

Summary: Virginia Shogren — "Severing the Gordian Knot" Series

A three-part guest column on ccwatchdog.com (June 2026), in her own words — her stated platform for Clallam County elections

This is a self-published, first-person series by Virginia Shogren, Clallam County Auditor candidate, outlining her views on election administration and her specific proposed reforms. Because it is her own writing, published under her own byline, there is no attribution ambiguity — these are her stated positions in her own words.

Part I — "What free and equal elections will look like in Clallam County" (June 4, 2026)

- Frames Washington's election system as “on a collision course” with the federal SAVE Act (Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act), which would require voter ID and proof of citizenship, and limit absentee/mail voting to Military, Illness, Disability, or Travel.
- Cites an unsourced statistic: that nearly 450,000 Washington “motor-voter” registrations in 2024 were processed without documentary proof of citizenship. No methodology or citation is given beyond an embedded image.
- Favorably cites the U.S. Department of Justice's lawsuit against Washington State seeking full voter registration data, and criticizes the state's emergency legislation criminalizing release of that data.
- States that she personally asked sitting Clallam County Auditor Shoona Riggs to provide Clallam County's voter registration data to the DOJ. Riggs refused.

Part II — "How captured our local elections have become" (June 11, 2026)

- Argues elections have become “increasingly dependent on proprietary software, private vendors, and technology that operates beyond public scrutiny,” and that transparency has been replaced by unverifiable trust in electronic systems.
- Notable rhetoric: “There are nefarious people and nations that seek to destroy us from within. The only way to save ourselves is to save ourselves. No one will do it for us.”

Part III — "What a free and equal constitutional election in Clallam County will look like" (June 18, 2026)

Her specific, concrete proposed overhaul of Clallam County's election system:

- Abolish mail-in voting for the general public — absentee voting limited only to the SAVE Act categories (Military, Illness, Disability, Travel).
- A single day of in-person voting only, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., at multiple polling locations countywide.
- Voter ID required at check-in.
- Hand-counted paper ballots (no electronic tabulation).
- Polling places staffed by volunteers on a “50/50 left-leaning/right-leaning” basis.

Her own credits line for this methodology: “Credit for in-person voting methodology: 2016 Washington Democratic Presidential Caucus; California in-person elections; Voting Procedure Analysis of Terpsichore P. Maras.”

Terpsichore “Tore” Maras is a prominent figure in the post-2020 election-denial movement, associated with Dominion voting-machine conspiracy claims and various self-styled election “audits.” Citing her by name as a credited methodological source is a direct, verifiable connection — in Shogren's own words — to that specific ecosystem, not an inference.

Overall Assessment

Taken together with her seven-year WEICU litigation history (see main research document), this series shows Shogren is not vaguely gesturing at election-integrity concerns — she has articulated a specific, detailed platform to

dismantle Washington's vote-by-mail system for Clallam County, replacing it with in-person-only, hand-counted, voter-ID-required elections, while citing a nationally recognized election-denial figure as a methodological source. She has also taken direct personal action (asking the sitting Auditor to release county voter data to the DOJ) consistent with this platform, rather than treating it as purely theoretical.

Sources

Severing the Gordian Knot — Part I

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