



# 2020 WACO Board Of Trustees Nomination Form

## WACO Board Of Trustees and Officers Nomination Form

**Full Name** Greg Zempel  
**Title** Prosecuting Attorney  
**County** Kittitas  
**Phone Number (xxx) xxx-xxxx** 509-962-7669

**What Position is the Nomination for?**

**Have you ever served on the WACO Board of Trustees**

**Have you ever served as an officer or board member for your affiliate?**

**Why do you want to be on the WACO Board, what skills and perspective will you bring to the Board?**

I like to finish what I started - and in the case of WACO, that means a commitment to assisting in moving us to the next level of member services. I am attorney, so I can talk a lot. I am a little bit country and a little bit rock-n-roll. I have had the opportunity to work with great members in each of the affiliates, and I have been a member and officer for two different affiliates, as well as an officer for WACO for my second tour of duty.

**What do you bring to the WACO Board in the way of ideas and change?**

The only constant in life is change. While I can be an idea guy, I mostly try to get others to bring ideas to the table and work with them and help to move them forward. But, what I do know is that we are in the process of re-thinking service delivery to members and to communities. We are in search of new methods for incorporating old and new partners for funding of our association to become less dependent upon service fees. Those are the concepts that I desire to focus upon. That an having a lot of fun because our day jobs and board work can be difficult, so we need to have fun as well.

**How do you think WACO can sustain the organization?**

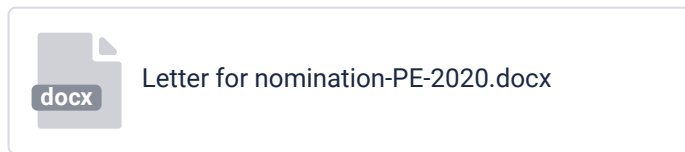
We sustain the organization by continuing to offer improved services. We sustain the organization by making certain we are listening to our members/affiliates so that we are on the same page of knowing what they need from their organization. We sustain WACO by identifying and developing new services and opportunities for historical partners/vendors/sponsors, to invest their money and time in our organization.

**If you are selected for the WACO Board, how much time do you have to participate in Board activities? Explain your commitment?**

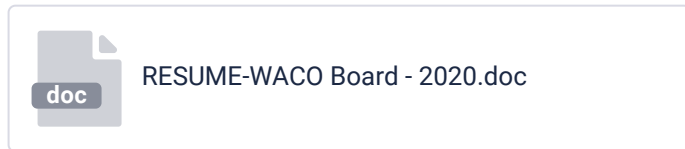
My commitment of time is dependent upon the need. When I am needed, I find the time. That may seem

like an odd answer, but it is the reality. We are all stretched, and we must all practice time management. My track record I hope would demonstrate that when needed I appear and I produce for the our Association.

**Letter of Intent (upload .doc or .pdf)**



**Resume (upload .doc or .pdf)**





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**Full Name** Stacie Prada

**Title** Treasurer

**County** Jefferson

**Phone Number (xxx) xxx-xxxx** 360-385-9322

**What Position is the Nomination for?**

**Have you ever served on the WACO Board of Trustees**

**Have you ever served as an officer or board member for your affiliate?**

#### Why do you want to be on the WACO Board, what skills and perspective will you bring to the Board?

As someone who has greatly benefited from my affiliate and elected official colleagues, I feel a duty to contribute to an organization that works on behalf of those serving the public and benefits me in my role as County Treasurer. My varied work experience, professional knowledge and growth mindset serve me well personally and professionally, and I believe they will benefit the Board as we navigate the near and long-term future of the WACO organization.

#### What do you bring to the WACO Board in the way of ideas and change?

Previous board members and WACO employees have weathered difficult situations and navigated contentious issues. They've established a strong organizational base and library of resources, and I am committed to building on their good work. I'd like the WACO organization to be a partner, a go-to resource, and a wealth of professional support and comradery when we have decisions to make or issues to advocate or resolve in our roles as county officials. I welcome it as an avenue for the hard discussions that need to be had to serve our local and statewide community to the best of our ability.

#### How do you think WACO can sustain the organization?

The worth of the WACO organization is only realized through consistent hard work, open dialogue, collaboration, and gracious interactions in tough times. Each interaction is an opportunity to build relationships, provide value and commit to improvement that will sustain the organization.

