said. "We



"Mr. Brown's Pies" will help adults talk to children about racism, homelessness, poverty and much more.

want to have the humor and the friendliness to be able to open up the dialog so that we can all have conversations about these heavy topics."

The main theme of the show is humanism. "In every episode, we're going to

humanize an individual in our society that is not always necessarily humanized whether that's someone who is incarcerated or dealing with racism." The show will also engage young viewers about respecting the earth by recycling and

using environmental practices that are healthy for the planet.

Behind the wheel of the Peace Bus, Kwabi has done some amazing things.

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Javier with wife Mary Catherine (right) and daughter Amylena

and State Council on Aging; Pierce Court Appointed Special Advocate; Arbitrator, Better Business Bureau; and the White House Task Force on Climate Change during the Clinton Administration. He is also past elected president of the Rainier Communications Commission.

Figueroa's overall position on issues facing the county is best outlined by this statement from his campaign literature: "Quality of life begins with a livable wage that includes medical and retirement benefits. In light of the pandemic, we must focus on putting people back to work in a new economy by restarting small businesses and expanding larger businesses in a way that is safe for the public. Unemployment is creating hardship for our families and communities. As a County Council member, I will focus on jump-starting our economy that will provide employment opportunities for all."

With an eye to the environment, Figueroa is mindful of climate change and energy sustainability to preserve the natural resources in our state. He promotes quality education for all children because he knows personally of its transformative powers and said that he would continue to push for stronger elder abuse protections from his position on the County Council.

Having a job and earning a living is the foundation of our communities and families, according to Figueroa, and the decision to close small businesses

with employee layoffs over these past months put everyone in a dire situation.

"If businesses are not up and running and people are not working, society cannot afford anything," he said. "Yes, there are safety nets, but they are not sustainable, especially with our tax base - our businesses are being strangled to death. Institutionally, we've set the whole system up for failure. You don't have to pay your rent now, but nobody is talking about six to nine months from now. The bill is going to come due and how will people pay the bills that accumulated during those months?"

Right now, the County Council is made up of four Republicans and three Democrats, and there are four district seats open for election. For District 2, Republican Hans Zeiger outdistances Democrat Sarah Rumbaugh by nearly 10 percent of the vote; in District 3, Republican Amy Cruver, at 42.58 percent of the primary vote, is ahead of Democrat Marcus Young's 21.04 percent; and in District 6, it's neck-and-neck between Republican Jason Whalen at 49.18 percent and Jani Hitchen at 50.64 percent. For Figueroa, he said that the District 4 race is about not letting extreme political ideology drive residents out of Pierce County.

"I certainly don't want a mini-Seattle City Council member mentality take control of the council. When you have extreme, excessive principles and policy

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The Swiss and C.I. Shenanigans have also closed their doors for good. Swiss owners Jack and Carole Ann McQuade also expressed their sorrow. "We are broken heartened to have to announce that we have come to the thoughtful and beyond difficult decision to permanently close... There are several factors that have brought us to this decision, and it has come with many, many sleepless nights, but we know that this is the right decision given the current and unforeseeable future of our industry."

There is no doubt of more closures to come as downtown business owners grapple with how to stay afloat, restaurants and retail alike. People want to help, but money is tight these days. It doesn't help either that big box stores, Amazon and online shopping take business away from brick-and-mortar commerce.

The Hotel Murano is another source of concern. Even though the hotel plans to reopen this coming January, the plywood covering its windows is a disturbing sight - an omen of what is going on all around this centerpiece of downtown Tacoma. The Greater Tacoma Convention Center remains closed as well, adding another layer of worry for our city's critical tourism and trade industry. "Think of the trade that we generated by the convention center," said Jason Whalen, chair of the Economic Development Board for Tacoma-Pierce County. "If it is not operating and the Hotel Murano is not operating, all those little restaurants and folks that were serviced by the volume of people coming to visit Tacoma is drying up."

According to a report just issued by the American Hotel and Lodging Association (AHLA), almost two-thirds (65%) of hotels remain at or below 50 percent occupancy, below the threshold at which most hotels can break even and pay debt. Consumer travel remains at an all-time low, and four out of 10 hotel employees are still not working.

"While hotels have seen an uptick in demand during the summer compared to where we were in April, occupancy rates are nowhere near where they were a year ago," said AHLA President and CEO Chip Rogers. "Thousands of hotels can't afford to pay their mortgages and are facing the possibility of foreclosure and closing their doors permanently."

On top of this, the city budget is facing tough times as well. Over the summer, City of Tacoma officials projected a deficit of up to \$67 million for its 2021-2022 budget. City Council member Robert Thoms said that figure has since come down to roughly \$20 million, but significant belt-tightening is still in order.

"We need to have a better discussion with the community of whether they want a lot of things to happen on a budget or first class," he said. "I'm open to having this conversation. For me, it's making sure that the community is safe, the infrastructure is solid and that we're growing our economy."

How to grow the city economy is the question, and it's a big one. The temporary closure of University of Washington-Tacoma has made an obvious impact on the row of shops near campus along Pacific Avenue. Then there's the Tacoma Dome. What will its function be in the future with its use as a large gathering space in the midst of the pandemic?

"What I hope we can do from this is to incentivize foot traffic," Thoms said of his vision for strengthening downtown. He is thinking in terms of working with the state Liquor Board to create an entertainment district that stretches



from City Hall to 9th Avenue, a place where people can move about freely with drinks in hand and spend their money at multiple venues.

"Maybe you want to eat at the Matador but have drinks first at Wooden City and sit in the little park there," he said. "I think that there are ways to help them create an experience that activates our city."

Thoms said he has always thought that Tacoma was an amenities-challenged community, and that the closure of some places could provide additional locations for other businesses to bloom. "There aren't enough things going on in downtown, enough places to eat and drink in a city of 220,000 people. If you take Old City Hall to 9th Avenue, I would say about 30 percent of those building storefronts are fallow, and that is a very active part of our downtown. I want to get an assessment of how much square footage we're talking about and what we can do to incentivize the re-population of these places."

"Figuring out ways to make it an even more enhanced experience for the consumer is the way to go. That is what I'm working toward."

He noted that there are positive signs on the horizon, with TOTE Maritime Alaska relocating its headquarters to downtown Tacoma from its current address in Federal Way, and the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) relocating its Northwest/Arctic Regional headquarters from Auburn to the Columbia Bank Center.

"That's something like 600 people right there," he said of the coming influx of employees, "and the GSA people make two or three times what employees at the State Farm call center made."

After being given the option to reopen by Governor Inslee last month, Tacoma's Museum District - Washington State Historical Society, Museum of Glass, LeMay-America's Car Museum, Foss Waterway Seaport, and Children's Museum of Tacoma - will begin opening their doors to the public starting Sept. 25. Plans are underway for Tacoma Art Museum (TAM) to tentatively reopen to the public on Friday, Oct. 9.

Housing is another important aspect of bringing downtown Tacoma to life. The Washington Building at 9th and Pacific is more than halfway done with its renovations for 12 floors of residential housing, which will bring even more people living downtown.

"The COVID contraction we're having right now is all over the country. All that we can control from the city's perspective is how to make the opportunities better here," Thoms said. "There will be opportunities; it's just a matter of how we make sure that we court them and

create an environment where customers really want to come down because there's more than one thing to do."

From Whalen's perspective as a business owner of Ledger Square Law in downtown Tacoma, he said the city is doing the best it can in these times. The onus is more on the governor's office.

"The cities and county are doing a lot to make lemonade out of lemons because it's not a good situation for anyone," he said. "You can't blame Tacoma - it's really a function of the governor and his office in how they're directing this whole COVID reaction. They probably were a little too aggressive about it and didn't allow the businesses to perhaps take the information on how to practice social distancing and how to keep their employees and customers safe and yet allow them to open in a manner that might work better for them. That has

resulted in these shutdowns that have a lot of repercussions."

Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber CEO and President Tom Pierson agreed that boarded-up windows are doing no favors for downtown.

"Our goal has been to at least get some murals down there to cover the plywood up," he said, noting that the wood coverings do serve a practical purpose in some cases. "Some of those windows are historic, so replacing historic windows is an issue."

He, too, is mindful of the fate of landmark Tacoma places like Hotel Murano, but remains confident that downtown will weather the storm amid the recent, and coming, business closures.

"It gives new opportunity for someone else to enter the market where they might not have had a place to enter before," he said.

The Murano, for example, is prime real estate and its future should not be cause for heightened worry. "I'm sure that if they're having struggles, there's someone else who would be more than happy to take over ownership if that were to be the case," he said.

"When you think about it in a new COVID world, it's live, work, safety as well as systemic racism in terms of a region that actually understands and is working toward eliminating systemic racism. With all those things combined, Pierce County has a huge opportunity. We have a balance of leaders from different walks of life, and you've got an affordable housing stock and businesses that are paying good wage jobs. People love Tacoma and Pierce County. As you see a lot of folks moving out of large cities in our region, we have what people are looking for."

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COVER STORY: VIRTUAL MOON FESTIVAL



with everything that 2020 has brought to us so far, it is even more important for us to continue to share the diverse spirit that Tacoma has to offer. We know it's not easy for every family, and we are hoping that through the Festival, we can bring some comfort and festivities to everyone, and that everybody knows that in spite of all that is going on, we have so many unique and talented cultures to share with each other."

What visitors to the site will see will be a beautiful graphic representation of Chinese Reconciliation Park to visit from home. As you move around the map on your screen, you can visit the welcome information booth, the Ting, vendor booths, kids activity booths, story booth, calligraphy booth, tea ceremony location, food vendor stalls, beer and wine garden, and even the much-loved T-shirt and poster sales booth.

By hovering over the locations on the map (the Ting, for example), a list of performances and/or activities at that location will pop up. You can click to see entertainment from the heritage groups, make a recipe from a food vendor, hear a historical reading, watch a traditional tea ceremony, or print a kid's activity. In short, it will be a comprehensive Moon Festival experience right on your computer.

A professor of music at Pacific Lutheran University, Youtz is in charge of lining up performers for the festival. Each board member brings their own connections to the table for populating the festival with everything it features, and he produces the live entertainment.

This year, virtual performance groups include Cambodian Classical and Folk Dance Northwest, Lanuola Samoan Performing Arts Academy, Kabuki Academy, Fuji Taiko, Hwa Sheng Chinese

Opera Club, Sabor Flamenco, UWT Asia Pacific Islander Group, UWT Filipino Group, Mak Fai Dragon and Lion Dance Group, Seattle Chinese Orchestra, Bailadores de Bronce Mexican Dance, Morning Star Korean Group, The South Sound Gospel Choir, classical Indian dancer Ameera Nimjee, and more. Several films by KBTC Tacoma Television will be linked as well, one on Japan Town in Tacoma and one on the expulsion of the Chinese in 1885. Other videos will feature cooks, tea experts and other educational crafts.

Youtz said that conscious effort is put into bringing all kinds of cultures to the Festival since, despite its name, Chinese Reconciliation Park is not only about China.

"The park is called that because the original act of ethnic cleansing in Tacoma was not just against the Chinese, but all kinds of groups - the indigenous population, the Japanese who were sent to internment camps, other immigrant groups that were sidelined or were otherwise oppressed by politics and immigration laws, the African American community being redlined in certain neighborhoods - this park is about all of that," he said.

"And it's about the city of Tacoma committing to reconcile itself with those heinous historical acts and with those communities who were harmed. It's a place where anybody in Tacoma can come and think about all those issues but be surrounded by beauty."

The Moon Festival was created in 2012 to bring people from different heritage groups all across the city to this specific park to experience the Festival and build on the hope for a harmonious, modern city.

"We may have some Cambodian danc-



Live performances bring a wide embrace of Tacoma's heritage communities.

ers onstage, but waiting in the wings is a Korean group of drummers and dancers, and behind them is another dance group from Chief Leschi School, and just pulling into the parking lot is a Black

Gospel choir," Youtz said. "It's meant to be a really wide embrace of Tacoma's heritage communities."

Learn more at www.TacomaChinese-Park.org.



Moon Festival: Special wine sale at the Pacific NW shop

This year's Moon Festival will include limited edition wines bottled and labeled just for the event. Going for \$18 a bottle, there are just four cases of cabernet sauvignon (48 bottles) and two cases (24 bottles) of pinot gris, so when it's gone, it's gone. All proceeds will go to the Chinese Reconciliation Park Foundation.

Foundation treasurer Bill Evans is supplying the wine, which is from St. Hilaire Cellars, a small, family-run winery in West Richland. Each bottle is labeled on the front with the image from this year's Moon Festival poster, and the story of the Jade Rabbit is on the back.

"This 'gold-medal' wine has been made for the Moon Festival and it is sold exclusively at the Pacific Northwest Shop in Proctor," Evans said. "It's really great wine and people love it."

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Blitz, Coach Matsumoto and Seahawks legend Lawyer Milloy.

have football, but look at the people I'm feeding and how I have the opportunity to bless these people," Matsumoto said.

From the middle of July and to September, the coach and some players volunteered at the Mission every Tuesday and Thursday during lunch hours – four to five different players each time, with some returning multiple times. It was a great lesson for the players to experience when they were shown how doing the right thing and helping others for that sole purpose can lead to more blessings along the way. KING 5 News

got wind of it and produced a story for the station's "Prep Zone" high school sports program, then the Seahawks learned of it as well.

Seahawks legend Milloy surprised the football team on their weekly Zoom call announcing that Coach Matsumoto was selected to raise the 12 Flag. Then Milloy and Seahawks mascot Blitz attended a 12 Flag raising at Lincoln on Wednesday to raise the 12 Flag on the school's roof.

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A younger Chad Wright failed to win a council seat in 2010. Maybe he'll run again in the spring, since he quitting his job with MVV.

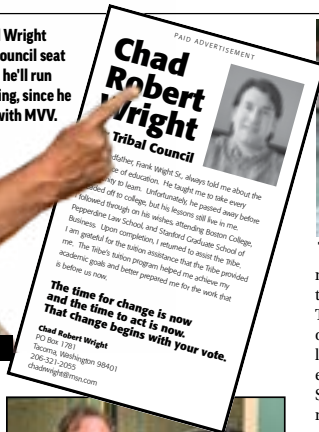


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and steelhead. Now the tribe is stating its determination to have the dam taken out completely.

During the height of the LNG battle, tribal chairman Bill Sterud told the media, "We will fight this thing; we owe it to our ancestors, who are still out there. What would they say? They would say we are disrespected, and mother earth is being disrespected." However, as self-proclaimed "water warriors" that hold the Puyallup River sacred, the tribe consistently commits its own infractions against the waterway. Thousands of pounds of fish netting have been left in the river, and little if anything is done to keep its banks clean of litter and debris. What is the tribe's financial responsibility to take care of its own river? If it can pledge "every dime" to stop Electron Hydro, why are those funds not being used in more practical ways right on the reservation?

Just as with Electron Hydro, the tribal council filed lawsuits against the LNG plant as well - and lost. Then after months of protesting against LNG, tribal leaders ultimately went quiet on the



Tribal council vice chair Sylvia Miller seen here with a big smile told the Seattle Times that the tribe "will do whatever we have to, to protect those lands and waters; we will take every dime if we have to." at the old River Boat Casino presenting troyer with a \$50,000 donation.

matter, particularly council member Annette Bryan, who made the issue a big deal during her campaign to get elected. This left ratepayers shelling out tens of thousands of dollars to cover PSE's infor-



The 116-year-old Electron Hydro channels power to 20,000 homes.

mation campaign to educate people on the real facts about LNG.

The tribal membership has no input on the council using their money to file lawsuits like these, lawsuits that apparently result in the tribe getting nothing. So far, the tribal council has filed for and received \$58 million in federal COVID relief funds, but none of it has been distributed to the membership yet. Tribal members have grown angry over these types of financial flubs, but the tribal council doesn't seem to learn from it.

Spending money on frivolous lawsuits during the time of the coronavirus points to just plain bad decisions being made on the part of the tribal council, which impacts everyone in the tribe. Tribal council decisions affect the broader population as well. Desperate for money, the council and management at the Emerald Queen Casino are taking risks that no other local tribal casino is taking. As a protective measure to help stop the virus from spreading, no other casino in the county allows patrons to smoke, but the EQC does. Now the EQC is making plans to bring back concerts, again ignoring that the virus shows no signs of letting up. This week, Washing-

ton State passed the 90,000 mark in the number of positive cases, with local case numbers in Pierce County remaining steadily high. Between this and a COVID super-spreader in the White House, leadership is failing across the board, from the Puyallup tribal council to the Oval Office.

In more troubling tribal news, long time Marine View Ventures CEO Chad Wright has announced his plans to quit. Wright's departure indicates turbulent waters ahead for the tribe's economic development arm, as MVV's economic development initiatives would seem to be key now more than ever. On the other hand, Wright received a stout income, which will no doubt free up some tribal finances for the time being.

For the tribal council, they saw the writing on the wall long ago where Wright's poor job performance is concerned, yet did nothing. Under his leadership, MVV was no powerhouse in helping the tribe diversify its income base, with only the marina and a handful of gas stations and convenience stores. Now a new MVV leader has to be found, compounding an already urgent need for the tribe to pay its bills.



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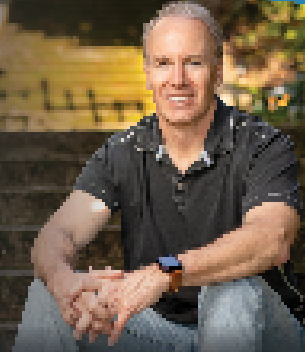
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What really sealed the deal was Wilson's unexpected support for some form of U.S. participation in the behavioral health. "The time is now," he told me with a bit of passion that's not among our self-Repatrians.

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FAMILY PLEDGES JUSTICE FOR BENNIE

BY MATT NAGLE

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The family of Bennie Branch has pledged to keep fighting for justice, as Pierce County Prosecutor Mary Robnett legally cleared a Tacoma police officer of wrongdoing in the shooting death of the 24-year-old last year.

The decision was announced on what would have been Branch's 25th birthday. His family is not giving up in winning justice for Branch nor in fighting for fundamental change within police departments, said Branch's sister Janae Baker.

