

December 30, 2008

To: Mr. Terry Lee, Chairman Pierce County Council

From: Nathaniel Lawver, Chair of the Pierce County Democratic Party

Re: Impending vacancy of the Pierce County Auditor's office

In accordance to the Charter of Pierce County, and the law of Washington state, it is my duty, and honor, to submit to your body the three candidates chosen by the Pierce County Democratic Party Central Committee to fill the partisan office of Pierce County Auditor.

Our candidates, in order chosen by our central committee:

1. Katie Blinn
2. Julie Anderson
3. Beckie Summers

Attached to this message you shall find each of their resumes.

Each of these candidates meet residency requirements for the office, and are highly qualified to fulfill the duties and responsibilities for the position of Pierce County Auditor.

Thank you.

cc: Pierce County Executive Office
Shawn Bunney, Pierce County Council District 1
Calvin Goings Pierce County Council District 2
Roger Bush, Pierce County Council District 3
Tim Farrell, Pierce County Council District 4
Barbara Gelman, Pierce County Council District 5
Richard "Dick" Muri, Pierce County Council, District 6
Gerry Horne, Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney
Susan Long, Attorney for Pierce County Council
Dwight Pelz, Washington State Democratic Party
David McDonald, Preston, Gates and Ellis
The Tacoma News Tribune
Puyallup Herald
The Gateway
Eatonville Dispatch

Katie Blinn

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Assistant Director of Elections, Office of the Secretary of State

2005 – Present

- **Represents the Office of the Secretary of State:**
 - 39 County Auditors
 - Washington State Legislature
 - Political parties, candidates, campaigns
 - Media
 - Congressional delegation
 - Prosecutor's Offices
 - Governor's Office and State agencies
 - Association of Counties and Association of County Officials
 - Civic organizations, such as the Grange and League of Women Voters
- **Supervises the State Certification & Training Program for Election Officials**
 - Trains and certifies county election administrators
 - Reviews the practices and procedures of county elections offices
 - Provides statewide consistency in state elections
- **Oversees the Help America Vote Act Grant Program**
 - Distributes \$62 million in federal funds to state and county election programs
- **Supervises the Redistricting Program**
 - Supports the U.S. Census Bureau for the 2010 Census
 - Supports the Washington State Redistricting Commission for 2011-12
- **Serves as Elections Division's Liaison with the Attorney General's Office**
 - Manages litigation from political parties, candidates, interest groups
- **Implemented Election Reform Measures Resulting from 2004 Governor's Race**
 - Implemented 150 changes to state law and 1,200 changes to state rules
- **Implemented the Top Two Primary**

Nonpartisan Staff Counsel, Washington State House of Representatives

2001 – 2005

- **Provided Nonpartisan Research, Drafting and Legal Counsel to Legislators**
 - Election law
 - Campaign finance law
 - The Public Records Act
 - The Open Public Meetings Act
 - Emergency Management and the National Guard
 - Veterans' issues
 - Public works contracting
 - Jurisdictional law and governance
 - The Administrative Procedure Act
 - The State Civil Service law

- **Nonpartisan Counsel to Legislative Committees**
 - House State Government Committee
 - House Juvenile Justice Committee
 - Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs
 - Joint Administrative Rules Review Committee

Deputy Prosecutor, Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney's Office 1998 – 2001

- Represented the State of Washington in criminal cases
- Worked cooperatively with court administration and law enforcement agencies

Law Clerk, Washington State Court of Appeals, Division II 1997 – 1998

- Drafted legal opinions for civil and criminal cases before the Court of Appeals

Legal Intern, Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney's Office 1995 – 1997

- Wrote approximately 75 appellate briefs
- Represented the State of Washington in a variety of motions and appeals

Education and Licensure

- Juris Doctor, Seattle University School of Law, Tacoma, WA 1997
- Bachelor of Arts, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA 1993
- Washington State Bar Association 1997 – Present
- Certified Washington State Election Administrator 2007 – Present

Personal

- Married to Grant Blinn, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, for 11 years
- Three children: Barbara (4), William (2) and Colin (1)

Julie Anderson

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Julie@Womens-Leadership.org

PROFILE

HIGHLY ORGANIZED AND DETERMINED STRATEGIST known for excellent communication and the ability to create and promote complex initiatives, as well as swiftly identify and remove barriers to change. A specialist in public policy, community initiatives, and administration, with an emphasis on government and public affairs, government performance, and leadership development. Expert in community assessment and capacity-building, with an outstanding record of self-directed achievement in political campaigns, strategy planning, marketing, and nonprofit administration.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Washington State Community, Trade & Economic Development, Olympia WA Current
Senior Policy Advisor

"Investing in Washington's communities, businesses and families to build a healthy and prosperous future." As a liaison between the Director of CTED, the Governor's policy staff, and CTED's external partners, I distill complex policy issues into simplified form and find practical ways for CTED to solve problems and advance solutions to the Governor and the State Legislature.