#### If you are selected for the WACO Board, how much time do you have to participate in Board activities? Explain your commitment?

I rely on organization and planning to make efficient use of my time and allow for the unexpected issues and tasks that invariably arise. I commit to providing the amount of time needed to fulfill the duties of the

position.

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**Resume (upload .doc or .pdf)**



Prada resume 2020.pdf

**STACIE PRADA**

Port Townsend, WA 98368

♦ (360) 301-9322 ♦

September 11, 2020

Washington Association of County Officials (WACO)  
WACO Nominating Committee Chair

RE: Letter of Intent, WACO Vice President

Dear Nomination Chair:

Please accept this letter expressing my intention to run for the Vice President of the Board of the Washington State Association of County Officials for the 2020-2021 term.

In the past two years serving on the WACO Executive Board, I've learned a lot and am immensely grateful to those at WACO headquarters and on the Executive Board for their collaboration and mentorship. As Jefferson County Treasurer since November 2014, I embrace learning and participating in WSACT and WACO. My goal is to contribute to and facilitate effective and responsible government while encouraging an environment of respect, cooperation and coordination amongst our organizations, agencies, officials and the general public for the benefit of our local and statewide community.

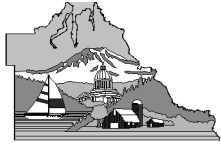
In my 35 years of working, I've participated in varied work sectors including food service, retail, hotel management, real estate, woodworking, permitting, planning and treasury in a range of organizational structures as employee, self-employed business owner, mid-level manager, department director and elected official. All of these experiences and my Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Colorado at Boulder have shaped my perspective on working with other elected officials and serving the public.

My dedication to public service leads me to pursue this position. My experience, attention to detail and organizational skills have served me well, and I believe they make me well suited to hold this role.

Thank you for your consideration,



Stacie Prada  
Jefferson County Treasurer



**THURSTON COUNTY**  
**WASHINGTON**  
SINCE 1852

**JEFF GADMAN**  
**TREASURER**

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August 31, 2020

Peggy Semprimoznik, Lincoln County Clerk  
Chair, WACO Nominating Committee

This letter serves as my notice of intent to run for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for the Washington Association of County Officials for the 2020-2021 term.

I am completing my first year on the WACO Executive Board as Secretary-Treasurer and desire to continue to be part of WACO's evolution in serving county elected officials. I want to be part of a team that promotes responsive government that is fair to all through respect, cooperation, and coordination with the goal of helping local government serve constituents and communities better.

I have worked in public service for over 34 years, currently serving as Thurston County Treasurer and previously serving as a Lacey City Councilmember. I am currently the Legislative Committee Chair for the Washington State Association of County Treasurers. I serve my community as a board member for the Thurston County Food Bank, as a member of the Board of Regents for Leadership Thurston County, and as a member in good standing of Gateway Rotary.

Serving on the WACO Board of Directors helps me to be a better elected official and gives me the opportunity to lend my expertise to an organization that supports local governments.

Sincerely,

Jeff Gadman  
Thurston County Treasurer

## RESUME

### Jeff Gadman

2000 Lakeridge DR SW

Olympia WA 98502

360-628-6876

### Experience

November 2018	Elected Thurston County Treasurer
November 2017	Elected Thurston County Treasurer
February 2017	Appointed Thurston County Treasurer
November 2015	Elected Lacey City Council
November 2011	Elected Lacey City Council
February 2011	Appointed Lacey City Council
October 1986 – February 2017	Thurston County Assessor's Office (34 years with Thurston County)

### Education

Olympia High School  
South Puget Sound Community College  
Saint Martin's University

### Community Service

Current	Thurston County Food Bank – Board of Directors Leadership Thurston County – Board of Regents (past Chair) Gateway Rotary – Member Grandfather Father
Past	Intercity Transit Authority – Board Member (past Chair) Joint Animal Services Commission – Board Member (Past Chair) Thurston County Law and Justice Council – Board Member (Vice Chair) Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters Disability Board – Board Member (Vice Chair) Sustainable Thurston Planning Project – Member