"I thought I had prepared myself for this officer getting to walk away unpunished, but I need all the prayers today," Janae Baker told a crowd gathered outside the Prosecutor's Office on the day that Robnett's decision was announced, with Branch's family and friends releasing balloons into the air in tribute to Branch.

"That decision doesn't mean this is the end of our fight," Baker said. "I don't want the officer to only face charges; there needs to be real change within the department so that this won't happen again, another family won't feel what we are feeling."

Branch's case became a notably high-profile police shooting case when nationally renowned civil rights and personal injury attorneys Ben Crump and Dale K. Galipo joined as co-counsels with



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JASON WHALEN: A WORK TOGETHER APPROACH

BY MATT NAGLE

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The Primary Election race for Pierce County Council Pos. 6 was akin to a photo finish, with Jason Whalen (R) and Jani Hitchen (D) separated by just 358 votes after all ballots were counted. Both candidates will now square off in the General Election this November, with Whalen looking to appeal to voters across party lines, given his proven record of getting things done through active collaboration with residents and elected leaders alike.

Currently, Whalen is in his 11th year serving on the Lakewood City Council, and his seventh year as deputy mayor. In his business life, he is an attorney and partner at Ledger Square Law, P.S. in Tacoma, serving individuals and small business owners in business and real estate related matters. Whalen also works as a mediator, hired by local parties to resolve their legal conflicts in his areas of expertise.

With many notable accomplishments while on the Lakewood City Council, and having served on a variety of



In the running to bring his collaborative approach to problem solving to Pierce County Council

local boards and commissions, Whalen believes he is well prepared to serve the broader community as a member of the Pierce County Council.

"In local government, experience matters. I look forward to building on my foundation of collaborative work in Lakewood, combined with the years of experience I've had on a number of local boards and commissions, to move Pierce County forward on issues of common

concern," he said. "Doing the public's work is personally very satisfying - especially when good ideas come together to solve real problems." According to Whalen, government works best when residents and their elected representatives work together to craft solutions.

Whalen is familiar with county government. Before being elected to the Lake-

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HUMANE SOCIETY TEAM UP WITH LOCAL RESTAURANTS

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The Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County is teaming up with restaurants, bars, and coffee shops around Pierce County for Takeout Thursdays.

Takeout Thursdays is an opportunity to support two critical areas in the community that continue to be affected by the

COVID-19 pandemic: local businesses and pets in need. Each Thursday, the shelter will partner with a different local eatery. A percentage of the

Takeout Thursdays are just another way the shelter has pivoted during the ongoing pandemic.

"Back in March, we were working with Brewers Row and Wooden City for an event we had to cancel due to the pandemic. Takeout Thursday provides an exciting new way for us to team up with local restaurants, bars, and coffee shops. We're so grateful to Brewers Row, Wooden City, and Doyle's Public House for their continued support of our community's pets during these difficult times,"



restaurant's takeout proceeds will be donated to the Society. The donations will help the shelter continue to care for animals.

Since mid-March, the shelter has taken in 3,293 dogs, cats, and critters and more continue to arrive every day requiring food, shelter, and lifesaving medical care. The Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County does not turn any animal away and does not humanely euthanize pets for length of stay or for lack of space.

said Ashley Taulbee, Director of Development and Community Engagement at the shelter.

The first three restaurants have already been named, and spots on the calendar are filling up fast: Thursday, Sept. 3, Doyle's Public House; Thursday, Sept. 17, Cielo Restaurant in Auburn; Thursday, Oct. 1, Incline Cider House Tacoma. If you're interested in partnering with the shelter, please visit thehumanesociety.org/takeout.

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JASON WHALEN COVER STORY

wood City Council, voters chose Whalen in 2006 to serve on the Pierce County Charter Review Commission. He stayed involved in Lakewood as well through a volunteer position on the Lakewood Planning Advisory Board.

"I got a great taste for all things Lakewood while I was on the Planning Advisory Board," he said. "I learned about key issues, the importance of public input in the decision-making process, and built great relationships with a variety of local leaders and community groups."

Voters recognized his commitment as well, choosing him for a Lakewood Council seat in 2009. Whalen has won three four-year terms, gaining the trust of his fellow council members who have chosen him every two years since 2013 to serve as deputy mayor. Deputy Mayor Whalen represents Lakewood on the Pierce County Regional Council, the city's

Arts Commission, and recently served as chair of the Economic Development Board for Tacoma-Pierce County, the organization responsible for much economic development activity and investment here in Pierce County.

Trust and confidence are important to Whalen, and he turns to his growing list of endorsements to illustrate his cross-over appeal to Republicans and Democrats alike. West Pierce Fire Fighters Local 1488, Pierce County Deputy Sheriff's Independent Guild, the Pierce County Corrections Guild, Master Builders Association of Pierce County, Tacoma-Pierce County Association of Realtors have all endorsed him, along with

Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier, Pierce County Sheriff Paul Pastor, Pierce County Council Chair Doug Richardson, Pierce County Council Member Dave Morell, the mayors of Lakewood and Steilacoom, as well as council members in Lakewood, Steilacoom, and DuPont, Port of Tacoma commissioners, Tacoma City Council members, and many other community members and elected leaders, listed on his campaign website, www.whalenforcouncil.com.

"It's about trust and confidence – that you can get the job done. I would like to think that so many folks support me because they know I can work well with others to get the job done, regardless of party affiliation."

THE 'ELEPHANT' IN THE ROOM

That Whalen has gained the respect of so many diverse political leaders as a non-partisan voice on the Lakewood City Council reflects his politics overall. Because the County Council races are, by Pierce County Code, partisan, he gets asked often about his political principles as a Republican, which he good-naturedly puns as the "elephant" in the room.

As a small business owner who serves other business owners, Whalen identifies his political philosophy as fiscally conservative but socially moderate.

"I am a common sense guy who gets along with people," he said. "In Lakewood, we often say that there are no Republican potholes or Democrat potholes – there are simply potholes and we have to fill them as best we can. That's the approach I take to local government.

Many of the issues facing local government are not partisan issues—they are people issues. I'm willing to sit down and listen to people to coalesce the best ideas because good ideas are not necessarily Republican or Democrat – they are ideas that work for the majority of the people. That's the approach I take and I don't plan to change that approach to the way I do business on the County Council."

His balanced outlook is a direct reflection of his legal training. Whalen's skill set as an attorney will serve him well on the County Council where he will be the only attorney serving on the body that makes laws for the county. He is used to reviewing lots of data, and looking at both sides of an issue, in order to find consensus for a common path forward rather than engaging in partisan gridlock.

"I have a track record," he said. "I am a community player who wants to do the right thing. If someone has a positive idea and it makes sense, whether they're on the left or the right, we should look at it. It's about getting good things done to improve lives in our community."

Whalen has plenty of examples of engaging in issues in Lakewood that had little to do with partisan politics – issues that some might find interesting for a Republican to promote. For instance, Whalen is proud of the City Council's work in improving public safety, while increasing investment in parks, recreation programs, public gathering facilities and public art, roads, sidewalks, and street lighting – all within a balanced budget with significant rainy day reserves. He is a strong supporter of the Council's non-motorized transportation plan, reducing auto traffic and

enhancing bike and pedestrian ways in Lakewood. He is a staunch believer in the value of art and culture in community, working with other Council members to create a dedicated arts fund in the Lakewood city budget. His law firm supports local artists by sponsoring quarterly art shows at their firm for artists, their patrons, and members of the community. He also is a defender of low- and middle-income renters, having fully supported the city's Rental Housing Safety Program, and is an advocate for increasing housing supply through creative density, like Lakewood's Cottage Housing and Accessory Dwelling Unit codes.

As he explained it, "Everyone deserves safe and affordable housing. Lakewood had a history of some absentee landlords who failed to adequately maintain their properties, creating hazardous conditions for their tenants and blight for the neighborhoods. It's not good for anyone when properties become blighted and in disrepair. We passed a law that requires rental housing in Lakewood to be inspected every five years to meet basic health and safety standards. While not a popular decision with everyone, we are seeing very positive results for our housing supply. Investors are also taking note and are continuing to invest in Lakewood."

Climate change is another of Whalen's areas of interest. He said that he fully supports Pierce County's draft 2030 Sustainability Plan, which includes attainable goals and actions plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across Pierce County.

"We all respect, appreciate and value

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Whalen with wife Gael (right) and youngest daughter Alison.

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a healthy environment here in Pierce County," he said. "Climate change is real. We cannot afford to wait; our community demands that we take responsible action."

NEXT STOP: COUNTY COUNCIL

As a County Council member, among Whalen's priorities are public safety, economic development and opportunity, and improving mental health services.

Rather than de-funding the police, Whalen supports the County Council's decision to fully fund the 24 vacancies in the Sheriff's Department to enhance response times throughout the entire county. "There are some areas in the county that have not had their fair share," he noted. "And we need to make sure our deputies are safe, superbly trained and have the best equipment so that we can provide 21st century community policing that values all members of our community."

Whalen said that he is thoroughly dedicated to helping the county recover from the economic hits that have occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The big task coming out of COVID is to make sure we're open for business and that the county comes out of this recession stronger than before, with an even more diversified economic base," he said.

In addition to working with the EDB and other partners to attract new businesses and investment in Pierce County, Whalen wants to support Joint Base Lewis-McChord to maintain its viability as the largest single point employer in the state, with an economic impact on the region of more than \$9 billion a year.

Another task is to build a better jobs/housing balance in the county. "Pierce County has advantages over King County. We have a beautiful environment, affordable housing, and a skilled work force, but we need our fair share of the region's economic activity," Whalen said. "Pierce County residents should not have to travel north on I-5 to obtain higher paying jobs. By creating more livable wage jobs here, we impact our climate positively with fewer cars on the road; we impact people's lives positively because they're not spending two hours of their life on I-5; we impact our community positively by keeping dollars in our local economy, supporting our many small businesses."

To better address the county's mental

health needs, Whalen supports the one-tenth of one percent sales tax for behavioral health funding at the county level, provided the County Council finalizes its strategic plan for use of the additional resources.

"The county has a lot of behavioral and mental health needs and we would do well to put more resources toward the needs," he said. "We have great social service agencies – they just need more help delivering needed services."

As Whalen said, "The universal truth, whether you are a Democrat or a Republican, is that everyone loves their family and wants to see their kids and family thrive and their community thrive. Our elected leaders have to work together, across the political aisle, to help our residents thrive."

A FAMILY LEGACY

Whalen comes from a family steeped in hard work and service to community and country. Both of his parents were born in Montana and lived through the Great Depression. The Whalen family roots in the Pacific Northwest go back to Jason's grandfather on his mother's side, an immigrant from Sicily to Ft. Benton, Mont. in the early 1900s, and his Irish grandfather on his father's side, who worked in the copper mines in Butte. His maternal grandfather served in the U.S. Army in WWI, after training at Camp Lewis in 1917, returning to Ft. Benton to raise his family. Whalen's father was a Naval officer, who served in the Pacific during WWII, and later in Astoria, Ore., during the Korean War. Jason is also a veteran, having served on active duty in the U.S. Army as a Field Artillery Officer (1985-1989), and as a U.S. Army Reservist (1989-1992).

Although born in Whitefish, Whalen and his family were not destined to stay in Montana. Whalen's father was a small town doctor and worked himself to the point that his blood pressure grew to life threatening levels.

"His doctor told him that if he didn't quit what he was doing, he wouldn't live another year," Whalen recalled. "He was in his early-50s with four kids and I was the youngest. He had to make the decision with my mom to give everything up to save his health and his family."

From there launched years of travel as his dad pursued his medical career in different states starting when Whalen was of kindergarten age – Oklahoma

Colorado, back to Montana, then to

Oregon, Alaska and finally Spokane, Wash. Every two years, Whalen had to start a new school with new teachers and new friends. He handled it well, though, and got noticed for his gregarious nature. In other words, the kid liked to talk.

In eighth grade at Nine Mile Falls Elementary School near Spokane, Whalen's teacher, who would become a great mentor and friend to him, said something that had a profound effect on his life. As Whalen tells it, "Mr. Burns was the superintendent, the principal, the bus driver and my eighth-grade teacher. Thankfully, he took a liking to me. I was the nerdy kid who talked a lot in class and he said, 'Whalen, you need to think about doing debate in high school with that mouth of yours.'"

So that's what Whalen did at Spokane's North Central High School. He joined the debate team and became the Washington State Debate Champion in 1980, among many other debate awards. After attending the national competition in 1980 and again in 1981, he caught the attention of the debate coach at Gonzaga University and received a two-year scholarship to debate for the Zags.

Later, Whalen signed up with Gonzaga's ROTC program, receiving a three-year scholarship, committing to serve in the Army for a period of seven years of active and reserve service. Upon graduation, Whalen was commissioned as a Regular Army Second Lieutenant, and was honored as a Distinguished Military Graduate; only the top 20 percent of Army ROTC graduates nationwide achieve this prestigious designation.

While at Gonzaga, Whalen started his political career in student government and was elected as the Academic Vice President for the student body. He created a popular speaker series, "Issues and Answers for Action in the '80s," which hosted a number of national speakers to the campus, attracting hundreds of students and community members to each forum.

Following graduation from Gonzaga, Whalen completed his initial officer training at Ft. Sill, Okla. followed by additional schooling in "special weapons," otherwise known as battlefield

nuclear weapons training. After a stint at Airborne School, jumping out of perfectly good planes, Whalen was stationed in Bamberg, Germany, assigned with a nuclear capable field artillery battalion. It was during this time that he married his wife Gael, now celebrating 33 years together with daughters Olivia, Clare and Alison (plus two dogs, a cat and "a bunch of fish," Whalen laughed).

Upon completion of his active duty service, Whalen returned to Gonzaga University to study law, earning his Juris Doctor degree. There, he engaged in moot court activities with a former Gonzaga debate partner and fellow law student, Debra Stephens, who now serves as Chief Justice of the Washington State Supreme Court.

Fresh out of law school, Whalen landed a clerkship position in Olympia at the Washington State Supreme Court, with Justice Richard P. Guy, a major accomplishment for an up-and-coming attorney. Following his clerkship, he hired on with the Tacoma law firm Eisenhower Carlson PLLC, and was with them for the next 21 years as a young associate and then partner. Six years ago, Whalen and four of the partners opened Ledger Square Law in downtown Tacoma where Whalen practices today. The firm employs 12 attorneys and staff.

When asked why he chose to run for political office, he replied, "Service is in my DNA. I enjoy the challenge and the opportunity to make my community better." The Jesuits at Gonzaga apparently inspired him as well.

"At Gonzaga, we were encouraged to pursue lives of leadership and service for the common good. I often say that none of us can do it all, but if we all do a little, we can accomplish a lot. Public service is my small way of making good on that commitment."

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BY MATT NAGLE

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For as long as mankind has existed, origin stories have been part of every culture and belief system on earth. How did we get here? What universal forces have come into play to influence our existence? As a unifying form of communication, they all share a common thread: a striving to make sense of what seems unfathomable to grasp in our humble existence. Best of all, origin stories help us to relate to others and bring us all together as we contemplate the mysteries of the world.

To share the power and richness of these stories, Tacoma Sister Cities is presenting "In the Beginning: Origin Stories from Tacoma's Sister Cities Around the World." Among the stories that will be shared by Tacoma Sister Cities members will be a Slavic origin story (Russia, Ukraine and Croatia) titled "Bird of Gamayun," a prophetic creature of Slavic folklore with the body of a large bird and the head of a beautiful woman. She is said to live on an island near the Euphrates River and is held in esteem for her knowledge of everything that occurs within the world, including man and animal, gods and heroes. Honoring Tacoma's sister city Stari Grad, founded by Greek colonists in 385 BC, the creation of the world through the eyes of the Greeks will be told as well.

Walter Allen and his family will talk about the origin of the Milky Way, and Rose Coggins' daughter Stella McShera will share the Philippine origin story, "Pan de Sal Saves the Day," an award winning children's story authored by Norma Olizon-Chikiamco and illus-



Gamayun of Slavic folklore as depicted by artist Viktor Vasnetsov.

trated by Mark Salvatus. In this story, a young girl, embarrassed by how she is different, learns that these differences in culture are reasons to celebrate and cherish. This story tells that even in America, where many people of color feel ashamed of their ancestry, differences in cultures can be embraced and

even revered if we take our time and muster the courage to share them.

Following the presentations, Tacoma Sister Cities chair Clare Petrich will talk to viewers about telling their own story, addressing the question, "How do you say who you are with your origins?"

Funded by Tacoma Creates and in part-

nership with the Tacoma Public Library, the program is being shared in two sessions, with the second session scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 29, 1-2:30 p.m. Registration is required at https://bit.ly/originstories_tsc. Registrants will receive a Zoom link via email one hour prior to the event.

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Take a drive through downtown Tacoma and what you see speaks for itself – boarded up windows, noticeably fewer cars on the streets and fewer people on the sidewalks. Even before the coronavirus arrived in Washington state, downtown Tacoma was looking a bit deserted in certain areas, but now it has spread throughout the city core, making our great city look like a victim of a modern

day Great Depression.

The coronavirus certainly has played a key role in this and continues to, given downtown's abandoned atmosphere of historic proportions. Businesses are being hit hard, especially the restaurants that once provided a major attraction for diners with money to spend.

After 15 years as Tacoma's most award-winning restaurant, the Pacific Grill announced its permanent closure this week. Owner and chef Gordon Nac-

carato bid farewell on the restaurant's website: "It is difficult to type these words – such a shock after being open for 15 successful years. It's like knowing you have to speak to someone you love who just lost a family member and wanting to choose the "perfect" words. But sometimes words fail, and nothing sounds right. ...It is impossible to move forward during this unforeseen

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EASTSIDE PRIDE

BY MATT NAGLE
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The Tacoma Adventist Community Services food bank on Portland Avenue is looking sharp these days thanks to generous souls who donated materials, skills and time to give the building a brand new paint job and repairs inside and out.

Given the urban location of the food bank in what can be called an oftentimes rougher part of town, it tends to attract graffiti and general damage such that it was desperately in need of a fresh coat of paint and overall TLC. So, food bank volunteer coordinator Lori Caley-Thorne got busy lining up a crew to get the job done. She has worked at the food bank for more than 20 years and usually does any painting herself, but this time she needed to call in the troops for help to cover the whole building.