Areas of concentration:

- Economic and workforce development
- Green economy and climate change policy
- Interim manager for the Washington State Economic Development Commission
- Office of Financial Management Priorities of Government Team – Economic Vitality

Planned Parenthood Votes! Washington, Seattle WA 2006–2007
Political Strategist

"Reproductive Healthcare in Washington State through Advocacy and Voter Education." Development and coordination of statewide PAC and independent expenditure programs on behalf of Planned Parenthood affiliates in Washington State.

Achievements include:

- 100% success in targeted Legislative races, securing six new pro-choice Senate seats and six new pro-choice House seats.
 - Increased donor base by nearly 200% and increased total donations by over 900%
 - Evaluated and endorsed a record number of legislative candidates
 - Created and implemented a judicial candidate evaluation process
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City Council, Tacoma WA
Tacoma City Council Member

2003–2011

"*A New Voice for Tacoma.*" Development of communication materials (web, e-newsletters, print materials, and signage), PDC reporting, volunteer coordination, fund development, special events, media relations, and platform development. Currently serving as a part-time nonpartisan politician, responsible for leading local and regional public policy.

Achievements include:

- Government Performance and Finance Committee
- Design and implementation of Animal Welfare and Animal Control legislation
- Sound Transit Board of Directors
- Governor's Appointee to the Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB)
- Design and implementation of Tacoma Police Citizen Oversight Committee
- Design and implementation of Ethics Review Board
- Homes Now - Affordable Housing Levy Campaign Leadership Committee
- Voter education and constituent relations

Athena Concepts, Tacoma WA
Self-Employed

2002–2004

"*Advancing Community Causes.*" Consulting and project management for community organizations and advocacy campaigns. Public relations and government affairs services for nonprofit organizations, small business associations, and social action communities.

Significant projects include:

- **Tacoma United for Fairness – No on 1** (human rights campaign). Recruited by community leaders to serve as election strategist and campaign manager for 2001 citywide referendum campaign. TUFF raised unprecedented donations, earned extensive media coverage, attracted 700 volunteers, and won the election by 20% (a national record for a GLBT issue). Created organizational alliances, secured high-level institutional endorsements, commissioned and evaluated public opinion polls, managed the development of communication materials, and functioned as campaign spokesperson.
- **Dome District Development Group** (neighborhood business association). Contracted management of small business and neighborhood association. Increased dues-paying membership from one to 37, secured community development grants and construction mitigation funds.

YWCA of Pierce County, Tacoma WA
Executive Director

1998–2001

"*Empowering Women & Girls to Lead Purposeful, Powerful Lives.*" Recruited by Board of Directors and given complete responsibility for government and community relations, business planning and program development, financial administration and charitable giving (\$2.4 million annual operating budget), and human resources (44 employees).

Achievements include:

- Initiated public policy program, recruited committee members, gathered and analyzed public opinion data, and developed public policy action plans
 - Overhauled YWCA's visual identity and communication materials
 - Instigated and implemented a five-year strategic plan, including an \$11 million capital campaign feasibility study and a property development study
 - Created annual campaign and major donor fund development, including conversion to eTapestry web-based donor software
 - In first year as director, moved the organization from qualified financial audits and probationary status to unqualified financial audits with no findings
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Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration, DSHS, Olympia WA
Assistant Regional Administrator

1996–1998

"Protecting Washington State communities by holding juvenile offenders accountable." Appointed as executive manager in state government. Responsible for \$3 million Consolidated Juvenile Services program (post-disposition diagnostics, custody, and community supervision contracts to 12 county courts), and management of sex offender, drug abuse, and mental health treatment programs.

Achievements include:

- Assisted in major system redesign, stakeholder outreach, and internal communications in response to the Legislature's passage of The Offender Accountability Act
 - Developed model and procedures for statewide contract monitoring of community placement centers, treatment providers, and juvenile courts
 - Initiated and conducted the first state performance audits of regional juvenile courts / detention centers
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Faith Homes, Tacoma WA
Executive Director

1990–1996

"Homes for Youth; Hope for Families." Leader of \$1.3 million nonprofit children's services agency providing residential treatment for adolescent girls. Responsibilities included financial management, program development, fundraising, grant writing and research, contract management, public relations, and management of 55 employees.

