

Ken Hays asks you to support Randy Brackett!

Hi, Randy Brackett here. I'm running for Clallam PUD Commissioner for District 2. Ken Hays wrote me a wonderful letter (as a citizen and ratepayer). Please take a moment to read it below. His 2022 election as Commissioner for PUD District 1 was a significant turning point in the direction of the PUD, which I supported then and will continue to support as a Commissioner.

Dear Past Supporter,

I am writing to you today about the importance of future leadership for the PUD organization. I speak not as your PUD commissioner but as an individual citizen and rate payer.

Your support for my PUD campaign in 2022 resulted in a victory for the PUD organization and the community. This victory brought forward and refreshed a style of leadership that respects the professional management of the organization, and the high level of expertise and experience the PUD employees bring to the community ensuring safe, reliable and affordable utility services. The change in elected leadership also refreshed the relationship between the ratepayers/customers and the elected board encouraging engagement and discussion. This revived communication has occurred regardless of whether there is full agreement on the issues and challenges we face, and instead focuses on listening and learning from those we are elected to serve.

I want to ensure continuation of an open and engaging style of leadership for continued and future successes at the PUD. With the departure of Commissioner Purvis creating an open position, electing the next commissioner is critical. One candidate stands out and above the others: Randy Brackett.

Randy brings the right background, experience and temperament that complements and enhances the current board and executive leadership and is deserving of your endorsement and financial support. Randy's priorities align with the current strategic plan including goals and policies I believe you agree are important: fiscal accountability, infrastructure for the future, grid resilience, and clean and reliable water. Randy's background in engineering, public works, budget development, facility maintenance, and engagement with elected officials adds valuable layers of expertise to the Board of Commissioners giving him a head start representing the district.

I ask that you take time to speak with Randy, learn firsthand who he is and what he is all about, and help him to win like you did for me three years ago. Your endorsement and financial support are essential to help Randy break through a crowded primary and achieve victory in the General Election. The future of safe, reliable, and affordable utility services may depend on it.

Thank you for taking the time to hear me out on this critical election.

Sincerely,



Ken Hays

Randy here again...

There are five candidates running in the Primary. Every vote is important to help me be one of the final two of which I intend to win in the General Election.

If you want to learn more about me, continue reading below, or visit my website at <https://rbrackett4pud.com/>.

If you agree that I have the qualifications to help the PUD plan carefully for the future, then please support me. On my website you can make a donation or sign up to volunteer.

My vision of the PUD and how I can help:

The PUD of the past was one of operating in a silo, not interested in collaborating with other North Olympic Peninsula organizations. Rates were increased routinely, except during one election year when the incumbent thought a zero rate increase would get him re-elected. It didn't.

Unique requirements not required by any other electric utility discouraged rooftop solar. Two community solar projects were poorly designed programs that the PUD offered almost as if just to "check the box." A new headquarters building that could have demonstrated the latest in conservation design and energy efficiency incorporating solar, even if it was just passive, but instead delivered an expensive, high ceiling building that couldn't even fit engineering staff.

Capping off that dynasty, the General Manager hired a writer to prepare a glossy history book of the PUD that many saw as a self-congratulatory ode to his retirement.

Ken's election began a significant change. The PUD has replaced a few key members of retiring staff, new leaders have emerged, providing a refreshing and energetic approach at making the organization lean into a modern operation aiming for high performance.

Along with Ken and more recently, Phyllis Bernard, my goal as a Commissioner will be to provide vision while supporting the good work and new direction the PUD is accomplishing now.

My qualifications? My engineering and utility management background gives me insight into regulatory issues, budget preparation and execution processes. My career, recognized with the 2010 American Public Works Association Leader of the Year award, has trained me to look forward and anticipate issues through risk analysis. I also carefully listen to others, whether it's staff, expert sources, fellow commissioners, other agencies or the public.

In summary, here are some of reasons for supporting me:

- I am the only candidate that combines experience with a vision for the future.
- I will push for greater community resiliency by having the PUD collaborate across the county to identify key critical facilities for solar and battery installations, enabling them to operate through longer term outages like earthquakes or large fires.
- I support maintaining a net metering program and encouraging more residential rooftop solar.
- I will carefully review annual budgets to ensure the PUD funds needs (not just wants) to help keep stable rates.
- I will work with fellow commissioners and other PUDs to influence BPA into supporting locally generated power. We need an "all-in" approach to address future uncertainty, such as a warming climate and political and economic changes, to ensure our ability to provide affordable power. As distributed power generation becomes more available and cost-competitive, it can help us to reduce our dependency on hydropower and nuclear power.
- I support replacing aging water infrastructure in PUD water service areas and develop more seasonal water storage. This will likely involve working with the State legislature.
- I believe in open meetings and clear communication with the public about issues like rate decisions

Thanks for taking the time to read this and consider supporting me. Please support me with a donation, volunteer if you have time, and most important: Vote for Randy Brackett!