"By the time it gets graffitied a hundred



This "before" photo shows the food bank's need for a good paint job

times and you keep painting over that with different colors, it ends up looking terrible," she said.

Since the food bank relies on donations of paints, including leftover paints, she tends to mix colors together so that there is enough of one shade, whatever that

shade may turn out to be after mixing. Sometimes, you just get grey so she goes with it.

"When you mix enough paints together, you get grey so the inside and the outside were all shades of grey, grey

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soon closed, leaving the site an eyesore and source of frustration for Hilltop residents tired of seeing their neighborhood ignored and left in blight.

Since 2012 the building sat vacant, empty and waiting for some type of renewal. Finally, the wait was over when Forterra purchased the property in September 2019.

Things started to look up, and in the best manner possible.

Renowned for their commitment to sustainable cities and regional land conservancy for 30 years, the non-profit Forterra secures urban and rural lands to ensure equity and livability in community development. For the Rite Aid property, Forterra purchased the 1.7 acres following conversations with community stakeholders and Tacoma's elected leaders about how the organization could help address displacement in the neighborhood due to rising costs. Based on community guidance, Forterra

intends to develop the property with a mix of housing that is affordable to rent and own, as well as offices for nonprofits and local businesses, and additional resources like community meeting space.

"Our number one goal with this project is to fight displacement of long-time residents and businesses in Hilltop," said Forterra President and CEO Michelle Connor. "We're committed to listening closely to residents as we design this project. We want the development to address the real needs of the community and reflect the neighborhood's rich history and culture."

With Sound Transit's Hilltop Link Extension going in, it fits hand in glove with new development at the Rite Aid property. Scheduled to open in 2022, the Link will carry riders through downtown and up to the Hilltop terminus and new transit station. Committed to partnering with the people who call Hilltop home, Forterra

approached Fab-5, a Hilltop-based non-profit launched 20 years ago to organize community youth and to be a leader in Hilltop's future. Linking up with Fab-5 would ensure a plan for community-driven design so that the project could provide long-term affordability and sustainability to Hilltop residents.

"Although we have team members with a history in Tacoma, none of our team is from Hilltop," said Rebecca Bouchee, Forterra's managing director of community development. "When you're working in a community, you can't just walk in as an outsider and expect to have a true conversation. To grow this into a partnership, we had to build trust."

The Hilltop Community Investment Council was born from this outreach, a 12-member group of teachers, artists, social workers, business leaders, elders and neighbors that came together to advise Forterra on early project planning for the Rite Aid project.

Together, Forterra and Fab-5 have issued a call to Black artists with roots in

Hilltop to apply their skills in transforming the Rite Aid site. Artists can submit a proposal for two projects: "Celebrating Hilltop - Get Ready," an opportunity to use art to activate the vacated buildings right now and signal to the community that this space is changing as we "Get Ready" for new opportunities ahead; and "Celebrating Hilltop: Lasting Legacy," which is for pieces that will be permanent fixtures in the new development, leaving a "Lasting Legacy." This artist call is under the umbrella of Fab-5's "#DesignTheHill" community development initiative.

The #DesignTheHill Design Event and Business Forum series will kickoff on Sept. 24, 6-7:30 p.m., via Zoom. This "Hilltop Resident Zoom Conversation" is an opportunity for current and former Hilltop residents to come together to check in, to learn a bit more about what is to come, and to talk about how they want to partner in planning this work. Those who wish to attend are asked to contact Ash at aarhin@forterra.org.



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12TH MAN COVER STORY



Blitz, Coach Matsumoto and Seahawks legend Lawyer Milloy.

have football, but look at the people I'm feeding and how I have the opportunity to bless these people," Matsumoto said.

From the middle of July and to September, the coach and some players volunteered at the Mission every Tuesday and Thursday during lunch hours – four to five different players each time, with some returning multiple times. It was a great lesson for the players to experience when they were shown how doing the right thing and helping others for that sole purpose can lead to more blessings along the way. KING 5 News

got wind of it and produced a story for the station's "Prep Zone" high school sports program, then the Seahawks learned of it as well.

Seahawks legend Milloy surprised the football team on their weekly Zoom call announcing that Coach Matsumoto was selected to raise the 12 Flag. Then Milloy and Seahawks mascot Blitz attended a 12 Flag raising at Lincoln on Wednesday to raise the 12 Flag on the school's roof.

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Mello joined many other community members at a vigil in Tollefson Plaza following the mass killings at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando.

"At the county level, they still haven't done it and it's more than frustrating – it's criminal. It would generate \$14.5 million in the rest of Pierce County if they could pass that revenue stream for really critical services."

Mello also got out in front in setting up Tacoma's very first dedicated affordable housing trust fund to build permanent affordable housing in the city. He turned his attention as well to the conditions of Tacoma's neighborhoods.

"I took the lead to bring stakeholders together to make the case to the public to pass two ballot measures to have dedicated resources to invest in our neighborhood streets, sidewalks and failing bridges," he said.

As executive director of the Pierce Conservation District, the climate and environment are on Mello's radar too, particularly in creating good paying jobs and housing so that Pierce County residents don't have to drive to King County to work.

As he wrote in the 2020 Pierce County Voters' Pamphlet, "Neighbors are worried about how to afford their daily lives. Housing, traffic congestion and rising costs in our region are at the forefront of our minds. Each of these concerns must be tackled at the regional level."

As a Democrat, Mello said that this year is an opportunity for Democrats to make a difference in the make-up of the County Council.

"In my race in general, the majority matters and we have an opportunity this

year to have majority, and not just for the sake of Democrats having a majority. It's been since 2004 that Democrats have had a majority and I think Pierce County is really paying for it. We have not passed a behavioral health tax. There's not an affordable housing trust fund for Pierce County. Traffic is getting worse. I'm fighting for the majority because the investments we're going to make and policies that we'll pass will make a real difference in people's lives."

When all is said and done, Mello said that he just wants people to exercise their right to vote. As he is out campaigning, he said that he makes it a point to explain to voters why it's important for those of any political leaning to fill out their entire ballot, and to not stop at the top with only checking the box for U.S. President.

"When you look at the number of people who fall off and don't vote down the ballot, like for county council races, it's quite a lot, close to 10 percent or more in the last election," he said. "By all signs, we're going to have astronomical turnout of voters for the President and Congress, predictions at close to 90 percent turnout. I'm trying to spend a lot of my time this election season explaining why down ballot races matter."

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FREE LITTLE LIBRARIES TEACH BLACK HISTORY, CULTURE

BY MATT NAGLE
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We've all seen the free little libraries that have sprung up in neighborhoods around Tacoma, and now there are those dedicated to educating the community on Black history and culture.

Organized by the local Black History Mindfulness Community Club (BHMC), two of these little libraries have been planted outdoors - at The Co Lab, 3808 N. 27th St., and Fern and Foster, 1402 S. 11th St. - and another one inside Campfire Coffee at 553 Market St.

According to BHMC's mission, the purpose of these little libraries is to "create visual voice and knowledge for our Black/African American children and communities and also other children and people who want to learn more and

thing about it. She wasn't getting a lot of response initially, but was persistent. That's when her friend and now organizing partner Nicole Reed stepped up to help, and the two have been working hard to bring positive change to U.P. schools and Tacoma as a whole.

"We started this because we felt like we weren't getting any direct action from the things we were putting out," Morse said. "I felt that if we did these libraries, it would help bring more knowledge about what we're lacking in our community, and force the community to see that it's going to take community to take care of something this small as a little Black library that lifts Black authors, culture and history."

The reception to the little Black libraries has been positive overall, Morse said, although she received some resistance when placing one of the little libraries in Proctor District.

Morse, Reed and BHMC supporters built and painted these first little libraries themselves, but know that it's going to take some help to keep it going.

"My hope is that this turns into a bigger thing," she said. "You can have 'likes' from a million people and people to fund you in the moment, but it takes continuous effort, and I'm definitely learning that."

Funding and support from the broader community will be key in making BHMC's work extend into the future.

"We need people to see that we are here in your community and there are people in your community who are going to help us with that mission," Morse said. "We used up our budget pretty quickly, and my hope is that this turns into a bigger thing," Morse said. "I can't see us doing another (little library) planting until we get a sponsorship for that planting and funding. I don't think we'll be there until next year unless we get a big amount of money out of nowhere."

There are two ways to donate to BHMC's efforts. To support the little libraries program, give to BHMC's PayPal account at <https://tinyurl.com/y3kemxfu>. To contribute to BHMC's community and schools goals, give to their GoFundMe effort at <https://tinyurl.com/y4r78xdd>. Or, visit www.BlackHistoryMindfulnessCommunity.com to learn more about both initiatives and the various ways you can help.

"I have a huge want and need to grow into a legacy for what we're doing," Morse said. "If anybody can help with ideas on how to progress, I'd love that opportunity. I also want to connect with more Black businesses that would also have the same initiative to work together."



be ready to be actionable and mindful for the changes needed." BHMC calls them "accountability boxes" so that we can value, protect and receive acknowledgment that will spread, through visual and actionable change, throughout communities.

Tesa Morse founded BHMC. She, her husband and four young children live in University Place, with three of the children attending schools there. She said BHMC started out as a protest group in the wake of the death of George Floyd, and has since grown to embrace improving education about Black history and culture through little libraries and working for change within our local schools in curriculum and teaching staff.

"We owe our students of color to know that we're working on these things and that parents are working on building trust with the schools," she said. "I want to make sure my children are being treated fairly - that they're reading a book about John Henry where he's not a folk tale but an actual person in history. There are a lot of things that are missing, and I think we need to be accountable in our schools about that."

Morse said she wasn't seeing Black lives sufficiently reflected in University Place schools in curriculum or teaching staff, so she decided to do some-



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Who's Who ANSWERS

#1 Elinor Donahue, TV Actor

#2 Jerry Cantrell, Guitarist

#3 Jon Lester, Baseball Player

#4 Marissa Meyer, Novelist

TACOMA SISTERS PUT THE CITY IN YOUR HANDS

BY MATT NAGLE
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While everyone is pretty much staying put lately in keeping with COVID precautions, Tacoma born and raised sisters Nancy and Julia Glen are providing a way to get out and about through the pages of their book series Glen Creations City Adventures.

In the short time that they've been partnering to produce their books – Nancy as writer and Julia as illustrator, since 2018 the pair has produced six of their city adventure books focusing on specific places where they live. With Julia now residing in the San Diego area, the sisters started there and produced "Oceanside Adventures," "Carlsbad Adventures" and "Encinitas Adventures." Then they turned their attention to the Northwest where Nancy lives. She still makes Tacoma her home, as she and Julia are fourth generation Tacomans. Together, they created "Puyallup Adventures," "Olympia Adventures" and "Tacoma Adventures," with "Seattle Adventures" coming up next in the series.

While the books are geared toward young readers, these wonderful tales appeal to adults as well. The books are both entertaining and educational about historic events and places that make each city unique.

"A lot of people tell me they have them on their coffee table and share them when family comes over and give them as gifts," Nancy said. "They're for the whole family."

"Tacoma Adventures" is the fourth book of the Glen Creations City Adventure series. It is also the first of their Northwest edition and the bestseller so far. In the story, main character Stuart, a reluctant raccoon, is asked to write a report on Tacoma as part of his school lesson on Washington State. He is bummed, though, because Tacoma is his home and thereby deemed "boring." The reader is invited to follow Stuart and his grandpa as they spend the weekend traveling throughout the city to get reacquainted with all the amazing attractions this city has to offer in its history and positive energy.

Stuart and his grandpa visit fun city attractions like the LeMay Car Museum and Frisko Freeze, but the book also takes into account Tacoma's less stellar past by including Chinese Reconciliation Park.

"I didn't want to gloss over that," Nancy said. "Even though it's a kid's book, I



Nancy Glen (pictured here) and Julia Glen have produced six books so far.

wanted them to know that there were some mistakes in the past."

In "Puyallup Adventures," young readers learn that the Washington State Fairgrounds were used as internment camps for Japanese families. This provides a perfect opportunity for teachers and parents to approach this type of difficult subject matter. Nancy is a teacher and librarian at Emerald Ridge High School in Puyallup, so she experiences this firsthand.

"One of the students said that's why we study history, because we learn from our past. Even kids can take that in," she said. The books help to spark conversations in other ways as well. "We purposefully waited until this fall to do the Olympia one because it's an election year and we wanted to have the theme of compromise, patience and listening to each other," as Nancy explained. "I don't think you should talk down to kids. In the classroom with the read aloud, you can stand up and say, 'What does that word 'compromise' mean and when have we done that?' You can always introduce it and talk about it."

Each of the sisters' books comes with its own curriculum that can be downloaded at www.GlenCreations.com. Visitors to the site can order the books there, or find them at local shops. "Tacoma Adventures" is available at the Pacific Northwest Shop, Compass Rose, Teaching Toys, The Curious Bear Toys & Books, Kings Books and other locations around town. The full list is on the website.

"We didn't want to go the Amazon route. We wanted to have local businesses sell it so that they would benefit," Nancy said as she expressed a lot of gratitude for Tacoma and the people who live here. "I am so grateful to the people in Tacoma who are so supportive and passionate about their city. Tacoma really supports its own."

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Nominations for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6 to be considered by the Committee. Nominations can be filled out online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/3HVMZ7D.

The award winners will be selected by the Committee and recognized at the City of Tacoma's 33rd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration virtual program, premiering on Monday, Jan. 18, 2021, at 8 p.m. on tvtacoma.com, and streamed live on Facebook at facebook.com/cityoftacoma. The event will also be televised throughout January on TV Tacoma.

For more information about the event and a list of previous years' awardees, visit cityoftacoma.org/MLK. Questions or requests for hard copy nomination forms can be directed to MLK@cityoftacoma.org.



Kiara Daniels, 2020 winner for Lifetime Service Award

CITY ESTABLISHES REVITALIZATION GRANT PROGRAM

Micro businesses of five or fewer employees eligible for up to \$10,000. In an effort to mitigate the negative economic impacts of COVID-19 on Tacoma's micro businesses, defined as five or fewer employees including owners, the City of Tacoma's Community and Economic Development Department has established a COVID-19 Revitalization Grant Program. The application period ends Oct. 23 at 5 p.m.

"Tacoma is a city powered by the spirit of entrepreneurship," said Tacoma Mayor Victoria Woodards. "In addition to adding jobs and powering up our local economy, small businesses are a vital part of the unique character of our community. At the same time, Tacoma's smallest businesses are also most vulnerable to the economic threats of COVID-19. Supporting micro businesses is an important way that we can strengthen Tacoma's resiliency and work together to diminish any long-term impacts of the pandemic on our local economy." Micro businesses must be located within Tacoma city limits, with a current busi-

ness license, and have been operating for at least a year as of March 16, 2020. The majority owner must have a household income of no more than 80 percent of area median income and they must be able demonstrate that they have experienced a loss of income due to COVID-19. Some home-based micro businesses may qualify if they are located within lower economic opportunity areas in Tacoma.

Fifty micro businesses will be selected for \$10,000 grants from all qualified applications submitted by the application deadline via a lottery method. There is no cost to submit an application. Application details are on makeit-tacoma.com. Questions regarding this program may be directed to Shari Hart at resiliencygrant@cityoftacoma.org or (253) 591-5208. As the situation evolves, general information about the City's response to COVID-19 will be posted on the "What's Going On" section of the City's website. Information about COVID-19 is available at TPCHD.org/coronavirus.

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dents will stay in their existing building during construction of the new school. Downing Elementary School serves approximately 350 preschool through fifth-grade students in Tacoma's North and West ends. The current building was constructed in 1949, with several additions in the 1950s.

The new Hunt Middle School is taking shape as well. The recent smoke, haze and lightning storms that have moved through the Puget Sound area haven't stopped the crew from moving forward on the project. After the stormy weather cleared, workers jumped right back in to complete soffit framing in the science, career and technical education, and general classrooms.

Siding and large storefront windows are in plain view if you drive by the construction site at Mildred and South 10th Street. And you can't miss the raised roof trusses at the covered play area, new gutters and exterior stairs at the general classroom spaces.

On the rooftop, workers recently installed mechanical units, eave flashing and roof membrane over classroom areas. Also happening atop the gym are skylight curbs.

Interior framing and doors are in development on the first and second floors at the administration area and library, while drywall is going up at the science and general classrooms spaces.

Masonry interior and exterior walls are now complete in the gym, music and stage areas and are almost complete in the locker room area. Electrical equipment installation in the building starts in the next few weeks.

The eight schools and their anticipated opening dates after replacement or renovation are Hunt Middle School, 2021; Downing Elementary, 2022; Skyline Elementary, 2022; Fawcett Elementary, 2023; Bryant Montessori, 2024; Oakland High School, 2025; Lowell Elementary, 2026; and Whittier Elementary, 2027. The bond will also provide for needed improvements and/or safety upgrades

Birney Elementary is complete, and Hunt Middle School (inset) will be ready to open in 2021.

to all neighborhood schools across Tacoma, including replacement of aged and deteriorating roofs; retrofitting buildings for earthquake safety; updating fire alarm, sprinkler, and intercom systems used in emergencies; improvements on playgrounds, playfields and athletic facilities to meet safety standards; up-to-date technology infrastructure; Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility improvements; and heating, ventilation and plumbing upgrades for clean air and safe water.

Two already completed schools have gotten a lot of attention. The new Mary Lyon Elementary School, opened in September 2019, captured a grand prize award in the new construction edition of "Learning by Design."

"Shared learning spaces are physically and visually connected, and they are thoughtfully designed as extensions of the classroom setting," the judges commented. They also shared kudos on the library's design.

The new Birney Elementary School features beautiful exposed wood engineered in the design and it caught the eye of scientists and engineers from the American Plywood Association (APA) who, in a recent case study, describe the new Birney as sustainable, cost-effective and aesthetically appealing. The case study explored the benefits of engineered wood in school construction.

A primary driver of the Birney design was maximizing the school's open feel. Choosing exposed wood instead of steel was not only better looking, but also a cost-effective choice. The engineered wood panels also make it acoustically sound, a benefit to Birney's deaf and hard-of-hearing students and staff. Learn more about Tacoma's new schools and take virtual tours at www.Tacoma-Schools.org.