Achievements include:

- Moved the agency from faith-based funding dependency to diversified, broad-based revenue
- Transitioned the agency to computerized accounting systems and fund accounting
- Earned national accreditation status
- Provided statewide leadership as executive board member of the Foster Parents Association of Washington State, as well as the Washington Federation of Residential Care Providers
- Drafted legislation and successfully lobbied the State Legislature for vendor rate increases and legal reforms for residential care providers and foster parents

Other Positions

Faculty (temp), Tacoma Community College, Tacoma WA, 1995
Research & Teaching Assistant, Northeastern University, Boston MA, 1989–1990
Program Manager, Faith Homes, Olympia WA, 1988–1989
Instructor, Outward Bound, Hurricane Island MA, 1987

EDUCATION

M.S. Criminal Justice Administration, Northeastern University, Boston MA, 1990
B.A. Liberal Arts, The Evergreen State College, Olympia WA, 1987

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT, *current*

Women's Political Caucus (nonpartisan), Steering Committee 2005–present
Senior Fellow, American Leadership Forum, Pierce County Chapter
League of Women Voters (nonpartisan), member
Board of Directors, City Club of Tacoma 2004–2008
Steering Committee, TCC Center for Ethical Development 2007
President, City Club of Tacoma 2006–2007
Tacoma PTA Board 2004–2007

HONORS

2007 Sound Puget Sound Women of Influence award
2004 40 Under 40, an award for the top 40 South Sound Young Business Leaders
Recipient of 2004 Civil Libertarian Award from the ACLU of Washington, for leadership in Tacoma United for Fairness Campaign
Recipient of 2003 Outstanding Commitment medal from the Pierce County "Out in the Park" Family Pride Festival
Nominated for the 2003 South Puget Sound Women of Influence award
Nominated for the 1999 Emerging Leader award, City Club of Tacoma
2001 Advancing the Status of Women award, Soroptimist International
1994 The Bishop's Cross award, Right Reverend Bishop Vincent Warner, Episcopal Diocese of Olympia
Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society, Omega Epsilon Chapter, Northeastern University

Rebecca J. Summers

Professional Qualifications

21 years experience as a policy maker; City of Tacoma Library Board of Trustees, Civil Service Board, and Human Rights Commission.

7 years experience; career, education, and job counselor,

Administrative Assistant; Washington State House of Representatives.

Work Experience

- Experience and training conducting academic, financial and personal needs assessment with a diverse adult student population.
- Experience creating, facilitating and presenting academic and student support workshops to promote student development, orientation to college systems and academic success.
- 5 plus years experience working effectively with adults, nontraditional, or low income clients in a higher education, counseling and social service delivery setting.
- Experience with word processing, Microsoft Word and other database software.
- Experience working with educational advising issues, including transfer, career and financial aid advising, and academic planning.

1999 to present Self Employed

Tacoma,WA

Campaign Manager/Consulted

*Managed campaigns at local and State level for various candidates

1995 to 1996 Educational Opportunity Resource Center

Tacoma, WA

J.O.B.S. Coordinator/Educational Counselor

- Coordinated J.O.B.S. program for low income participants.
- Conducted weekly workshops for job readiness, matched participants with work experience.
- Disseminated information regarding post secondary educational opportunities.
- Advocated for participants in the area of student loan defaults and assisted in Federal Financial Aid Application process.

Education

1995 to 1995 **Pierce County Community Action Agency**
Tacoma, WA

Reverse Mortgage Counselor

- Using HUD data base determined initial expenses and fees of reverse mortgages.
- Working with consumers to explain rights and responsibilities of reverse mortgage and other options for retirement funding.
- Worked with Banks to assure HUD guidelines were followed.

1994 to 1995 **Washington State House of Representatives**
Olympia, WA

Administrative Assistant

- Maintained record keeping systems collected and compiled data and reported on activities to Representative.
- Collaborated with other staff, caucus and elected members to address constituent needs.
- Prioritized mail, correspondence and meetings for Representative.

Associations

Bachelors Degree University Of Puget Sound Politics and Government 1989
Associate Degree in Arts and Science Tacoma Community College 1984
Graduate Stadium High School 1975

Honors

Tacoma Library Board, Member Vice President 1998 to 2008
Tacoma Civil Service Board Elected Member/Chair 1991 to 1995
Tacoma Human Rights Commission Member/Chair 1987 to 1994
Pierce County Community Action Advisory Board Member/President 1991 to 1995
Pierce County domestic Violence Task Force, Member Steering Committee 1993
Conference Committee Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment, Co-Chair 1993

City of Destiny Awards Program, City of Tacoma, Certificate of
Appreciation 1995

Volunteer Award, Pierce County 1990

Women Helping Women Award, Soroptomist Club Tacoma, 1989

Ellen Pinto Outstanding Student of the Year Award, Tacoma Community
College, 1984