

What is your name?	Pegi Groundwater
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For what district are you a candidate?	2
Are you currently employed and, if so, please describe.	Retired Attorney
Do you have a website for your campaign? If so, what is it?	www.pegigroundwater.com
What experience do you have that is relevant to this position?	As an attorney I have helped businesses and organizations understand the laws that govern their operations. As a business woman I have managed the daily business and finances of companies.
Which, if either of the existing clinics, do you primarily use for your health care?	Neither
Are you a member of the Coalition for Orcas Health Care?	Yes
What motivates you to want to be a commissioner?	I want to see the PHD support both of our existing practices to serve the primary, urgent care and after hours care needs of all Orcas residents and I want it to be operated in a financially prudent manner.
Are you inclined to support ... 1) Both existing medical clinics as they are; 2) Both clinics for now, but use money as an incentive for them to combine services; 3) UW Medicine Orcas Island Clinic rather than Orcas Family Health Center; 4) Orcas Family Health Center rather than UW Medicine Orcas Island Clinic; 5) Other	Both clinics for now, but use money as an incentive for them to combine services

Will you consider working with a primary/urgent care provider other than UW Medicine?	Yes
If \$0.55/\$1,000 supported both existing clinics and you were able to levy another \$0.20/\$1,000 would you be more likely to ...	<p>Not levy the additional money</p> <p>Initially I would focus on funding primary, urgent care and after hours care through the existing practices with the \$0.55 levy. Each practice already provides some form of after hours care - a phone call to a practitioner in each case. I would want the PHD to explore with both practices how after hours care can be made more accessible.</p>
If funds are available for supporting services beyond primary care, what services would you be most willing to support?	I would not support funding any additional services unless a community needs assessment demonstrated that Orcas residents strongly supported having the PHD fund some additional service with an increased levy
What is your opinion regarding the buildings that currently house the clinics?	The Orcas Medical Foundation, a nonprofit, is responsible for maintaining the clinic building where U of W practices rent free. As a Commissioner I would want to explore whether OMF should continue to be responsible for the building or whether the PHD should assume that responsibility. I believe that the only responsibility the Family Health Center has for it's building is a commercial lease that obligates it to pay rent and utilities. That expense should be reflected in their financial information which will form the basis for their subsidy request. Based on my current understanding, I do not believe that it would make sense for the PHD to buy the commercial building in which they are one of the tenants.
How will you decide the amount of subsidy legitimately needed by those asking for support? How do you plan to verify they are not inflating their cost?	The PHD can require financial reports from each practice and require backup records to substantiate the legitimacy of the numbers in the reports. That is why I believe that a knowledge of finance is a key requirement for the PHD Commissioners.
Are there any services you would require to be provided in order to receive support? If so, what?	Primary, urgent and some form of after hours care.
The hospital district, if it passes, is required by law to hire a superintendent. That person may play a very important role in implementing the policies you help set. Do you	Not yet

have someone you would like to see in that role?

Should complaints a person might have about one of the subsidized providers go

Directly to the provider, but the commissioners have the ability to review the provider's records of complaints

The Commissioners are not ombudsmen and will not be able to address individual issues but if there are common problems the PHD can try to address them through quality care metrics that the practices would need to meet to qualify for subsidies.