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Smashing the glass ceiling in the 6th Congressional District

A win for Congressional candidate Elizabeth Kreiselmaier would begin a new chapter for this seat long held by men.

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With more than 60 years of political involvement, Marlyn Jensen (right) is Kreiselmaier's honorary campaign manager.

Kreiselmaier (middle) with young supporter KellyAnna Brooking (left) and Maia Espinoza, candidate for state school superintendent.

This year, America celebrates the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote. On Aug. 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, bringing victory to the movement for women's suffrage that had begun about 100 years earlier.

In this light, the 2020 race for Washington's 6th Congressional District seat takes on historic meaning. Never in the history of this political position has a woman run and made it to the General Election, until this year. Having won the Primary Election in August, Elizabeth Kreiselmaier now faces off with incumbent Derek Kilmer in next month's General Election.

A win for Kreiselmaier would impact the overall balance of power in Congress in two significant ways: Politically, it would shift this District seat from Democrat, as it has been for decades, to Republican – a change Kreiselmaier believes is urgently needed right now, given what she describes as “the radicalization of the Democrat party as a whole and its shift away from common-sense compassion toward the underserved, and toward a more socialistic type of control that undermines the dignity and freedom of all individuals as people, not just projects or pawns. This isn't your parents' Democrat party anymore – what's being pushed, if it were fully implemented, would make America, as we've known her to be, completely unrecognizable.”

Second, and notably, a win for Kreisel-

maier would be a move toward eliminating the gender inequity that's persisted in Congress even in today's world. Right now, the makeup of Congress stands at 25 percent women, with only 3 percent being Republican women – just 13 out of 435 members, two of whom are from our state: Cathy McMorris Rodgers in the 5th District and Jamie Herrera Beutler in the 3rd District.

“I say, let's make it three!” Kreiselmaier smiled. “There is an imbalance in Congressional diversity for sure, in terms both of gender and of thought.”

Kreiselmaier emphasized that she is not a person that dwells upon identity or gender politics. “I really do look at life through the lens of merit-based assessment and selection, where hard work and strong performance really do pay off, no matter who you are,” she said. She is simply pointing out that “more women are needed in public office to ‘smash the glass ceiling’ so that the makeup of Congress better reflects the makeup of the population as a whole.”

When asked what she thought was the biggest barrier to more women getting involved in politics, she replied, “There are lots of reasons, but I think the biggest one is simply the *status quo*. I think that all of us can become complacent, and without specific internal impetus or external encouragement, we just tend to let things stand as they are. But we really do need more women to get involved, and I believe the key lies in mentoring. It was certainly instrumental in my case, and I'm already paying it forward to others I meet along this journey.”

Stepping Up to Make a Difference

When asked how she came to be running for this Congressional seat, Kreiselmaier said, “I was asked by others to run because of what they saw in me,” arising

from her various community volunteer roles, particularly within the Republican Party, over the course of her 15 years in Pierce County. “In the past when I've been asked to run for various things, I've always been too busy with my career or my family. But this time, with so much at stake in this election, I decided to consider it.” After praying about it and getting the green light from everyone she consulted about it, she ultimately stepped up to the challenge after being urged initially by her friend and fellow activist Marlyn Jensen to run.

Now she calls Jensen her honorary campaign manager. “If things go well, Marlyn will get all the credit. And if they don't, I'll take all the blame,” Kreiselmaier laughed.

Jensen has a long and proud legacy of more than 60 years of political involvement with 46 of those years in Pierce County's 26th District. She has worked with and mentored many Republican candidates running for Congress and feels that Kreiselmaier “has the best chance of anyone, anytime, anywhere to win this race,” Jensen said.

“I've worked with a lot of people over the years and I thought Elizabeth would be a great candidate at a higher level. She is able to get so many people supportive of her because of her intelligence and common sense. She is probably the most brilliant lady I've ever known. We need great leaders like that at a national level.”

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Jensen noted that Kreiselmaier is also an engaging speaker, especially in front of a crowd. “Wherever she speaks, people love her. She has a powerful, unifying message and people like her on both sides and the middle of the aisle. She is just amazing and can get everyone to work together. And young people just love Elizabeth. They're coming out of the woodwork to help her campaign.”

One such young person is KellyAnna Brooking, a 12-year-old middle school student in Kitsap County and an outspoken conservative. She is actively campaigning – distributing flyers, door-belling and giving other such support – for her favorite candidates like Kreiselmaier, as well as starting a local chapter of Turning Point USA.

Brooking met Kreiselmaier at a recent fundraising event where they both had a chance to speak to the crowd. The two hit it off immediately. “I really liked her speech at the Ladies of Liberty event,” Brooking said. “We were both speaking about women's involvement in politics.”

Brooking described how she appreciates Kreiselmaier's mentorship and excitement in helping young people like her get politically active. As she put it, “I feel it's important for kids to get involved early so that we can speak our voice when we're older.”

Mom on a Mission to Clean Up the House

As a “Mom on a Mission to Clean Up the House,” Kreiselmaier is confident that being a woman, wife and mother with a Ph.D. and a successful career in educational program evaluation will help bring needed change to the District. She is not coming from a political career perspective, but rather from a sense of urgency in wanting to help people to address real concerns and make a real difference.

“I bring both a strong professional background and the bold heart of a Mom. I call it fierce devotion, kind of a mama bear mentality,” she said. “I love this country the way I love my own child. It's currently in a state of unrest, and the things we hold dear are being threatened. Our freedom is fragile and we have to fight for it. I'll bring the soul of a Mom to this job.”

In campaigning across the six counties, Kreiselmaier said she noticed a common thread emerging: “My opponent's views and votes just don't reflect the desires of our District. Honestly, he's better suited to Seattle. The 6th Congressional District is ready for a change and deserves a better choice, and that's what I'm offering.”

To illustrate her own belief in working together to bring the 6th Congressional District to new levels of opportunity and prosperity, Kreiselmaier turned to a quote from late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg: “Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that would lead others to join you.”

“That pretty much says it all,” Kreiselmaier said. “She exemplified the ability to disagree politically with someone, yet remain very close friends. She did that with Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia; they would share meals and holidays together, and I find that inspiring. It's something we all could learn from.”

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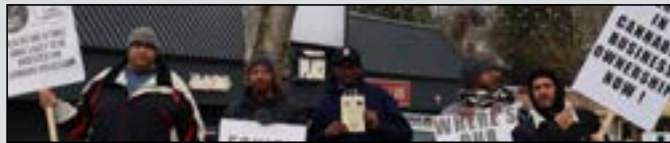
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'Mom on a Mission to Clean Up the House'

Elizabeth Kreiselmaier has always been the type of person who gives back. Whether to her family, church or community, she finds great satisfaction in lending her skills, enthusiasm and dedication to making life better for those around her. Now she is working to serve an even broader constituency by running for the U.S. House of Representatives for Washington state's 6th Congressional District.

The Republican candidate facing off against District 6 Democrat incumbent Derek Kilmer, Kreiselmaier made a strong showing in the August Primary. With five candidates on the Primary ballot challenging Kilmer, Kreiselmaier outdistanced all of them despite Democrats having spent close to \$1million on this Primary race, more than 10 times the amount spent by Kreiselmaier in the same amount of time. Kreiselmaier and Kilmer will be on the General Election ballot this November as the two choices for the 6th Congressional District, which encompasses most of the city of Tacoma and the Kitsap Peninsula as well as the Olympic Peninsula. The District covers Pierce, Clallam, Jefferson, Mason, Grays Harbor, and Kitsap counties.

'Mom on a Mission to Clean Up the House.'

This message is at the top of Kreiselmaier's campaign literature and propels her drive for strong families, strong communities and a strong country through kindness, fairness and firmness as an elected leader. She says U.S. House leadership for Washington's 6th Congressional District is weak and ineffective, and she intends to change that. "It's public service not only with a smile, but with a spine," she said of her campaign.

"House leadership has pushed a big-government agenda that's killed jobs, rewarded wrong behaviors, and spawned crushing debt and bureaucratic bloat. House Democrats, along with our current Representative who votes in lockstep with the worst

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CITY'S OUTDOOR SEATING PROGRAM GAINS GROUND



Amitie Wine Company is just one local establishment to put in outdoor seating.

BY MATT NAGLE

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Back in June, hopes were high that Pierce County would soon move into Phase 3 of Gov. Inslee's plan to reopen the state, but a resurgence in positive COVID-19 tests brought those hopes to a screeching halt. We're still stuck in Phase 2 with no clear sign of when Phase 3 will be approved, leaving many local businesses remaining in limbo about the future.

City officials continue trying to help, working to assist food and drink establishments in particular since, as a whole, they have suffered a significant loss in business during the pandemic. Over these past months, City Council member Robert Thoms has focused on expanding the city's existing Sidewalk Café Program to make it easier, and at no cost, for restaurants, cafés and taverns to serve more customers than what is limited to indoor capacity restrictions.

So far, the city's Curbside Cafés and Markets pilot program has attracted a good number of applicants. Dystopian State Brewing Co., Shakabra, The Olive Branch Tearoom, Zeeks Pizza, The Spar,

Amitie Wine Company, Incline Cider House, Doyle's Public House and more have set up outdoor seating, with more applications currently being processed. Thoms said that the spirit behind the new pilot program is to help business owners take action as soon as possible to increase their revenue, keep their employees and stay in business.

"I'd like to see everybody apply if they need to so that they can stay open," he said. "I'd love for anyone who has a license to apply for it. Fees are being waived and we're trying to promote it now so they can take advantage of the next three months while the weather is still decent."

It takes little time to process applications, and the city is waiving application fees, street use fees and the cost of on-street parking related to the program. City staff can help owners determine whether they need to go through the process at all in order to set up an outdoor service area, as some establishments are situated on private property such that there is no need to apply with the pilot program.

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often, have gotten way off course. The House has been rife with dirty tricks and foul play. Our children's future is on the line." Thus, Kreiselmaier's charge to "Clean Up The House" seems to be resonating with voters, considering her strong lead in the Primary. As a Constitutionalist, Kreiselmaier believes preserving the principles of the United States Constitution is paramount and foundational. All else emanates from there, starting with families first, which she sees as the cornerstone of a strong society and strong America.

For families, Kreiselmaier will fight for good jobs and reopening safely to restore our pre-COVID growing economy, with working people keeping more of what they earn, with a particular focus on rural economies that have lagged in recovery; quality health care, with access to excellent care, affordable prescription drugs and the right to choose health care providers and insurance plans; and solid schools based on education, not indoctrination, that nurture students to be responsible, self-sufficient adults, with parents having a choice about where and how their children are educated.

For safe and secure communities, Kreiselmaier promotes both accountability and unwavering support for our military and law enforcement, especially in these times when police are being vilified; preserving law-abiding citizens' right to keep and bear arms; and curtailing homelessness by taking proactive measures to address ever-spreading homeless encampments and human suffering with compassionate solutions while protecting the health and safety of local communities.

For strong country, she brings a respect for the Constitution and all of the rights and freedoms that it enshrines; protecting the safety, security and prosperity of our people and sovereignty of our country, which requires securing entry into the U.S. by land and sea, cutting off illegal immigration and strengthening the legal immigration process; an "America-First" foreign policy; and ensuring free and fair elections by tackling voter registration fraud and allowing only proven U.S. citizens to vote.

This is just a thumbnail sketch of Kreiselmaier's guiding principles, as more detail is given at her website, www.CleanUpTheHouse.com, and on her Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ElizabethforCongress.

Kreiselmaier attributes her Primary win to her results-driven, common-sense approach to issues facing our state and nation, combined with her natural gift for engaging authentically with people to get to know them and hear what is important to them. "We came through strongly based on the message I'm bringing, and also because people can sense that I truly do care about and listen to them," she said. "People in this district are ready for a change. They deserve a choice, and I'm here to provide it."

Kreiselmaier emphasized that she is in no way a career politician, and that running for Congress is not about her. "It's about something bigger. It's about America and Americans, Washington and Washingtonians – people like you and me who live here, and love it here."

Looking at the big picture, Kreiselmaier believes that America is at a critical crossroads and could benefit from her brand of common-sense leadership with a moral compass. Combined with her life experiences as a professional in the workforce, her demonstrated commitment as a member of her community and church, her "ferocious devotion" as a wife and mother, she brings elements to the table that others have often noted will serve her District well.

"We are a wonderful country with an amazing and inspiring story of freedom, perseverance, and prosperity. My parents were both legal immigrants, so I am a first-generation American. I can honestly tell you that there is no place on earth like America with the freedoms we enjoy. I want to preserve and protect those freedoms for my own and others' children in the future," she said.

Read the rest of this story at TacomaWeekly.com.



Elizabeth with son Brent (left) and husband Paul.

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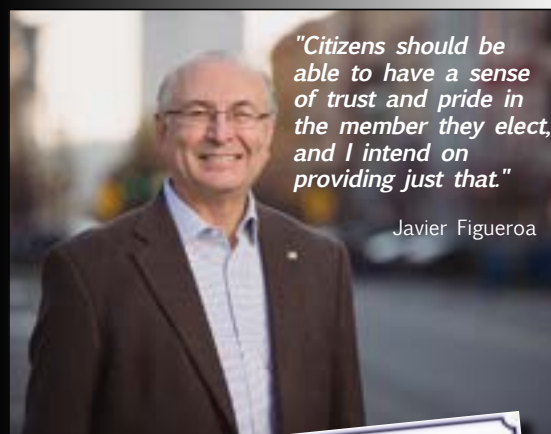
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Doug Richardson brings unique qualities in race for sheriff

BY MATT NAGLE
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As the only civilian in the race for Pierce County Sheriff, Doug Richardson brings a fresh perspective among the candidates. He is already a seasoned public servant, currently serving on Pierce County Council with five years as chair, and past mayor of Lakewood for seven years. He also has an impressive military history that he believes will lend itself well to the office of County Sheriff.

"I am in a unique position right now by virtue of the fact that I really and truly can bring an outside objective look at the department," he said. "I tell people that my uniform going to work each day is going to be a coat and tie."

Looking at the length of time that he stays in elected positions, Richardson seems to not be one to jockey for positions. He was on the Lakewood City Council for a total of 17 years, and has been on the Pierce County Council since 2012.

"I don't view the sheriff as an elected office for me," he said. "You have to get elected, of course, but I'm not trying to climb some ladder by running for sheriff. It's always seeing need and doing what I can do to help fill it," which has been the hallmark of his legacy in public service.

Richardson is Pierce County's longest serving chair of the County Council, and during this time he developed and managed a \$2 billion biennial budget. He has served on the Public Safety Committee, Pierce County Law and Justice Council, South Sound 911 Board of Directors, Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Disability Board and

numerous other local and regional organizations.

"I feel good about my eight years on the County Council. In the case of the Sheriff's Department, we were able to fund enough deputy positions to get it to where it was when the recession hit, back around 2009. We've added deputies every year that I've been on the County Council."

While mayor of Lakewood, Richardson focused on public safety and community. He spearheaded the creation of the South Sound Military and Communities Partnership to address military growth and coordination issues with Joint Base Lewis-McChord and surrounding jurisdictions.

Richardson also brings a respectable record of service to his country as a former Army Ranger and Brigadier General (retired), with 32 years of active and reserve service. Upon retirement, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. He is a graduate of The Citadel, and holds a master's degree in strategic studies from the United States Army War College.

In the private sector, he has 25 years of management experience at Northrop Grumman, an American global aerospace and defense technology company.

Richardson says that his military background has prepared him well to build morale among the 800 personnel in the Sheriff's Department and inspire deputies so that everybody feels that they are part of the same team. During his tenure as Brigadier General, he commanded 12,000 soldiers across six states.

Richardson is the only candidate endorsed by the Deputy Sheriff's Independent Guild, which offered this statement:

"Doug Richardson is the right person to lead the Pierce County Sheriff's Department. His military experience in leading large organizations and developing a positive command climate uniquely positions him to develop the next generation of leadership in the Department."

"I really do believe that one of the goals that's very important as sheriff is to develop the next generation of leaders," Richardson said. "I take that very seriously. I have the ability to do the job because the primary responsibility of the sheriff is leadership - making sure that you establish a chain of command that is accountable, transparent and responds to needs of our citizens. That's very important."

Once in office, one of Richardson's first priorities will be to bring up staffing levels. "Between corrections deputies and patrol deputies, we're looking at being down almost 60 positions in the budget. We have to be very aggressive in recruiting and make sure that we're doing everything we can to recruit a diverse talent pool and that would include recruiting women into the department. When we get those positions filled, we need to be accredited by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs. Being the second largest county, we should have that accreditation."

Richardson said that another part of being sheriff is to establish relationships with community groups and meeting with these groups regularly at town halls.

"This would be very important if we're trying to demystify the office. One of the things we established on (Pierce County) council was we provided for community liaison deputies within the



FILE PHOTO

Doug Richardson

Sheriff's Department and those deputies are really welcomed by the communities. They're doing a great job so that people in communities know who they are and who they can go to. It's really a great program."

As the Aug. 4 primary draws near, and with mail-in ballots already out to voters, Richardson is confident that his experience and fresh take on the office of sheriff will be his key to winning the race.

"As I say to folks, I can provide an outside objective review of the department and I'm not talking about just officer actions; we're talking about how well we're organized, are the precincts in the right place, staffing... There is a whole variety of things and to use an old military expression, I'm prepared to review it from soup to nuts."

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will start this summer.

"It's an opportunity for people with dementia to use their creativity," Holt said. "We want people to have fun and be unrestrained with their art."

LCS will partner with a local theater to offer Memory Ensemble, which uses techniques of improvisation to help people with dementia build coping skills and become less isolated. An acting instructor and a clinician will co-lead the class that will start this fall.

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Port candidate Pew brings practical ideas

For Port of Tacoma candidate Elizabeth Pew, the concept of change is key – to be aware of it and prepared for it. This also impacts her drive to reach out to communities to bring the broader population in on how the port functions now and in the future.

A portion of her Pierce County Voter's Pamphlet statement says it best: "COVID-19 is teaching us that success in the 21st century means stepping up to the unexpected. Our port commissioners must be committed to innovation and capable of bringing together diverse community voices to handle complex issues."

