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*“Organizations work best when its members know who is accountable. I believe the March 25 special meeting demonstrated that I am willing to listen to all sides and respect dissenting opinions. It is the essence of democracy.”*

We need to get busy finding good local candidates, and finding meaningful ways to oppose Donald Trump and his destructive agenda. We need to harness the energy of all our members. I am ready to work with you to make that happen.

As a former Democratic officeholder, elected as Clallam County Prosecutor, I have been active in Democratic campaigns since before running for public office. My positions as the Sequim City Attorney and Clallam County Housing Authority attorney limited my ability to have a prominent role in partisan politics, but I am now retired.

I have worked all my legal career to improve the legal system and government processes so that the average person would see the benefits. I set up the first Public Defender’s office in the County, and it is still providing excellent service.

As the former lead attorney for “No Oil Port,” a local grass roots effort that challenged a proposed deepwater crude oil transshipment facility in the Port Angeles harbor, a tank farm at Green Point, and a 1,500-mile pipeline (Northern Tier Pipeline), I worked with a coalition of extremely talented and energetic Clallam County citizens who worked tirelessly to defeat the project.

Clallam County Democrats must work together to similarly defeat attacks on progressive policies we have worked so hard and so long to achieve. As Sequim City Attorney, I successfully argued against an anti-union Initiative promoted by the Freedom Foundation.

I earned a pharmacy degree from Washington State University and my law degree from the University of Idaho. I have been admitted to practice in the following courts:

Washington State (all state courts)

Federal District Court for Western and Eastern Districts of Washington

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

I have supervised civil and criminal departments, litigated civil and criminal matters, prepared and negotiated contracts for Sequim and Clallam County, advised on interlocal agreements, environmental and land use law, and provided general legal advice to city and county officials.

I want to help the Clallam County Democratic Party achieve positive progress in support of policies and laws important to our citizens and to elect Democrats. This will take negotiation skills, advocate skills, legal skills and most of all, the ability to listen and work with all interested citizens. I believe I can do this.