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<b>Full Name</b>	Adam N. Kick
<b>Title</b>	Prosecuting Attorney
<b>County</b>	Skamania
<b>Phone Number (xxx) xxx-xxxx</b>	509-427-3790
<b>What Position is the Nomination for?</b>	Secretary-Treasurer
<b>Have you ever served on the WACO Board of Trustees</b>	Yes
<b>Have you ever served as an officer or board member for your affiliate?</b>	Yes

#### Why do you want to be on the WACO Board, what skills and perspective will you bring to the Board?

I've been on the WACO board for a number of years as the Prosecutor's Representative and have appreciated the opportunity to help WACO as an organization grow and thrive through some difficult times. I think WACO has enormous value in connecting all of the different affiliates and in helping us all work together, both within our counties but also between affiliate groups. I have gained a good appreciation for all of the affiliates and would enjoy helping WAPA leadership in the role of Secretary/Treasurer.

#### What do you bring to the WACO Board in the way of ideas and change?

I would love to find a way to better encourage affiliates to work together more with respect to training and cross-affiliate communication.

#### How do you think WACO can sustain the organization?

I think the best way to ensure sustainability is to encourage participation and inter-affiliate

#### If you are selected for the WACO Board, how much time do you have to participate in Board activities? Explain your commitment?

I'm committed to spending as much time as is needed to make sure that I am available to WACO leadership and staff and to ensure that WACO thrives. Like all WACO members, my first priority and responsibility is to my County, but I will make sure I am available to staff and leadership when needed and I will prioritize my work with WACO. I love WACO and if I felt WACO would suffer for my lack of commitment, I would not volunteer for this position.





# PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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ADAM N. KICK, *PROSECUTOR*

September 17, 2020

TO: Peggy Semprimoznik, Lincoln County Clerk  
Chair, WACO Nominating Committee 2019

FROM: Adam N. Kick, Skamania County Prosecuting Attorney

RE: Placement of Name into Consideration for Election to position of WACO  
Secretary/Treasurer, 2020 - 2021

I write to express my desire to have my name placed into consideration for nomination for the position of WACO Secretary Treasurer for the 2020-2021 term of Office. This is my 10th year as the Elected Prosecutor for Skamania County. For the past several years I have been a member of the WACO Board as the WAPA (Prosecutors) representative, and I have also been serving as the Prosecutors representative on the Education Committee.

Prior to being invited by Tom McBride to be the Prosecutor's representative on the WACO Education Committee, I admittedly had little understanding or knowledge of WACO as an organization. Since then, I have grown to appreciate WACO's role in advocating for counties, educating county leaders, and in general improving the effectiveness of county government. I think WACO's ability to bring affiliates together and facilitate communication and collaboration is essential to effective government. I am excited about the ideas that have been introduced by WACO staff and the WACO board over the past several years, the growth of the organization, and the possibility of future improved performance of WACO's goals and objectives. I have enjoyed seeing WACO's current success and would enjoy even more helping to lead our efforts into the future.

Some of the hardest decisions I've ever had to make were as a WACO board member. But relying on the combined perspective, expertise, and sincere dedication of the WACO board has always reassured me that the toughest decisions are made with the greatest deliberation and wisdom. Our diversity of thought and perspective is our strength. I hope I can add my perspective and expertise to WACO as we respond to all of the challenges that have come in the past year and can help steer the organization into better and calmer waters in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Adam N. Kick

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**EDUCATION:**

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW, Seattle, WA**  
Juris Doctor, 1997

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, WA**  
Bachelor of Arts, Economics, 1994  
Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, 1994

**EXPERIENCE:**

**SKAMANIA COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY** Jan. 2011 – Present

Elected November, 2010, 2014, 2018.

Prosecuted from filing through appeal criminal cases in District, Juvenile, and Superior Courts. Prosecuted all range of crimes from minor misdemeanor cases to murder.

Represented Skamania County on civil and municipal matter impacting counties.

Served as the Ex-Officio Coroner for Kittitas County – 2011 - Present.

**LAW OFFICES OF ADAM N. KICK** Jan. 2008 – Dec. 2010

Represented private and indigent defendants in Municipal, District, Juvenile and Superior Courts, primarily in Skamania County but also in numerous other Jurisdictions in Washington.

**SKAMANIA COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY PROSECUTOR** Nov. 2004 – Dec. 2008

Prosecuted all Felony and Juvenile cases.

**SKAMANIA COUNTY DEPUTY PROSECUTOR** Dec. 2002 – Oct. 2004

Prosecuted all Gross Misdemeanor and Misdemeanor cases.