She told the Tacoma Weekly, "I want to make sure that we're preparing our workforce for changes that we're seeing predicted over the next generation in how maritime operations work and how we're being impacted by climate change."

She talked about automation as an inevitable change coming to maritime operations. "There are discussions out in the global maritime community about having container ships going out there on their own. I'm not saying let's go ahead and let the robots do it; what I am saying is if we're going to be making changes because of that, or if we're going to be making changes due to changes in sea level or climate, and we are, how do we do it so that it doesn't feel like a shock when it finally happens?"

With her mind set on protecting union jobs that come with good salaries and benefits for port employees, Pew wants to make sure that everyone has an on-ramp to port careers if they so choose. Expanding port employment opportunities will come naturally as the port adopts new energy solutions like green energy, and technology like automation, and both will provide various engineering and technician jobs and more cybersecurity needs.

"Those are the kinds of things I'm thinking about and I think there's a lot of opportunity because I'm not seeing all those things being discussed by the current commission," she said. "As I've looked at the makeup of the commission over time, this tends to be people who are very involved in the maritime industry, business owners, people who are a little bit more mature in their careers, and that doesn't represent everybody in our county. What we really need from a governance standpoint is people who are going to talk to the community, figure out what their needs are, listen to those solutions and then try to actually execute on the solutions that are going to meet the most needs."

Amid her views on changes at the port, Pew explained that her priorities are grounded in the foundational aspects of the port, which include economic, social, and environmental returns on investments; accountable and transparent governance; and safe, efficient transportation of goods and people.



Pew is running for the seat long held by Commissioner Dick Marzano.

"I try to be pragmatic about things," she said. "It's not change for the sake of change or keeping the status quo for the sake of the status quo; it's what's working and what's realistic. We need to have a thoughtful response rather than just a kneejerk reaction."

In her elected experience, Pew has been a precinct committee officer and legislative district caucus delegate. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from the University of Washington and a Master's in Whole Systems Design from Antioch University, and this was after getting a GED, as she became a single mom at a young age.

Pew has a long list of community service experience as well. She is currently a member of the Tacoma Arts Commission and the arts education group Improv Tacoma, and has given of her time to L'Arche Tacoma, the Rainbow Center, Daffodil Festival, Special Olympics, and more.

For the past three years, she has worked as an employment specialist with the Transition Assistance Program at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, engaging with servicemembers who are approaching their separation date from the Army to help them find a landing point in the civilian workforce.

"You can see how this is informing my worldview about what people are looking for from jobs because this is literally the conversation that I'm having 50 times a week," she said, along with providing career development tools, networking opportunities, resume assistance, and job training programs. "It really is a 'teach a man to fish' kind of program where we're giving these tools and being that referral system and sounding board to talk through plans."

Learn more about Pew at ElizabethPew.com.

COVER STORY: MURANO

Tacoma overall are picking up rapidly.

"It's a new day over here," he said from his office. "It's been absolutely unreal. Our phones have been ringing almost off the hook. Now that we're hosting travel writers again, they're staying at the Murano so they can write that up as well. Now every side of travel is picking up again – the journalism side of it, the actual travelers themselves, the marketing – it's been wild these last weeks."

A good number of hotel rooms open and ready for guests is key to bringing travel numbers back up in the city.

"Having a big community of convention-ready rooms in the downtown core is a huge deal for any city, especially a mid-sized city like Tacoma. Now that we have the new Marriott Tacoma open and the Murano, it really gives us a good number of convention-ready hotels," according to Wakefield.



"What's really spectacular about the Silver Cloud Tacoma at Point Ruston Waterfront is that they're activating a part of Tacoma for tourism. For a long time, it was community focused – Tacamans visiting Point Ruston and Ruston Way – but with a hotel there right on the waterfront, that really activates that space for visitors and tourism as well."

The Greater Tacoma Convention Center is also among the top most important venues for Tacoma travel and tourism. It was the first of Tacoma's downtown city venues to open up again for a bit of use last February for the Charity Choice gymnastics competition.

"It was really emotional because that was the first time we opened up the walkway between the Convention Center and the new downtown Marriott Hotel," said Kim Bedier, the city's director of Tacoma Venues & Events. "People were walking in from the hotel for the first time, and it was really weird to see people again – weird in a positive way, of course."

The weekend of July 17 was the Convention Center's first public consumer show since the shutdown, the Tacoma Remodeling Expo. "It really feels like we're back now," Bedier said.

During the shutdown, Tammi Bryant, director of marketing for Tacoma Venues & Events, was part of the Washington Safe Meeting and Convention Center coalition made up of convention center and hotel professionals who worked closely with the Governor's Office to develop a safe reopening strategy. The highly detailed COVID-19 safety guidelines Bryant compiled were quickly adopted by convention centers around the state. Read "The Greater Way Forward" at TacomaConventionCenter.org/the-greater-way-forward.

It wasn't hard to miss the pandemic's impact on downtown Tacoma. It was as if everyone suddenly disappeared except for the scattering of homeless and those with a place to live who spend their days on the streets. Windows were boarded up, business doors were locked and lights turned out, and crosswalks remained empty of foot traffic as the few vehicles that were on the road sat at red lights. Wakefield pointed out that downtown Tacoma's business-centric landscape was a major contributor to it being deserted while offices and businesses were closed and employees worked remotely.

"Having a mid-sized city like this, when the business is gone it has a ghost town feeling," he said. "Our visitors definitely do the museums and eat in the restaurants, but they're more lowkey. You don't see throngs of visitors with cameras wandering around like you would in bigger cities. Our downtown is always a little bit quieter than you'd see from a visitor perspective in Seattle or those tier one cities."

It didn't help things either that the Pacific Grill went out of business, as it was a prime location for corporate and leisure travelers alike. All is not lost there either, though – the steakhouse chain Stanford's is set to open in the Pacific Grill space this year.

Bushnell seeks to represent South Tacoma

With all his community involvements and board positions, Tacoma City Council candidate Joe Bushnell is a well-known figure around the city. His public service experience is broad, currently serving as board chair for the South Tacoma Neighborhood Council, Tacoma Public Utilities board member, and in his job leading government affairs in Pierce County for the Washington Hospitality Association.

His endorsements make for an impressive list that includes, among others, Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland, former state Sen. Rosa Franklin, Pierce County Council members, Tacoma Firefighters IAFF Local 31, Washington Education Association PAC and Tacoma Education Association, and six of the eight Tacoma City Council members.

Bushnell is on the ballot for the District 5 seat being vacated by Chris Beale, who is not running for re-election. As Bushnell will be representing South Tacoma and South End neighborhoods, he is well suited to do so given his time spent in these communities getting to know the people who live there.

"I've been doing government affairs work for going on four years now," he said. "I've developed a lot of relationships, from local all the way up to the federal level and in between. Not just electeds, but staff, non-profits, and different community groups.

"For me, service to the community is one of the highest callings a person can do. That's part of what drove me to join the Marine Corps then all the volunteer work I've been doing. Becoming elected to advocate for the community seemed like a really good way to continue that service."

His main areas of focus concerning the city council encompass public safety, housing affordability/homelessness, and jobs. These topics are what he is hearing the most about from residents in South Tacoma and elsewhere around the city. Policing is a big issue.

"There's a general feeling of not being heard and under-investments from city leaders," he said, "and a lack of police response and accountability for people committing crimes. There's certainly a lot of property crime that goes on, as well as car prowling, and people just don't feel safe being outside."

Bushnell is opposed to defunding police and instead advocates for better use of law enforcement's time and skills. For example, he feels that sending armed officers to deal with someone in a mental health crisis would be better in the hands of mental health professionals. Officers having to report to traffic accidents is another unnecessary use of their time, in Bushnell's view, as an ancillary service could handle such incidents.

"The vast majority of our police officers are very good people doing the best they can with the resources they have. We ask a lot of our officers, and I'd like to narrow the scope of what they do so we can get the right person for the right job," he said. "Our patrol officers should be focused on deterring and actively going after folks committing crimes. I'd love to see some shift in priorities there and I think our community would like to see that as well."

Bushnell said he realizes housing is a major problem particularly in South Tacoma and the South End. He supports the city's rezoning plans through the Home in Tacoma project, which intends to bring affordable housing options to neighborhoods across the city. He also believes in the Housing First strategy to get people off the streets first, whether into tiny homes, increased shelter space or the city purchasing a hotel, then work with them to address their issues like employment or



Bushnell is board chair of the South Tacoma Neighborhood Council. substance abuse.

"What we need to do is help these folks get into these spaces so that they have a place to sleep. It allows services to find them and get to them consistently. As it stands, services have to search and find people. One of the keys to dealing with mental health, substance abuse and whatever other issues is consistent accessibility."

He also wants to see housing the homeless as something in which the whole city participates. "It feels like a lot of things are thrown at South Tacoma and the South End and the rest of the city is not reciprocating its support," Bushnell said. "As you can imagine, it's really frustrating for a lot of folks to see that consistently happening."

Regarding jobs, Bushnell's vision is for the people who live in Tacoma to have employment here and not have to drive outside the city to their workplace.

"A lot of folks are struggling to find work that's close to home," he said. "With my experience in the hospitality industry, I've built a lot of strong relationships with the chamber of commerce and other business organizations locally and with the state. I'm in a unique position to really know who to talk with to get good jobs in our area."

Even bringing a pharmacy and large grocery store to Tacoma's south area, which has neither, would generate jobs and fulfill a need at the same time.

"These are big issues for the community and something I'd like to tackle on the council, to identify ways that we can solve these things," Bushnell said.

A Marine combat veteran, Bushnell served more than a decade on active duty and the reserves. He was on a tour of duty in Afghanistan when Osama Bin Laden was killed, and the impact of his war experiences left him with PTSD. Through counseling he was able to overcome its daily oppression on his thoughts and emotions, and he is a strong proponent for other veterans to do the same.

"It will help heal your heart," he said.

Were he to get elected, Bushnell would be the first Cambodian American to serve on the Tacoma City Council. When she was 15 years old, his mother escaped the Khmer Rouge in Phnom Penh and made it to a refugee center in Tacoma.

"A lot of folks here in Tacoma really welcomed the refugees. My family and people in the Cambodian community owe their lives to the people who were willing to take them in, sponsor them in their homes, help teach them English and become citizens. I really appreciate the support – the passion and love – that Tacoma exhibited to my family, and I want to give back for that support and do the best that I can for the Cambodian community and the city that helped bring me into existence as a person as well."

Win prizes on scavenger hunt

Curious about downtown Tacoma? Want to get outside and celebrate summer? Then Downtown On The Go has the event for you. Starting out virtually on Aug. 5, the free challenge will send you on a journey through downtown to decode clues, do activities, and visit locations on foot, on bike or skateboard, or by bus and Link.

The event, sponsored by Pierce Transit, Commencement Bank, and the Downtown Tacoma Partnership, will be held over the week of Aug. 5-12, with an in-person event on Aug. 12. Participants should register online at tinyurl.com/3nb98ztw by Monday, Aug. 2, and will receive details and clue sheets via email at noon on Thursday, Aug. 5. On the hunt, participants complete as many activities and questions as possible. Results are due by noon on Thursday, Aug. 12 at an in-person prize event at Tollefson Plaza, with music, activities, and opportunities to meet with DOTG staff and sponsors. There will also be an opportunity to submit answers via email.

Build a team of colleagues from work, grab a pal or two, work individually, or bring the family to learn more



Complete as many activities and questions as possible.

about active transportation, explore great Tacoma locations, and get out into the community. All ages are welcome. Scavenger hunters can work individually or create a team up to five members. Prizes will be awarded to teams and individuals who achieve certain point levels based on responses and activities. Engage with Downtown On The Go social media during the hunt by using unique hashtags, sharing photos and checking in at specific locations. Don't forget to bring your smartphone.

For more information on the full Walk Tacoma Series

NEWS BITES

One dead in house fire

A house fire at the 4600 Block of East B Street left one person dead.

Firefighters were called to the house at around 5 a.m. on July 15 and found it engulfed in thick smoke and flames. They were able to pull an unidentified person out, but the person later died at hospital. Firefighters took more than an hour to get the fire under control, and no nearby structures were damaged.

Return South Sound 911

Customers that have an appointment at South Sound 911's public counter or with the agency's administrative or records staff are now directed to go to the agency's new location at 3580 Pacific Ave. in Tacoma.

Construction of the new facility will be complete in July and services and staff are moving to the new location. The agency's 911 and dispatch operations will move in phases over the summer.

Good To Go! System

The Washington State Department of Transportation launched the new Good To Go! this week, following a 10-day closure while the department worked to transition to the new system.

Along with a redesigned MyGoodToGo.com, the new system includes a suite of features requested by customers during the past 10 years.

WSDOT has begun to post trips to Good To Go! accounts and customers may see charges to their credit card or bank account if their Good To Go! account replenishes. With the launch of the new system, customers with unpaid tolls will have at least two extra weeks to pay. WSDOT hopes this additional time will help ease the rush of activity following the reopening.

Mello new chair

Pierce County Councilmember Ryan Mello was appointed vice chair of the Puget Sound Regional Council's (PSRC) Transportation Policy Board. The TPB includes representatives of the PSRC's member jurisdictions (local governments in Pierce, King, Kitsap and Snohomish Counties) and regional business, labor, civic and environmental groups.

Previously while on the Tacoma City Council, Mello chaired the Growth Management Policy Board of the PSRC, charged with developing a vision for the four-county's housing, population growth and protection of our quality of life.

Now on the TPB, Mello says, "I will be working on ensuring our transportation system is safe and funded equitably and pursues our goals of facilitating connections to opportunities and prosperity for more people in central Puget Sound."

Port in-person meetings

Following the lifting of broad COVID-19 restrictions on June 30, the Port of Tacoma Commission announced on July 9 that it will return to in-person meetings. It started with a study session on July 13 followed by a regular commission meeting on July 15.

The commission holds regular public meetings at noon on the third Thursday of each month at the Fabulich Center, Room 104, at 3600 Port of Tacoma Road. Commission meetings will continue to be broadcast live on the Port's website and are archived for on-demand viewing. The public may also attend commission meetings by phone. Dial-in information is posted at the Port's commission meeting webpage in advance of each meeting. Learn more at PortofTacoma.com.

KWA scholarship

Korean Women's Association (KWA) has announced the opportunity for students to apply for a scholarship to support achievement of their post-secondary educational goals.

To qualify for a KWA scholarship, you must be a resident of Washington State as a citizen or a permanent legal resident; be accepted for college or trade school; meet student status requirements for specific awards: enrolled as a full-time, undergraduate student in a degree-granting or trade school program expecting to graduate this year from high school and enroll in a full-time undergraduate degree-granting or trade school program, or completing a two-year college or trade program, and demonstrate financial need.

To learn more and apply for the scholarship, visit KWAcare.org/kwa-scholarship or email communications specialist Kelsey Horne at khorne@kwacare.org.

ZEIGER SEEKS TO MOVE FROM LEGISLATURE

BY MATT NAGLE

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As a member of the Washington State Legislature for 10 years, Hans Zeiger is depending on that legacy to propel him to win the District 2 seat on the Pierce



has represented central Pierce County in the Legislature for a decade.

County Council, which includes Puyallup, Sumner, Fife, Edgewood, Milton, Browns Point, Northeast Tacoma, part of the Port of Tacoma, Pacific, and part of Auburn.

He was elected to the State House of Representatives in 2010 and reelected in 2012 and 2014, representing the 25th Legislative District, then elected to the 25th District Senate seat in 2016. He currently holds positions as ranking

member on the Housing Stability and Affordability Committee and the State Government, Tribal Affairs and Elections Committee.

"I am the only candidate in this race with legislative experience," he said. "I have represented central Pierce County in the Legislature for a decade and have gotten to know the concerns and priorities of people in our area. I have a track record of getting things done to address issues like homelessness, affordable housing, and transportation."

Among Zeiger's accomplishments as State Representative was to help secure funding to complete the Highway 167 project from Puyallup to the Port of Tacoma. As state Senator, he led the push to accelerate the completion of the project so that it is finished three years sooner than originally anticipated.

Zeiger, a Republican, chalks it up his ability to work with members of both parties, something he reiterated several times.

"I have worked with people in both parties to fund the completion of Highway 167, support our schools, and fund local projects like improvements to the Puyallup Fish Hatchery, the Arlington Drive Youth Campus for homeless youth, and the Step by Step center at the former Van Lierop Bulb Farm to support at-risk mothers," he said. As County Councilman, "I want to work with people of all political affiliations to make our neighborhoods stronger where neighbors can make a difference in shaping the future of our community, and the County Council should be proactive in supporting that." Promoting civility in the Washington legislature, Zeiger and Rep. Sam Hunt

(D-Olympia) were the first recipients of the Gabrielle Giffords Award for Civility in State Governance in 20115 for working with the National Institute for Civil Discourse to train lawmakers from across the state to find common ground. Zeiger was also recognized as legislator of the year by the Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs, and as a 2019 "Legislative Champion" by the Association of Washington Cities.

In addition to building connected, inclusive, walkable, and affordable neighborhoods as a member of the County Council, supporting the private sector is another of Zeiger's priorities.

"We need an economic base that can sustain our community as we recover from COVID-19, and we need a Council that will advocate for our local businesses as they create jobs and allow more people to work right here in Pierce County," he said.

He advises making sure that the private sector gets all the support it needs as the county emerges from the pandemic.

"Businesses of all sizes are finding creative and responsible ways to move forward, so let's make sure they have what they need from government whether it's PPE, clarity about the rules that they're expected to abide by, or whether it's a voice in their government when public health officials and others are making decisions."

Zeiger noted that many of the regulations and laws in place at the state level really aren't needed in a time like this, and that begs the question of whether they're needed at all.

"Let's figure out ways that we can ease the regulatory burdens on businesses so

more businesses can create more jobs and grow Pierce County's economy as we come out of this time period," he said. Of course, the county budget is at the forefront of Zeiger's mind. "We need to make responsible budget choices that prioritize public safety and health, including mental health and substance use disorder treatment. Whether it's homeless adults who are experiencing substance abuse disorder, or high school students struggling with mental illness, I am eager to get involved and be part of the solution at the county level."

Zeiger said that when making any decision on how he will vote on issues, he applies three criteria: his district, his party, and his conscience.

