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Education: BA, Sociology – University of Washington, J.D. – Willamette University.

Occupation: Legislative Liaison/Policy Analyst – Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board.

Professional Qualifications: School Board Member, Peninsula School District (1977-1981). 26th District State Representative for Gig Harbor, Key Peninsula and portions of University Place and Tacoma (1987-1994). Thirteen years as a policy analyst and sixteen years of management experience in the public and private sector. Wes is a personable, mission-oriented individual with a reputation for fairness and integrity.

Personal Information: Married to Patricia Pruitt (32 years). Two sons, Spencer and Cameron. Two grandchildren. Member, Harbor Christian Center.

Community Involvement: President, Communities in Schools of Peninsula; Member, Greater Pierce County Community Network Board; Pierce County Clean Air Task Force; Growth Policy Advisory Board.

Personal Views: I believe I can make a significant contribution as a Pierce County Council member to keeping our communities safe, healthy, and livable. As a former legislator and community volunteer, I spearheaded accountability initiatives to improve education and state government, wrote comprehensive clear air legislation, and co-founded a county-wide children's alliance. I will bring my leadership skills and a bipartisan, problem-solving approach to getting things done for the people of Pierce County.



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Education: P.H.S.; P.L.U. Bachelor; Masters Lesley College

Occupation: Teacher 33 years Peninsula School District

Professional Qualifications: Gig Harbor City Councilman 9 years; Educational Task Force; Mayor Pro-Tem

Personal Information: Married Nancy Picinich; 3 children

Community Involvement: Maritime Gig Festival Co-Chair; Get Acquainted Picnic; numerous civic and non-profit committees

Personal Views: A resident of the Peninsula since 1955. Many changes and growth have occurred here. I have a growing concern about the way the County Council has made decisions. Many decisions don't reflect the desired direction of our Peninsula. I'm a person who'll listen and base decisions on what's best for the community. I'm concerned for the community's safety – not only fire and police protection but infrastructure. We cannot provide the county with tax dollars without getting our equal share – like building an alternate route for SR 302. Another concern's the insufficient funding for parks. We deserve more. With the construction of the bridge we must have a full time district judge here so residents won't have to commute to Tacoma during this dangerous time. I will work with the DOT and the City of Gig Harbor to increase the safety of our roads as we grow. If we work together we can make the Peninsula a better place for families to live.



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Education: Bachelor of Arts Central Washington University

Occupation: Veteran 15 year Pierce County Probation Officer. My current position is with District Court Two, Gig Harbor, under the late Honorable Thomas Farrow.

Professional Qualifications: Current Vice President of the Washington State Misdemeanant Corrections Association

Personal Information: I came to this area while serving with the US Air Force. My wife of 22 years, Annie, was raised in Tacoma. We moved to this District to raise our three sons in a community that was committed to education, recreation and community spirit.

Community Involvement: We were actively involved in our sons education through the Peninsula School District, their involvement in sport activities and other recreation.

Personal Views: This District has undergone many changes over the years. This area and the County as a whole are facing many difficult decisions relating to community safety, planning and recreation. Future decisions must be made based upon factual information, common sense and the voter's wishes. Rather than doing away with services due to budget restraints we must use common sense and focus on finding/developing other funding mechanisms and cost saving measures. We need to put an end to *business as usual* and *political agendas* in decision-making. A new thought process is needed.



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Education: 1964 Curtis High School. 1970 Central Washington University, B.A. Chemistry, B.A. Zoology. Post graduate in Nuclear Physics and Radiology.

Occupation: Electrical Construction Project Manager.

Professional Qualifications: Eleven years - Pierce County Planning Commission. As chairman, last seven years, we've shepherded in a new era of comprehensive growth management in Pierce County.

Personal Information: Married 30 years, two children. Raised in University Place, 26 years, have lived in Gig Harbor 29 years.

Community Involvement: Eight years - Peninsula Advisory Commission, chairman - four years. Active member: Chapel Hill Church, Elks, Audubon Society and IBEW 76.

Personal Views: The debt for the Narrows Bridge is too large for a small community. The state needs to buy down tolls, keeping them at a reasonable level. Responsible economic development will help reduce transportation impacts and provide a tax base for much-needed community services.

We can employ responsible building practices that provide for people while protecting fish, thus reducing surface water fees, flood insurance rates, and restoring salmon to our streams. Criminal justice: Our underlying drug problem needs addressing by using our very expensive jail for hardened criminals and moving drug offenders into less expensive, proven programs that break their cycle of crime. **Terry Lee will listen to you and work for our community.**