

Candidate Questionnaire

Clallam County Assessor

Candidate Information

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1. Why are you running for this office?

I believe public office is a position of service and stewardship. I am running for Clallam County Assessor to make the office as efficient and accessible as possible while providing the public with fair, knowledgeable, and respectful service.

2. What qualifications do you think are most important for the position of County Assessor?

The Assessor must understand appraisal, property taxation, construction, finance, and the laws governing the office. Just as important is the ability to help property owners understand complicated issues and resolve problems fairly. That requires experience, good judgment, and familiarity with the unique properties and communities of Clallam County.

3. Describe the qualifications and experience that you bring to the office.

- 16+ years as a residential and commercial appraiser for Clallam County.
- Currently serve as Lead Appraiser, providing employee training, project scheduling, and supervision.
- Washington State Accredited Appraiser since 2011.
- Prior experience in mortgage banking, real estate finance, and residential construction.
- Bachelor of Business Administration from Stephen F. Austin State University, with an emphasis in finance and economics.
- Extensive knowledge of residential and commercial construction and appraisal principles.
- Extensive customer-service experience helping people resolve complex property, financial, and appraisal questions.
- Ongoing professional training through the Washington State Department of Revenue, including levy training and updates on property tax law and administration.

4. Identify the top three challenges the Clallam County Assessor's Office is currently facing.

1. Staffing limitations and the need to retain and develop experienced employees.
2. Keeping appraisal and revaluation work current while managing a growing and increasingly complex workload.
3. Making property-tax and assessment information easier for the public to understand and access.

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5. Having identified these three challenges, what would you do to address them?

I would focus on improving workflow and cross-training employees so limited staff resources are used effectively. I would establish clear priorities and measurable goals to keep revaluation and other required work on schedule. I would also continue improving public access to information, including clearer explanations of assessments, exemptions, appeals, and the difference between property values and property taxes. My goal would be an office that is accurate, efficient, accessible, and responsive to the public.