"Hopefully all three line up, but there are times you have to stick with your conscience over all else, and there are times you have to choose your district over your party. I've done that on many occasions. And I arrive at a decision through listening to constituents, learning from constituents, and engaging in a conversation. I think that decision-making process is why I've been able to earn broad bipartisan support in my previous elections."

Zeiger graduated from Puyallup High School and holds a bachelor's degree from Hillsdale College and a Masters degree in Public Policy from Pepperdine University. He is also author of the recently published book, "Puyallup in World War II."

Learn more about Zeiger at www.HansZeiger.com.

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Cyndie Fajardo has been with the Department for 32 years. She says her time in management makes her the better choice.

It has been nearly 20 years since Pierce County voters cast their ballots for a new sheriff, and in this election the choice includes a woman – something of a rare occurrence for the county in this position of public service.

While she may be a new face among voters, Lieutenant Cyndie Fajardo is a 36-year veteran of law enforcement. She began her career in Colorado in 1979 as a deputy with the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Department, one of three women to attend the police academy there at that time. She came to Pierce County in the late 1980s and has spent 32 years with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department.

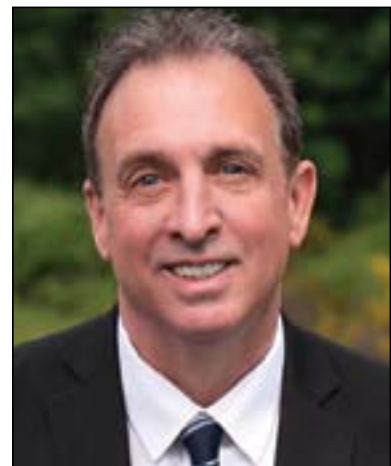
AFTER 20 YEARS THERE'S ABOUT TO BE A NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN

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Over that time she worked her way through the ranks and divisions of the department – from street patrol to narcotics teams, commanding the Parkland-Spanaway Precinct and multiple community programs. She is currently a task force leader for Washington State Urban Search and Rescue, which responded to the World Trade Center disaster, Hurricane Katrina, the OSO Landslide and other national disasters. Locally, she is manager of the Sheriff's Search and Rescue Program where she partners with deputies and volunteers to bring home the missing.

When asked why she chose to run for Pierce County Sheriff, especially during these times of so much contro-

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Ed Troyer has been with the Sheriff's Department for 36 years, 20 of them as high-profile public information officer.

Through his work as the Pierce County Sheriff's Department's public information officer for the past 20 years, Ed Troyer is a familiar face among locals. In total, he has put in 35 years with the department and he says that now is the right time in his career to run for the county sheriff position.

"I was born and raised in Tacoma and I love this county and our department. I'm not ready to be done," he said. "A lot of people came to me and asked me if I'd run. I took a hard look at it and decided that I would be able to do it, and my heart would be 100 percent into it."

Troyer said that endorsements for his campaign continue to come in, most

recently Tacoma Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 31, Longshore and Warehouse Union Local #23 and Pierce County Sheriff Paul Pastor.

"I intend to vote for Ed Troyer for Sheriff and I encourage you to vote for Ed as well," Pastor said in a written statement. "I believe that he is best suited to build on the Department's accomplishments, keep it centered and address and correct its imperfections. He will maintain ethical and legal practices, which will serve to protect the rights as well as the safety of the community."

Like Fajardo, Troyer has seen his share of scrutiny in the media, and he welcomes it. "Being in the public eye opens me up for more scrutiny and I expect

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Bill Sterud
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Sterud known for spending millions of Tribal Members money to get re-elected

TROUBLED TRIBAL LEADER FILES LAWSUIT

The Puyallup tribe is back in the news again, this time stemming from last week's announcement that the tribal council intends to file a lawsuit against hydropower company Electron Hydro, located near Orting. The tribe is alleging intentional and ongoing violations of the Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act after rubber debris flowed downstream to the Puyallup River from a mishap during a project to modernize the dam. Tribal council vice chair Sylvia Miller told the Seattle Times that the tribe "will do whatever we have to, to protect those lands and waters; we will take every dime if we have to."

This is the same type of rhetoric that came from the tribe during its failed fight to stop the liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant from being constructed at the Port of Tacoma. The tribal council went so far as to declare a "climate state of emergency" over the plant and accused Puget Sound Energy of hoodwinking the public, stating, "From the beginning, PSE engaged in a deceptive marketing campaign of promoting LNG as a soundbite-friendly 'transition fuel'."

A spokesperson for Electron Hydro stated that the tribe previously supported the project to perform work necessary to install sediment and fish exclusion facilities at the dam in order to protect salmon

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THERE'S ABOUT TO BE A NEW SHERIFF



Fajardo with Search and Rescue at the OSO landslide.

versy where law enforcement is concerned, she replied, "I dedicated my life to it. When I began my law enforcement career, I always had the hope that maybe someday I could be a police chief or sheriff and try my ideas out on the profession. I know that I'll give 100 percent to it and be extremely successful in moving the department forward."

During the course of her election campaign, Fajardo has been scrutinized heavily for the alleged violations of protocols, practices and procedures among the Sheriff's drug unit that Fajardo formerly supervised. While she can't comment due to ongoing investigations, she did emphasize that the unit deals with cartel-level drug trafficking, which requires hard and immediate decisions that she stands behind.

"It will be dealt with and the truth will be known. I don't believe I did anything illegal, as was proven by the investigation. Once it's all out, people will understand that my unit conducted themselves with integrity. They wanted to protect the citizens of Pierce County," she said. "They made many sacrifices

in their personal life to do this very dangerous job, and we're getting multiple pounds (of drugs) off the streets of Pierce County that did not get into the hands of our children or relatives."

As Sheriff, Fajardo has numerous ideas in mind for how she would run the department, with recruiting new deputies being a top priority.

"We need new blood because it brings new ideas," she said. "We need that new, young blood that will take the department to the future."

Diversity among the force is also important to her. "I've always felt that our department did not reflect the community that we represent. I encourage people of color to apply for a job with our department. We need that diversity. It helps my other officers understand things, especially the nuances that come with different cultures. You don't learn that from a book; you learn it by having that exposure and those friendships and having peers to bounce things off of. That's where you really get down to learning what you need to do your job effectively."

She wants voters to take into account her years of being in the trenches with officers. "I've gone to your house on your call. I've probably been the one that came upon your car accident. In my search and rescue work, I'm the one that held your hand while your kid was missing. I'm the one that was out there with you on all of these."

"You have to know the work the officers are doing. You have to know what they need when you're the boss. I will never lose that contact with my street folk because they are the heart and soul of the department. They're the ones that have the everyday contact with the community. It has always been my belief that I can't ask you to do something that I'm not willing to try to do myself. That's what makes me the candidate that voters should select."



Sheriff Paul Pastor and Ed Troyer speak at a press conference about slain deputy Daniel

that. Our department does some things really well and other things that we need to do better and improve on."

Between himself and his opponent, Cyndie Fajardo, Troyer believes that is the better choice of candidate in that he would bring with him his sense of the community programs that he has either partnered with or led for many years - executive director of Pierce County Crime Stoppers, lead coordinator for the local Toys for Tots, and commissioner on the Washington State Gambling Commission, among others.

"I think this is the right time for that to happen - for community organizations, alternative programs and law enforcement to come together to address the problems that we have," he said. "I like to have other agencies helping with mental health, homelessness and drug and alcohol addiction because the more professionals that do that, the more it frees our people up to do police work. Let's bring people in to work together."

Another reason that Troyer believes makes him the best pick for Sheriff is his experience in communities of color through Toys for Tots, law enforcement youth camp and many organizations away from law enforcement and with law enforcement.

"I have direct family members that are Native American and that are African American. They've grown up with me and I've grown up with them," he said. "I've coached youth sports for 20 years so I'm really tied into what the kids are

doing. Some have even applied to work for us."

He said that one of his first tasks as Sheriff will be to put together a diversified team of leaders. "By the time I'm done, half of my staff will be women and people of color."

Troyer began his career with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department in 1985 as a deputy and worked the streets for 10 years. From there, he spent five years in the investigations unit, juvenile detention, special operations and was on the FBI gang task force. Working in administration for the past two decades, Troyer runs the department's child abduction response team. He developed the county's original Amber Alert and Silver Alert plans as well. He has been awarded with four medals of merit and additional professional commendations.

With the prospect of being elected sheriff, Troyer made the decision to step away from some of his commitments so that he can focus on his job. A new executive director for Pierce County Crime Stoppers has been named, he attended his last meeting with the state Gambling Commission last month, and he will act as advisor only to Toys for Tots. He isn't gone from them for good, however.

"I want to continue our Sheriff's Department working with those types of groups and others - churches, non-profits, foundations - all the community groups throughout Pierce County, and tie us closer to them," he said. "We can get a lot more done in the community."

CREATING ARTISTIC EXPRESSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA

Art is expression, and now people living with dementia in Pierce County can express themselves through art.

Openings Minds through Art (OMA) is a new service to our community from Lutheran Community Services (LCS) Northwest. The art classes for people with dementia are made possible by a federal grant from the Administration for Community Living. Scripps Gerontology recently certified LCS Northwest as an OMA provider and Laurie Arndt as our local art instructor.

"It's exciting to facilitate a way for people with dementia to communicate through art," Arndt said. "Participants don't need specific skills other than a willingness to try to be creative."

OMA was founded in 2007 by Dr. Elizabeth "Like" Lokon at the Scripps Gerontology Center, an Ohio Center of Excellence at Miami University. Pierce County is a trailblazer, as our current art students are the first to take virtual OMA classes during the pandemic.

OMA is a series of six weekly classes, held via Zoom, that include instruction and creative time. Prior to the session, supplies are safely dropped off on participants' porches. Classes have four to five artists who are assisted by their care partners. Projects range from collages and paintings to tie-dyes. People with dementia are trained to rely on imagi-



All that's needed is willingness to be creative.

nation instead of memory and focus on remaining strengths instead of lost skills. At the first OMA class here, one participant said she was "frustrated by her brain not working correctly." By the end of class, she said creating art was "very nice and fun." It was clear she felt joy through her art.

Each series of OMA classes will have new participants. Filling classes shouldn't be a problem, as an estimated 12,000 people in Pierce County live with dementia. At the end of a series, students will present a virtual art show. When the pandemic ends, OMA classes and art shows will be held in person.

OMA is part of LCS Northwest's Dementia Friendly Pierce County initiative.

The initiative includes Dementia Friends, a one-hour information session for anyone who wants to learn more about understanding and helping people with dementia.

For more information on OMA, Dementia Friends and Dementia Friendly Pierce County, please contact us at dementiaservices@lcsnw.org, or call LCS Northwest at (253) 272-5433.

HAUNTED HEADLIGHTS TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Tickets for the socially distanced and slightly spooky drive through Haunted Headlights are now on sale. This Oct. 30 & 31, Graham plays host to Pierce County's ghastly glow event. Fit for all ages, the ghoulish and goblin haunted drive takes place in Frontier Park. Visitors will stay safe in their vehicles as they creep along the haunted path of eerie lights and apparitions.

To join in on the family-friendly Haunted Headlights event, it is advised to purchase the limited tickets in advance. The October sky will be lighter during the earlier timeslots, making the experience a little less creepy for younger kiddos.

Pre-sale tickets are \$9 per vehicle and are on sale now. All tickets must be purchased in advance and are available on-line only. Tickets will not be sold at the event site. When purchasing a ticket, attendees will select a date and specific 15-minute entrance time. A limited



number of tickets are available for each entrance time. If an entrance time does not appear on the ticket purchasing site, that entrance time is sold out.

The Haunted Headlight event will go on rain or shine. No refunds will be offered due to inclement weather. Due to limited capacity, purchasing tickets early is encouraged. Tickets may be purchased at www.piercecountywa.org/Haunted-Headlights.

Frontier Park is located at 21606 Meridian E., Graham, WA 98338. Event inquiries may be directed to Kerry Jack, recreation supervisor, Kerry.Jack@piercecountywa.gov or (253) 798-4074.



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EQC CASH FOR VOTES

Whenever election season arrives is when the Puyallup Tribal Council pulls out the checkbook, spending tribal members' money on buying influence with candidates the membership most likely aren't familiar with and have no idea what these candidates will actually do for the tribe. These payouts include state and federal candidates, Democrats and Republicans alike, in an attempt to play both sides of the aisle with a multi-million dollar price tag for Puyallup tribal families and to the detriment of everyone else in the state of Washington.

A Seattle Times article this week headlined "Washington tribes find new energy to vote in 2020 election, pour cash

into races" reports that Washington tribes have donated more than \$1.3 million to local candidates for this election, with the Puyallup and Muckleshoot tribes contributing to nearly half that total. However, when it comes to national political donations, the Puyallups lead the way.

"The Puyallup Tribe is in a class by itself for campaign contributions so far on federal campaigns this year since January 2019, with more than \$2.2 million spent, far and away more than any other Washington tribe, according to data from the Federal Election Commission reports of contributions for 2019-20," the article states. The Puyallup Tribe has given nearly \$240,000 to

Democrats in state and local races, including \$100,000 to the state Democratic Party, and about \$70,000 to Republicans, with \$35,500 going to the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

The tribe spends big bucks on lobbyists as well in order to get what they want, with Puyallup tribal lobbyist Ehren Flygare receiving a healthy paycheck to cuddle up with Republican politicians in particular. Flygare plays fast and loose in the game of politics.

Whether or not what he lobbies for the tribe truly benefits the membership makes no matter. For example, Flygare raised more



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RYAN MELLO

Democratic candidate wants to help bring a shift in power to the County Council

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After serving 10 years on Tacoma City Council, Ryan Mello now has his sights set on the District 4 seat on the Pierce County Council. It was a close race in the primary, with just 245 votes separating Mello, a Democrat, and his opponent, Javier Figueroa, who is running as an Independent.

When asked why he chose to be a political candidate at a time when there is so much chaos in government stemming from dealing with the COVID pandemic, Mello referred back to his experience on Tacoma City Council.

"I joined the Tacoma City Council at the height of the Great Recession, and we immediately had to deal with a \$60 million budget deficit," he said. "Those were tough times, and these times are looking even tougher. It's definitely not going to be a V-shaped recovery like the President is saying. That's not what I see."

It is this type of insight that Mello feels prepared him well to broaden his impact throughout the county.

"In my time on the Tacoma City Council, I learned a lot. One of the major things I learned is that the work we're doing on some of the most critical issues facing our city need to be worked on at the regional level to really have an impact. I want to work regionally at the county and central Puget Sound level."

Affordable housing, homelessness, behavioral health and the climate are issues that Mello said he cares deeply about, all magnified by the public health and economic crisis brought on by the COVID pandemic.

"These are regional issues that need regional cooperation and attention, and where we need to be spending a lot of policy and resource time at the county," he said, noting that the many challenges and opportunities that growth provides for the county is another pressing need for the council to focus on.



Mello intends to bring his Tacoma City Council experience to serve the county.

Among Mello's priorities, human services stand out as a critical need at this time when the pandemic is having an ill effect on people's finances and their security in keeping a roof over their heads. Early in his term on Tacoma City Council, human services leaders came to him for help in getting the city to pass a be-

havioral health tax to fund these services.

"Today it generates \$4.5 million of dedicated resources for behavioral and mental health in our community," he said. He wants the county to pass this same tax.

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MELLO COVER STORY



Mello joined many other community members at a vigil in Tollefson Plaza following the mass killings at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando.

"At the county level, they still haven't done it and it's more than frustrating - it's criminal. It would generate \$14.5 million in the rest of Pierce County if they could pass that revenue stream for really critical services."

Mello also got out in front in setting up Tacoma's very first dedicated affordable housing trust fund to build permanent affordable housing in the city. He turned his attention as well to the conditions of Tacoma's neighborhoods.

"I took the lead to bring stakeholders together to make the case to the public to pass two ballot measures to have dedicated resources to invest in our neighborhood streets, sidewalks and failing bridges," he said.

As executive director of the Pierce Conservation District, the climate and environment are on Mello's radar too, particularly in creating good paying jobs and housing so that Pierce County residents don't have to drive to King County to work.

As he wrote in the 2020 Pierce County Voters' Pamphlet, "Neighbors are worried about how to afford their daily lives. Housing, traffic congestion and rising costs in our region are at the forefront of our minds. Each of these concerns must be tackled at the regional level."

As a Democrat, Mello said that this year is an opportunity for Democrats to make a difference in the make-up of the County Council.

"In my race in general, the majority matters and we have an opportunity this

year to have majority, and not just for the sake of Democrats having a majority. It's been since 2004 that Democrats have had a majority and I think Pierce County is really paying for it. We have not passed a behavioral health tax. There's not an affordable housing trust fund for Pierce County. Traffic is getting worse. I'm fighting for the majority because the investments we're going to make and policies that we'll pass will make a real difference in people's lives."

When all is said and done, Mello said that he just wants people to exercise their right to vote. As he is out campaigning, he said that he makes it a point to explain to voters why it's important for those of any political leaning to fill out their entire ballot, and to not stop at the top with only checking the box for U.S. President.

"When you look at the number of people who fall off and don't vote down the ballot, like for county council races, it's quite a lot, close to 10 percent or more in the last election," he said. "By all signs, we're going to have astronomical turnout of voters for the President and Congress, predictions at close to 90 percent turnout. I'm trying to spend a lot of my time this election season explaining why down ballot races matter."

Learn more about Mello's campaign at www.RyanMello.com.

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SARAH RUMBAUGH: A NEW FACE IN ELECTIONS BUT NOT IN POLITICS

BY MATT NAGLE
matt@tacomaweekly.com

In the race for Pierce County Council District 2, Sarah Rumbaugh is a fresh face in running for office.

"This is my first time running for office, but it's not the first time that I've helped with a political race," she said, noting her work to help fundraise and campaign for candidates she has supported, and the relationships she built in the process.

Her first job in political circles was with Congressman Adam Smith, a key source for her education in politics that led her to where she is today – a choice for voters in the upcoming General Election running as a Democrat against Hans Zeiger, who is running as a Republican.

"I've learned how important it is to listen to what your community thinks is important," she said. "I understand what citizens care about because I've heard from the community."

