

What is your name?	Richard Fralick
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For what district are you a candidate?	1
Are you currently employed and, if so, please describe.	Self Employed: Own and operate All Dream Cottages, Kingfish Inn and West Sound Café.
Do you have a website for your campaign? If so, what is it?	www.richardfralick.com
What experience do you have that is relevant to this position?	I have owned and operated numerous small businesses. I understand budgeting and am used to finding solutions to problems using limited financial resources. I have employed and managed staff with a broad range of skill sets and educational levels. I have extensive experience negotiating contracts both private and governmental. I have served in numerous elected positions including Orcas School Board, Board of Freeholders responsible for bringing charter government to San Juan County and the San Juan County Council. I know the history of our health management challenges and appreciate the importance of health care delivery to maintaining our economically diverse community.
Which, if either of the existing clinics, do you primarily use for your health care?	UW Medicine Orcas Island Clinic
Are you a member of the Coalition for Orcas Health Care?	Yes
What motivates you to want to be a commissioner?	Providing sustainable, high quality and affordable health care in a rural community such as Orcas is a challenge. By training I am a problem solver and believe that the creation of a Public Hospital District gives us a new tool to design, build and in some instances streamline the delivery of health care to fit the unique needs of our community. I love challenges and look forward to the hard work ahead.
Are you inclined to support ... 1) Both existing medical clinics as they are; 2) Both clinics	5) Other - I would support both existing medical clinics. Through negotiation and monetary incentives I would encourage both clinics to work together to streamline delivery of services, sharing of overheads and capital equipment. Whether this would ultimately lead to

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	consolidation of the practices cannot be predicted at this time. Depending on developing circumstances such an outcome might become practicable.
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 ...	Other (please explain): I believe that the primary fiduciary responsibility of the PHD will be to support sustainable primary care to the Orcas community at a reasonable tax rate. Analysis would indicate that this can be done for between \$0.50 to \$0.60 per \$1000. However at this time there are so many assumptions used in the analysis (the clinic assistance numbers, debt service costs, patient data, etc.) that it is not possible to say with great confidence what the final millage rate will be. Once a comprehensive budget analysis is completed the elected commissioners will determine what if any additional services could be provided if a greater millage rate is levied up to the maximum amount allowed. Urgent care, faster debt retirement or starting a budget reserve might warrant such additional expenditures. As demonstrated by my track record as a County Council Member I am financially conservative would approve such additions only if I was convinced that they provide good value for the additional tax burden.
If funds are available for supporting services beyond primary care, what services would you be most willing to support?	Urgent care and 24/7 emergency service
What is your opinion regarding the buildings that currently house the clinics?	I am open to either option
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?	A detailed financial analysis of the current clinics' operations must be undertaken. Obtaining patient census and patient visit data will be critical to the study. Once obtained the information will be used to determine the correct level of assistance to be provided to the practices.
Are there any services you would require to be provided in order to receive support? If so, what?	Sustainable primary care. Cooperation on enhanced urgent care and emergency services. Willingness to provide metrics showing the quality of clinical services being delivered.

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 have someone you would like to see in that role?

Yes, but I prefer not to identify my preferences

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 role of the Commissioners is to set policy and through their superintendent to see that policy implemented. The Commissioners' role is not to micro-manage the clinics.