**KING COUNTY SPECIAL DEPUTY PROSECUTOR** Jan. 2002 – June 2002

Special Deputy Prosecutor prosecuting Gross Misdemeanor and Misdemeanor cases in King County District Court.

**STARBUCKS, contractor** 2000 - 2001

Comprehensive review of all leases for Starbucks Property Management.

**THE WASHINGTON FIRM** 1999

Assisted in complex employee misconduct investigations and in the sourcing and recruitment of employees for Human Resources Consulting firm.

**PRESTON GATES AND ELLIS** 1998 – 1999

Contract attorney assisting in large document review projects for complex litigation.

**ASSOCIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS:**

Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (WAPA) January 2011 – present

Washington Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners (WACME) 2011 – present

Washington Association of County Officials (WACO) January 2011 – present  
WAPA Representative 2018 – present  
Education Committee 2016 – present

Washington State Bar Association October 1997 – present

Skamania County Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault 2014 – present  
Board Member

One Prevention Alliance (coalition member) 2011 – present

**REFERENCES:**

References are available upon request.



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**Full Name** Brenda Chilton

**Title** Auditor

**County** Benton County

**Phone Number (xxx) xxx-xxxx** (509) 736-2707

**What Position is the Nomination for?**

Trustee-at-large Position 3 (Population 100,001 - 400,000 - Counties: Benton, Cowlitz, Grant, Kitsap, Skagit, Thurston, Yakima, Whatcom) Two-year term

**Have you ever served on the WACO Board of Trustees**

Yes

**Have you ever served as an officer or board member for your affiliate?**

Yes

**Why do you want to be on the WACO Board, what skills and perspective will you bring to the Board?**

WACO is a critical resource for County affiliates and my hope is that I bring unique knowledge to the Board based on my experience both in County government, as well as my past leadership roles in WSACA and local groups.

**What do you bring to the WACO Board in the way of ideas and change?**

I think WACO has done a great job of modernizing it's role as an advocate for County officials. I am a huge supporter of CPI (Continuous Process Improvement). My hope is that WACO continues on it's important path to continue to identify County needs to develop programs to meet those needs.

**How do you think WACO can sustain the organization?**

Affiliate participation is key. Continuing to engage non-Board members is crucial. We must continue to work towards maximum participation for all affiliates.

**If you are selected for the WACO Board, how much time do you have to participate in Board activities? Explain your commitment?**

I am fortunate to very high-achieving individuals who I work with in my office. This allows me to participate in committees, programs, and on Boards that I would not otherwise. I am committed to attendance at WACO activities and scheduled meetings.



# 2020 WACO Board Of Trustees Nomination Form

## WACO Board Of Trustees and Officers Nomination Form

**Full Name** Tristen Worthen

**Title** Clerk

**County** Douglas County

**Phone Number (xxx) xxx-xxxx** (509)745-8529

**What Position is the Nomination for?**

Trustee-at-large Position 5 (Population 20,000 - 50,000 - Counties: Adams, Asotin, Douglas, Jefferson, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan, Pacific, Stevens) Two-year term

**Have you ever served on the WACO Board of Trustees**

No

**Have you ever served as an officer or board member for your affiliate?**

Yes

**Why do you want to be on the WACO Board, what skills and perspective will you bring to the Board?**

I am currently in the middle of my 2nd term as the Douglas County Clerk. I have served 4 years on the WACO Education Committee. I am interested in the working with the WACO board to help promote and support the elected officials of our State.

**What do you bring to the WACO Board in the way of ideas and change?**

Our world is always evolving and changing. I would bring new eyes and ears to the WACO Board to help assist our Counties to adjust to these changes.

**How do you think WACO can sustain the organization?**

WACO is an integral part of supporting our elected officials. I am interested in assisting with this support.

**If you are selected for the WACO Board, how much time do you have to participate in Board activities? Explain your commitment?**

If I am selected, my commitment is to serve on the WACO Board. I am available to participate in any way that is necessary. This decision has not been taken lightly. What every time is necessary to see to the needs of the Counties, I am available.

**Letter of Intent (upload .doc or .pdf)**



Letter of Intent - WACO Position 5 Trustee at...

**Resume (upload .doc or .pdf)**