Rumbaugh also cites her years of experience working closely with non-profits, both as a volunteer and through her own consulting business based in Tacoma. She is on the Human Rights Commission for the City of Tacoma, serves on the city's Housing Equity Task Force, is on the board for Associated Ministries and has worked closely with Catholic Community Services.

"I have boots-on-the-ground experience that tells me what the issues are and what people care about," as she described it. "The person running against me has had 10 years in the legislature and is out of touch with what people really want."

"It's clear to me that being a first-time candidate, I have a better ability to listen and not have a preconceived notion of what people want. Anyone who wants to tell me that things are rosy and great like the Republicans talk about hasn't really been talking to the people. It's time for someone who has a fresh perspective on those issues, especially someone who has been working on those issues every day for several years."

In speaking to Rumbaugh, it's quick to realize that she has some real concerns about what's going to happen as the coronavirus drags on and funding assistance runs out for businesses, non-profits and families.

"What's going to happen come Dec. 31 when we run out of rental assistance money because CARES Act funding expires? That's also when the moratorium ends on evictions," she said. "I see something that we're not prepared for. We need to figure out as a county how we're going to help those people, and they're going to be different people than we've seen before that will be homeless. That's why, as a County Council, we need to be those leaders who step up and come up with some solutions."

Racial equity must be part of the conversation as well, she stated. "We know that a big portion of people who are homeless now are Black and Indigenous People of Color. We need to figure out how in our system we're providing equity when it comes to homelessness and getting people housed. We have a systemic racism issue when it comes to housing and how people have been housed in our community."

Uncontrolled development is another of Rumbaugh's concerns. "We're losing more of our agricultural lands faster in Pierce County than in Snohomish and King counties," she said. "When I'm talking to people who live in the community, they're concerned about the development that's taken place and is going to eventually get rid of one of the amenities they love about living in District 2, and in our county."

In Rumbaugh's view, a county that takes care of its people and its lands is one that will attract new business and investments, which, in turn, benefits everyone who lives there.

"It's important that we look at how we provide social services to people to meet the needs of our community so that we're ripe for that development when it's ready to come here," she said. "We will have some smart people that will be on the County Council come Nov. 3 if we see a change in leadership. I think you'll see a lot of positive things happen for Pierce County. I'm not somebody who's going to live with rose-colored glasses either, but I couldn't do the work I do if I didn't think positively." Learn more about Rumbaugh's campaign at www.SarahRumbaugh.com.



Rumbaugh wants the county to be prepared when COVID funding assistance ends for people and businesses.

COUNTY COUNCIL REALLOCATES CARES ACT FUNDS

BY MATT NAGLE
matt@tacomaweekly.com

The Pierce County Council has reallocated \$18.5 million in CARES Act monies to provide additional assistance to veterans and residents negatively impacted by COVID-19, and to establish a new program aimed at keeping local restaurants open.

With an eye toward preserving local jobs and encouraging restaurants to fill vacant tables, the Council dedicated \$7.5 million from its federal CARES Act allocation to create a program that would offer a 30 percent discount to dine-in customers, excluding alcohol purchases. The 30 percent discount is only available to customers eating at eligible restaurants during a two-week promotional window. The promotional dates have not been set.

Licensed restaurants in operation before March 23, 2020 that continue to operate and be open to the public, and that are full-service restaurants designated with a NAICS Code 722511 on their business license, are eligible.

The total amount of funding available to each restaurant cannot exceed \$90,000. During the two-week promotional period, eligible restaurants can receive compensation up to 50 percent of gross sales for dine-in meals, excluding alcohol, for each day. No participating restaurants will receive less than \$5,000.

Businesses wishing to participate must

percent discount can apply to take out meals during the two-week promotional period. More information about the promotional dine-in event, including participating restaurants and dates, will be shared once the program is operational.

The ordinance establishing the new restaurant program now goes to the Pierce County Executive for signature. Once signed, the Economic Development Department will begin program implementation and event promotion. Restaurants interested in applying for the new program should check the Economic Development Department website piercecounitywa.gov/CARESbusiness, which will share information once the program is ready for applicants.

Through separate legislative action, the Council also increased funding to the following CARES Act programs: \$5 million to the existing residential rental assistance program; \$4 million to the existing Commercial Rent and Mortgage Assistance Program; \$1 million to the existing childcare program; and \$1 million to the existing veteran assistance program.

The \$18.5 million for these programs comes from the contingency reserve fund the Council established when it received nearly \$158 million from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The contingency reserve account previously had



Part of the County's plan to help restaurants is to offer a 30 percent discount to dine-in customers.

enter into a written agreement with Pierce County and at a minimum must agree to operate in accordance with the state's "Safe Start" reopening plan and applicable federal, state and local public health guidance and directives; participate in the full-service restaurant promotion campaign outlined in the ordinance; provide all restaurant patrons with at least a 30 percent discount on dine-in meal purchases, excluding alcohol, during the two-week promotional period specified in the agreement unless modified by the local health officer; and provide documentation of gross sales of dine-in meals, excluding alcohol, and the value of discounts given for each eligible day during the two-week promotional period.

Should the local health officer determine it is unsafe for restaurants to offer dine-in service due to increasing COVID-19 case transmissions, the 30

\$23,162,031. With the reallocation, the remaining contingency fund balance now sits at just over \$4.6 million.

The Council also earmarked \$50,000 in CARES Act monies previously dedicated to Public Health Emergency Response for Rainier Communications Commission to hire a consultant to negotiate a new agreement to step up public health outreach to COVID-vulnerable populations.

Residents seeking rental or mortgage assistance, those looking for childcare assistance or veterans seeking help can find information online at apiercecounitywa.gov/COVID19help, or by calling (253) 798-7171. Business owners looking for more information about available business relief options should visit piercecounitywa.gov/CARESbusiness or call (253) 798-6150.

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4514 72nd Ave. W.
University Place, WA 98466

INVOICE 1730**DATE 09/28/2020****DUE DATE 09/28/2020**

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
09/05/2020	Payment	Credit card	1	-1,329.00	-1,329.00
09/25/2020	Graphic Services	Signs poster, photos	1	1,329.00	1,329.00

TOTAL DUE**\$0.00****PAID**



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Friends of T'wina Nobles
P.O.box 65905
University Place,, WA 98464

INVOICE 1726

DATE 09/10/2020

DUE DATE 09/10/2020

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
09/10/2020	Contract	T Nobles WEB 6 weeks	6	300.00	1,800.00

PAYMENT 1,800.00

TOTAL DUE \$0.00

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Sarah Rumbaugh for Pierce
County Council
6716 East Side Dr. NE
Ste. 1-325
Tacoma, WA 98422

INVOICE 1736**DATE 10/20/2020****DUE DATE 10/20/2020**

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
10/20/2020	1/2 page	1/2 page ad to run 10/21 10/28 Web to run 10/21-11/3	1	1,200.00	1,200.00

PAYMENT 1,200.00

TOTAL DUE \$0.00

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Troyer 4 Sheriff
6824 19th St. W #140
Tacoma, WA 98466

INVOICE 1737**DATE 10/20/2020****DUE DATE 10/20/2020**

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
10/19/2020	Web Ad - Block 300x250	2 weeks ends 11/3/20	1	400.00	400.00
10/20/2020	Services	Banners	4	35.00	140.00
10/21/2020	1/2 page		1	330.00	330.00
10/28/2020	1/2 page		1	330.00	330.00

PAID

PAYMENT 1,200.00

TOTAL DUE \$0.00

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\$3600

Contract rate -20% 8 for week run

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Matt Nagle

Accepted by: Andrew Orlebeke

Campaign Manager

Andrew@StricklandForWashington.com

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Rep: John Weymer / Matt Nagle Title: Campaign Manager

Print Name: Andrew Orlebeke

Date: 09/08/2020 Date: 9/9/2020

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Phone: 616-560-3848

From: John Weymer jweymer@tacomaweekly.com
Subject: Re: Corrected Contract
Date: October 8, 2020 at 11:35 AM
To: Jason Whalen jason@ledgersquarelaw.com



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TACOMA WEEKLY inc.

Client: Whalen for Council

Address:
7201 Holly Hedge Lane SW#2
Lakewood, WA 98499
Billing Info:

PRINT:
40 units @ \$50 per unit \$2000

WEB:
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From: Jason Whalen jason@ledgersquarelaw.com
Subject: Updated Contract for Tacoma Weekly
Date: October 8, 2020 at 1:45 PM
To: John Weymer jweymer@tacomaweekly.com
Cc: Tom Perry dawgperry@gmail.com, Josh Amato josh@sermodigital.com

JW

John,

Thank you. Attached is the updated and executed contract. We will update the ad copy for the next sequence of ads.

Thanks.

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Subject: Re: Figueroa4CountyCouncil Dist.4.pdf
Date: May 19, 2020 at 12:52 PM
To: John Weymer jweymer@tacomaweekly.com
Cc: Javier Figueroa javfig@comcast.net



John,
What's the best way to know when you publish an article on me? I need to follow up after print.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 19, 2020, at 12:50 PM, Javier Figueroa <javfig@comcast.net> wrote:

Thank you.

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On May 19, 2020, at 12:40 PM, John Weymer <jweymer@tacomaweekly.com> wrote:

We will take good care of you, we need you on county council. thanks for the release and thanks for running your in my district.
John Weymer

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On May 19, 2020, at 12:29 PM, Javier Figueroa <javfig@comcast.net> wrote:

John,

Attached is a press release for my council race. Are you able to print in the Tacoma Weekly?

Javier
<Figueroa4CountyCouncil Dist.4.pdf>

From: Javier Figueroa javfig@comcast.net
Subject: Fwd: Follow up
Date: September 14, 2020 at 2:32 PM
To: John Weymer jweymer@tacomaweekly.com
Cc: Javier Figueroa javfig@comcast.net



FYI
John, do you want to provide an answer that I can sent this guy.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Austin Jenkins <austin@nwnewsnetwork.org>
Date: September 14, 2020 at 1:54:36 PM PDT
To: contact@electjavier.com
Subject: Follow up

Hello Mr. Figueroa,

Thanks for taking my call. I'm trying to find out more about the \$2,500 in-kind payment you made to the Tacoma Weekly for an Ad Campaign on 8/8/20 (as reported to the PDC) and what was included for that price.

Thanks

Austin

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(360) 352-8488 office
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From: Javier Figueroa javfig@comcast.net
Subject: Fwd: Let's Get You Elected
Date: August 9, 2020 at 9:28 AM
To: John Weymer jweymer@tacomaweekly.com

JF

FYI

From: Javier Figueroa <javfig@comcast.net>
Date: August 9, 2020 at 9:26:28 AM PDT
To: Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>
Subject: Re: Let's Get You Elected

Ok, I'm in. Javier

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On Aug 5, 2020, at 3:00 PM, Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com> wrote:

Dear Javier,

With the Aug. 4 primary over and candidates now chosen for the upcoming General Election, the Tacoma Weekly is here to help get you elected. Let us brand you as the best candidate for the job while you support independent community journalism.

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Thank you!

Matt Nagle
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mnagle@tacomaweekly.com
<Lets Get You Elected-3.pdf>

John Weymer
(253) 405-4893
jweymer@tacomaweekly.com

From: Javier Figueroa javfig@comcast.net
Subject: Re: Important! Kent Keel Quote in Support & Photo
Date: September 29, 2020 at 4:47 PM
To: John Weymer jweymer@tacomaweekly.com, Matt Nagle mnagle@tacomaweekly.com

JF

Thanks.. I'm buying a full page ad in the Tacoma Weekly. Having you, Willie, Stortini, Tim Strege and maybe Jerry Korum as supporters with various businesses as well. In color.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 29, 2020, at 4:44 PM, Javier Figueroa <javfig@comcast.net> wrote:

I want to use Keel's photo and quote. Use the best if the long quote. His title should be:
University Place Councilman & former mayor and Chair, Sound Transit Board of Directors.
Use him versus using Jerry Korum—I don't believe Jerry responded with a quote.

From: Kent Keel <kent.keel@gmail.com>
Date: September 29, 2020 at 4:34:48 PM PDT
To: Javier Figueroa <javfig@comcast.net>
Subject: Quote in Support

I have had the privilege of serving on UP City Council with Javier for over eight years. While he was UP Mayor, I served as Mayor Pro tem. I have seen Javier up close. I know him to be a tenacious advocate for working families and businesses. He takes the time to understand the details of issues to help determine the best path forward. I am confident he will do a great job for us on the Pierce County Council and he has my full support.

<Kent_Keel_IMG_1182.jpg>

From: Tacoma Weekly News quickbooks@notification.intuit.com
Subject: Invoice 1730 from Tacoma Weekly News
Date: September 28, 2020 at 1:16 PM
To: javfig@comcast.net
Cc: jweymer@tacomaweekly.com



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John Weymer

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Subject: Re: Invoice 1730 from Tacoma Weekly News
Date: September 29, 2020 at 7:58 AM
To: Javier Figueroa javfig@comcast.net
Cc: jweymer@tacomaweekly.com



I figured how to open it . John, the fee was more than paying for graffic services.

I need the details on the posters, signs, boxes, added ads, etc. we talked about.

I need it today.

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On Sep 29, 2020, at 7:53 AM, Javier Figueroa <javfig@comcast.net> wrote:

There's nothing on the invoice except it's paid off. I need details on what I paid for.

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From: Javier Figueroa javfig@comcast.net
Subject: Javier H. Figueroa, University Place Councilmember
Date: June 10, 2020 at 8:07 AM
To: John Weymer jweymer@tacomaweekly.com
Cc: contact@electjavier.com



John, in case you do print my letter. Here's a photo to go with it.

Javier

From: Javier Figueroa [mailto:javfig@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:41 PM
To: 'John Weymer' <jweymer@tacomaweekly.com>
Cc: 'Javier Figueroa' <javfig@comcast.net>
Subject: Javier H. Figueroa, University Place Councilmember

John,

Here is my statement as a public official on the current unrest in our society. I hope it's worthy to print in your paper.

Javier

Javier H. Figueroa
June 10, 2020

#SocialJusticeBroken

I acknowledge and feel the pain of our brothers and sisters that live under a microscope of racism and injustice from the very communities that are supposed to protect and serve us all. I'm an immigrant from Mexico that grew up in Texas during the height of racism towards anyone of color and of low social class. I lived in a time where the laws seemed to protect the privileged and suppress the less fortunate. People of color, especially African Americans overcame much of this injustice because of great leaders like Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.—who called for hope, nonviolence and dreams for a better life.

Hatred and violence are not "change agents" for social justice. In 1967, Reverend King Jr. wrote his last book "Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?" He advocated for human rights and hope. He understood the power of nonviolent protest. He was and is a "change agent" to this day. His message of love, hope, and to dream for a better world changed the divide between all races—he advocated for equal treatment for all Americans!

Our country—our communities need to be free from oppression and injustice from anyone, but especially from those that are given the authority to protect and to serve. It's time for change of our criminal justice system. We as a community have a social contract with the criminal justice system—to obey the laws of the land and expect to be protected from lawless actors/actions. Unfortunately, this social contract is broken—the criminal justice system is broken. Many of our community members live in fear because of their race or social class—fear that they will be singled out and charged without cause or worse...put to death. It is time for change, a change of the criminal justice system towards police brutality, accountability, and the court system.

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Date: September 29, 2020 at 8:05 AM
To: John Weymer jweymer@tacomaweekly.com, Matt Nagle mnagle@tacomaweekly.com
Cc: Javier Figueroa javfig@comcast.net



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Date: Mon, Sep 28, 2020 at 8:51 AM

Subject:

To: matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

<javier full page-2.png>

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Subject: Weekly Campaign for Figueroa
Date: August 25, 2020 at 12:24 PM
To: Matt Nagle mnagle@tacomaweekly.com, John Weymer jweymer@tacomaweekly.com
Cc: Javier Figueroa javfig@comcast.net



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Cc: contact@electjavier.com



Anyway we can schedule a call to discuss my email below?

Javier

Sent from my iPhone

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Javier

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Subject: RE: Yard sign resolution
Date: September 14, 2020 at 9:08 AM
To: Javier Figueroa javfig@comcast.net
Cc: Matt Nagle mnagle@tacomaweekly.com, John Weymer jweymer@tacomaweekly.com



Here you go!
Let me know if you need anything else.

Adam Lindgren

Vice President of Sales
Print NW

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From: Javier Figueroa <javfig@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 7:18 PM
To: Adam Lindgren <AdamL@PrintNW.net>
Cc: 'Javier Figueroa' <javfig@comcast.net>; 'Matt Nagle' <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>; 'John Weymer' <jweymer@tacomaweekly.com>
Subject: Yard sign resolution

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Are you able to help us out?

Javier

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Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 1:01 PM
To: Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>; Javier Figueroa <javfig@comcast.net>
Subject: Re: Last look at box

Hi, for you have a better resolution version 150 or right dpi of your yard sign. If so email it to me.

John Weymer
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John Weymer



Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Contract

1 message

Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Thu, Aug 13, 2020 at 12:19 PM

To: Javier Figueroa <javfig@comcast.net>

Hi Javier,
Here is the contract. Just fill out the bottom right and send back to me.

Thank you!
Matt



Javier-Friends of Tacoma Let's Get .docx

16K



Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Tacoma Weekly Contract

3 messages

Javier Figueroa <javfig@comcast.net>
To: Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>
Cc: Javier Figueroa <javfig@comcast.net>

Fri, Aug 14, 2020 at 8:59 AM

Matt,

The contract is quite vague. We need to discuss the details of the package. We can discuss before our meeting on Monday or on Monday when we meet.

Javier

From: Matt Nagle [mailto:mnagle@tacomaweekly.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 12:20 PM
To: Javier Figueroa <javfig@comcast.net>
Subject: Contract

Hi Javier,

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Thank you!

Matt

Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>
To: John Weymer <jweymer@tacomaweekly.com>

Fri, Aug 14, 2020 at 9:30 AM

[Quoted text hidden]

Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>
To: Javier Figueroa <javfig@comcast.net>

Fri, Aug 14, 2020 at 11:01 AM

I'll have a more detailed contract ready when we meet.



Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Javier disclaimer

4 messages

Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>
To: John Weymer <jweymer@tacomaweekly.com>

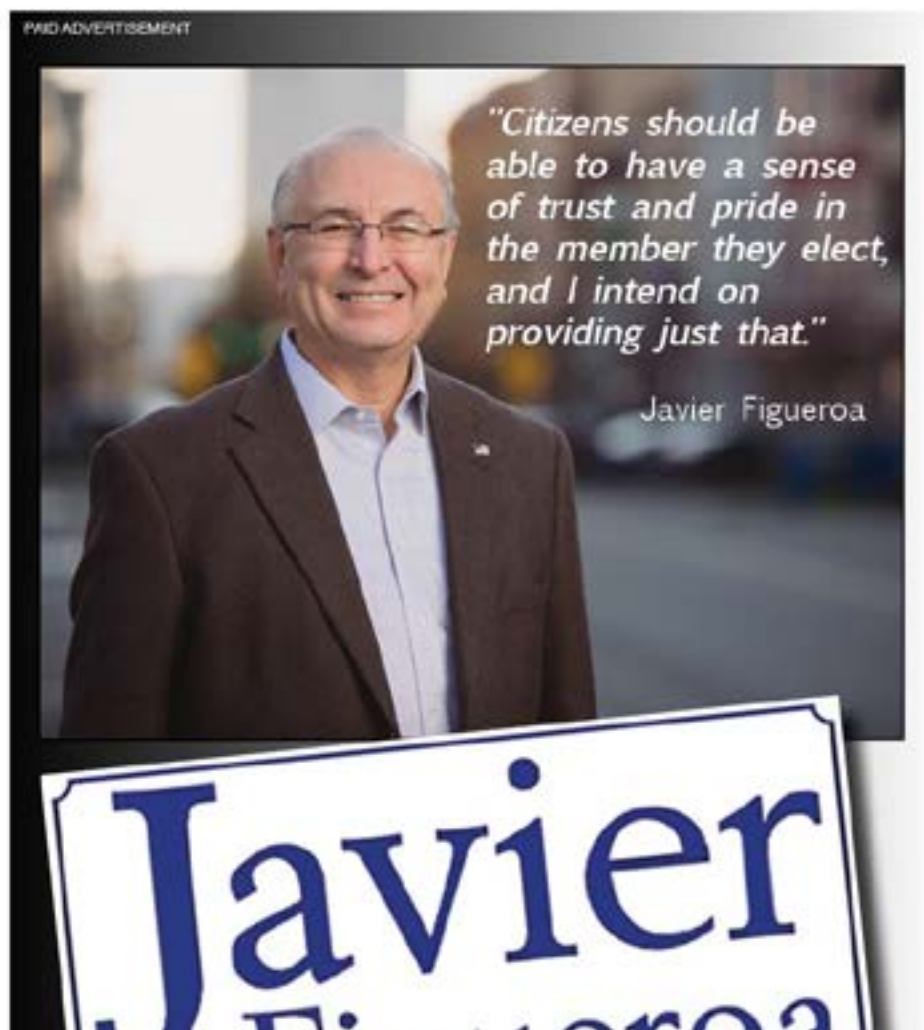
Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 11:29 AM

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

Paid for by Citizens to Elect Javier

John Weymer <jweymer@tacomaweekly.com>
To: Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Tue,





Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Javier photos to use

1 message

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Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 10:10 AM

To: John Weymer <jweymer@tacomaweekly.com>, Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

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3 attachments



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Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Weekly Campaign for Figueroa

6 messages

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Sat, Aug 29, 2020 at 10:56 AM



Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Per your request

1 message

Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>
To: Javier Figueroa <javfig@comcast.net>

Fri, Oct 9, 2020 at 2:56 PM

Let me know if any of this doesn't make it through.

Thanks Javier!

6 attachments**Joe Stortini.jpg**
8K**Kent Keel.jpg**
104K**Willie Stewart.png**
225K**FROM JOE STORTINI.docx**
36K



Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

The Man BBQ

1 message

Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>
To: Javier Figueroa <javfig@comcast.net>

Sun, Sep 27, 2020 at 5:42 PM

3 attachments



The Man BBQ-1.jpg
764K



The Man BBQ-2.jpg
1967K



The Man BBQ-3.jpg
1948K



Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

(no subject)

2 messages

John Weymer <jweymer@tacomaweekly.com>
To: matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

A campaign poster for Javier Figueroa, an Independent candidate for Pierce County Council. The poster features a portrait of Javier Figueroa, a middle-aged man with glasses, wearing a dark suit and a light blue shirt. The background is a stylized American flag with stars and stripes. The text on the poster includes: "SUPPORTING SMALL BUS" at the top, "Javier Figueroa" in large blue letters, "Indepe" (likely Independent) and "wwwElect" (likely www.Elect) below his name, "For Pierce County Council" in a blue banner, "We Support Javier" in large red letters, and a logo for "SAPPORO" (Sapporo Steak House & Sushi) at the bottom left. A testimonial from Sam's Barber Shop is at the bottom right.

SUPPORTING SMALL BUS

Javier Figueroa

Indepe
wwwElect

For Pierce County Council

We Support Javier

SAPPORO
Sapporo Steak House & Sushi

Sam's Barber Shop
"Javier has always been great f
University Place. He has suppo
through COVID and I really app



Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Business endorsement

1 message

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We need to use these guys versus the cleaners if necessary. Neesa's Kitchen

Sent from my iPhone



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2844K



Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Important! Kent Keel Quote in Support & Photo4 messages

Javier Figueroa <javfig@comcast.net>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 4:44 PM

To: John Weymer <jweymer@tacomaweekly.com>, Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

I want to use Keel's photo and quote. Use the best if the long quote. His title should be:
University Place Councilman & former mayor and Chair, Sound Transit Board of Directors.
Use him versus using Jerry Korum—I don't believe Jerry responded with a quote.

From: Kent Keel <kent.keel@gmail.com>
Date: September 29, 2020 at 4:34:48 PM PDT
To: Javier Figueroa <javfig@comcast.net>
Subject: Quote in Support

I have had the privilege of serving on UP City Council with Javier for over eight years. While he was UP Mayor, I served as Mayor Pro tem. I have seen Javier up close. I know him to be a tenacious advocate for working families and businesses. He takes the time to understand the details of issues to help determine the best path forward. I am confident he will do a great job for us on the Pierce County Council and he has my full support.



Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Keel

1 message

Javier Figueroa <javfig@comcast.net>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 5:14 PM

To: John Weymer <jweymer@tacomaweekly.com>, Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

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Thu, Sep 10, 2020 at 5:38 PM

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Cc: Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

You are good at you do. Thank you.

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Yard sign resolution3 messages

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There is a Weekly box on 6th and near the intersection of MLK. Looks like a great location to place the posters-both sides and the back-which shows to the street.

Important: here are the businesses I want to show case in my full page ad:

The Man BBQ

LaShawn — Neesa's Kitchen

Josephine Italian Restaurant— Stortini

Sapporo's

Sam's Barbershop

UP Car Repair Shop

Willie Stewart

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Hi Javier!

Here are those photos from yesterday and their quotes. For Neesa's Kitchen, I have the photos I took at the BBQ and can get hold of LaShawn for a quote.

Matt

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Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Joesepis

1 message

Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>
To: Javier Figueroa <javfig@comcast.net>

Sun, Sep 27, 2020 at 5:39 PM

4 attachments



JoeSeppi's Sign.jpg
1835K



JoeSeppi's-2.jpg
2057K



JoeSeppi's-3.jpg
2341K



Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Royal Cleaners

1 message

Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>
To: Javier Figueroa <javfig@comcast.net>

Sun, Sep 27, 2020 at 5:40 PM

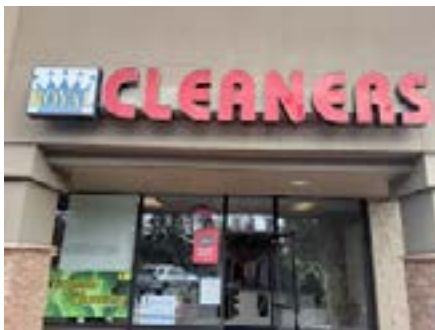
3 attachments



Royal Cleaners-1.jpg
1483K



Royal Cleaners-2.jpg
1599K



Royal Cleaners Sign.jpg
2008K



Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Sam's Barber Shop

1 message

Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>
To: Javier Figueroa <javfig@comcast.net>

Sun, Sep 27, 2020 at 5:40 PM

6 attachments



Sam's Barber Shop-3.jpg
1617K



Sam's Barber Shop Sign-2.jpg
2044K



Sam's Barber Shop Store Front.jpg
2132K



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Sapporo & UP Radiator

1 message

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To: Javier Figueroa <javfig@comcast.net>

Sun, Sep 27, 2020 at 5:41 PM

3 attachments



Sapporo.jpg
1950K



UP Radiator & Auto Service Sign.jpg
1968K



UP Radiator & Auto Service.jpg
2424K



Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Quotes from Yesterday

1 message

Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>
To: Javier Figueroa <javfig@comcast.net>

Sun, Sep 27, 2020 at 5:42 PM



Javier List.docx
96K

From: Jason Whalen jason@ledgersquarelaw.com
Subject: RE: Corrected Contract
Date: October 1, 2020 at 7:06 PM
To: John Weymer jweymer@tacomaweekly.com

JW

Thanks, John. Are you guys doing any sort of article or correction note?

Jason M. Whalen
Attorney
Ledger Square Law, P.S. | www.ledgersquarelaw.com
710 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402
Direct: (253) 327-1701
Main: (253) 327-1900
Fax: (253) 327-1700

From: John Weymer <jweymer@tacomaweekly.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020 5:22 PM
To: Jason Whalen <jason@ledgersquarelaw.com>
Subject: Re: Corrected Contract

John Weymer
jweymer@tacomaweekly.com

On Oct 1, 2020, at 3:36 PM, John Weymer <jweymer@tacomaweekly.com> wrote:

<TWI ADVERTISING Jason Whalen2020.pdf>

John Weymer
jweymer@tacomaweekly.com

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Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020 5:22 PM
To: Jason Whalen <jason@ledgersquarelaw.com>
Subject: Re: Corrected Contract

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On Oct 1, 2020, at 3:36 PM, John Weymer <jweymer@tacomaweekly.com> wrote:

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Subject: Re: Corrected Contract
Date: October 1, 2020 at 7:48 PM
To: Jason Whalen jason@ledgersquarelaw.com



Yes will send you copy, will go online tomorrow
John Weymer
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Thanks, John. Are you guys doing any sort of article or correction note?

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Mon, Aug 31, 2020 at 11:31 AM

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I added some descriptions for some of the photos in a plain text document.

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Cc: Jason Whalen <jason@whalenforcouncil.com>

Mon, Aug 31, 2020 at 12:33 PM

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ad copy

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To: Josh Amato <josh@sermodigital.com>
Cc: Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Tue, Sep 8, 2020 at 1:16 PM

Josh,

Matt is looking for ad copy today to get to the publisher. Otherwise, we can go to next Tuesday.

Jason M. Whalen

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Tue, Sep 8, 2020 at 1:17 PM



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Jason box

8 messages

John Weymer <jweymer@tacomaweekly.com>
To: matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Mon, Sep 14, 2020 at 9:55 AM

John Weymer
jweymer@tacomaweekly.com

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Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>
To: John Weymer <jweymer@tacomaweekly.com>

Mon, Sep 14, 2020 at 10:05 AM

Looks good!

On Mon, Sep 14, 2020 at 9:56 AM John Weymer <jweymer@tacomaweekly.com> wrote:

John Weymer
jweymer@tacomaweekly.com

John Weymer <jweymer@tacomaweekly.com>
To: Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Mon, Sep 14, 2020 at 10:21 AM

Did you send it to Jason
John Weymer
jweymer@tacomaweekly.com

[Quoted text hidden]

Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>
To: Jason Whalen <jason@ledgersquarelaw.com>, Jason Whalen <jason@whalenforcouncil.com>

Mon, Sep 14, 2020 at 10:25 AM

Hi Jason,
Here is your newspaper box wrap design. Please let me know what you think!

Matt



Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Correction Article

1 message

Jason Whalen <jason@ledgersquarelaw.com>
To: Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 9:43 AM

Hi, Matt,

Don't know if John spoke with you yesterday, but the local Dem party is very exercised about the thought that I (and/or Javier) "bought" endorsements from the Tacoma Weekly. While we purchased an advertising package that did include an interview and a background article, there was no endorsement language provided or sought, but the community needs to hear that from the Tacoma Weekly (especially since, unfortunately, the solicitation ad that you guys sent out included that language of "endorsement", which was likely a mistake).

Are you folks planning on running a correction statement or article?

Jason M. Whalen

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From: Jason Whalen jason@ledgersquarelaw.com
Subject: Updated Contract for Tacoma Weekly
Date: October 8, 2020 at 1:45 PM
To: John Weymer jweymer@tacomaweekly.com
Cc: Tom Perry dawgperry@gmail.com, Josh Amato josh@sermodigital.com



John,

Thank you. Attached is the updated and executed contract. We will update the ad copy for the next sequence of ads.

Thanks.

Jason M. Whalen
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Billing Info:

PRINT:

40 units @ \$50 per unit \$2000

WEB:

8 weeks banner ad Sept. 23rd to Nov 3rd \$500

Total \$2500.00

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From: Elizabeth Kreiselmaier elizabeth@cleanupthehouse.com
Subject: Re: ad this ad stands out best
Date: October 27, 2020 at 6:40 PM
To: John Weymer jweymer@tacomaweekly.com

EK

Looks good, John, thank you!

-Elizabeth
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From: John Weymer <jweymer@tacomaweekly.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 4:42:08 PM
To: Elizabeth Kreiselmaier <elizabeth@cleanupthehouse.com>
Subject: ad this ad stands out best



From: Elizabeth Kreiselmaier elizabeth@cleanupthehouse.com
Subject: FW: Kreiselmaier artwork files for using on PCRCP website
Date: October 12, 2020 at 1:53 PM
To: Matt Nagle mnagle@tacomaweekly.com, publisher@tacomaweekly.com

EK

-Elizabeth

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mobile: 253-509-2006

From: Elizabeth Kreiselmaier <elizabeth@cleanupthehouse.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 4:28 PM

To: Linda Seigel <nurselindasue@gmail.com>; Linda Miley <adnil@icloud.com>; Linda Gough <jlgough@comcast.net>

Subject: Fwd: Kreiselmaier artwork files for using on PCRCP website

Hi dear Lindas all 3 of you! Here's a hodgepodge of artwork files--sorry no time to sift....check out the contrast piece among other mailers for potentially helpful info...

-Elizabeth

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From: Elizabeth Kreiselmaier elizabeth@cleanupthehouse.com
Subject: material to adapt for full page ad (pls call me asap 253-858-1414 to discuss how best to do this)
Date: October 26, 2020 at 12:10 PM
To: jweymer@tacomaweekly.com, Matt Nagle mnagle@tacomaweekly.com
Cc: Elizabeth Kreiselmaier elizabeth@cleanupthehouse.com

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Date: October 27, 2020 at 4:22 PM
To: jweymer@tacomaweekly.com
Cc: Elizabeth Kreiselmaier elizabeth@cleanupthehouse.com, Matt Nagle mnagle@tacomaweekly.com

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Subject: Add proof





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copies of paper

5 messages

Elizabeth Kreiselmaier <elizabeth@cleanupthehouse.com>

Thu, Aug 27, 2020 at 9:04 AM

To: Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Hi Matt,

If you wouldnt mind mailing me a few copies (maybe 5?) that would be great! Or, if I went to get from a box in Tacoma, I'd want to get from outside of CD6 --are there any boxes in Lakewood for example?

-Elizabeth

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Thu, Aug 27, 2020 at 9:19 AM

To: Elizabeth Kreiselmaier <elizabeth@cleanupthehouse.com>

Yes, I can certainly email copies to you. In Lakewood, we have a box at the Post Office at 5409 100th St. SW and at the Transit Center in Lakewood Town Centre. But I'll put some in the mail to you as well.

Thanks Elizabeth!

Matt

[Quoted text hidden]

Elizabeth Kreiselmaier <elizabeth@cleanupthehouse.com>

Fri, Aug 28, 2020 at 11:00 AM

To: Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

I'm in U.P ...any here by Trader Joe's retail area??

-Elizabeth



Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

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Elizabeth Kreiselmaier <elizabeth@cleanupthehouse.com>
To: Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

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arranging pickup of the extra TWs with Glass Ceiling article?

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Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Fri, Sep 11, 2020 at 1:08 PM

To: Elizabeth Kreiselmaier <Elizabeth@cleanupthehouse.com>

Hi Elizabeth!

Sorry it has taken me so long to get this info to you. Below is a sampling of where some of our boxes are located in the general Tacoma area:

Downtown

(all boxes)

11th & A St.11th & Pacific8th & Pacific

City Hall

9th & St. Helens9th & Broadway

YMCA

The Grand

6th Ave.

(all boxes)

Bus stop across from Tacoma Little Theater

Titlow Park

Titlow Beach Restaurant

Safeway

Loose Wheel

O'Reilly's Auto Parts

6th & Oakes**Proctor (North Tacoma)**

Pacific NW Shop

Teaching Toys

Library

Post Office



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Elisabethy ads and box2 messages

John Weymer <jweymer@tacomaweekly.com>
To: matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Mon, Sep 14, 2020 at 10:23 AM

John Weymer
jweymer@tacomaweekly.com

3 attachments

 **Elisabeth box.pdf**
1111K

 **Elisabeth 1:4-4.pdf**
925K

 **Elisabeth Banner.pdf**
878K

Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>
To: Elizabeth Kreiselmaier <Elizabeth@cleanupthehouse.com>

Mon, Sep 14, 2020 at 10:35 AM

Hi Elizabeth,
Here are designs for the newspaper box wrap, a vertical ad for the paper and a banner ad for the front page. Please let me know what you think!

Matt

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **John Weymer** <jweymer@tacomaweekly.com>
Date: Mon, Sep 14, 2020 at 10:24 AM
Subject: Elisabethy ads and box
To: matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

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some more Kreiselmaier photos from today in case any are helpful

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Elizabeth Kreiselmaier <elizabeth@cleanupthehouse.com>
To: Matt Nagle <mnagle@tacomaweekly.com>

Sun, Sep 27, 2020 at 9:20 PM

