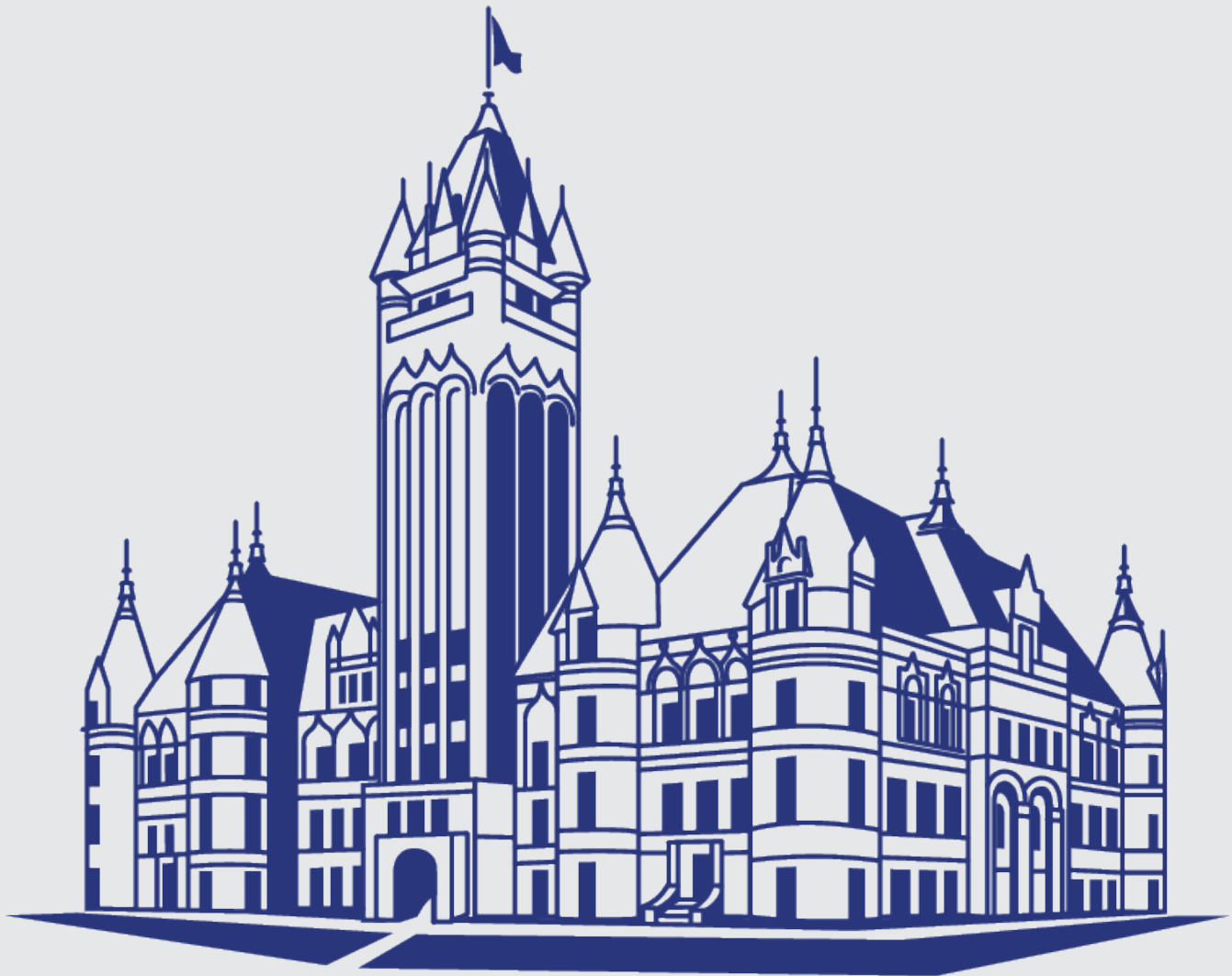


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# Voters' Pamphlet

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## Pam Kohlmeier

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### Elected Experience

None.

### Other Professional Experience

Practiced as an emergency physician for 15 years. Served on the faculty for the Master of Public Health program at Eastern Washington University.

### Education

Dually licensed in Washington as a physician and an attorney (MD, JD). Completed an emergency medicine residency.

### Community Service

Served as the Board Chair of St. George's School, on the Board of NAMI-Spokane (addressing mental illnesses), on the Board of Partners with Families and Children (addressing child abuse), served as chair of the Spokane County DCAC and co-chair of the regional triage team (2,000 volunteer hours helping Spokane and rural hospitals to avoid crisis care during the pandemic).

### Statement

As a physician, I helped to save lives and decrease suffering. I still love helping families and am blessed to have a family too. My husband, Dr. Stephen Thew, and I raised our 4 children in Spokane County over the past 18 years, yet our roots are rural (my grandparents were farmers and we both graduated from rural high schools). I am running to help improve our healthcare system, especially rural and mental health access. Recently, one of our own children died by suicide. Our family is suffering, but I will do all I can to improve access to care.



## Joe Schmick

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### Elected Experience

Appointed to the House of Representatives in November on 2007. Has continued to serve since that time in this position

### Other Professional Experience

Washington Farm Bureau Board of Directors, Graduate of Washington Agriculture and Forestry Education Foundation, Washington Barley Commission

### Education

BA in Accounting with a minor in Economics from Eastern Washington University

### Community Service

Nine years Little League Coach

### Statement

Joe Schmick is a former second-generation farmer and small business owner. He understands the importance of hard work, dedication, and perseverance and takes these 9th District values to Olympia. Joe understands the impacts of burdensome regulations on employers and how important agriculture is to our communities. Joe continues to advocate for accessible and affordable healthcare, quality education, and safe communities. He believes that government spending has outpaced taxpayer's income and would like to see the state live within its means and give back to taxpayers during times of excess. Joe has an open-door policy for everyone.



## Arianna Arends

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### Elected Experience

No information submitted

### Other Professional Experience

2 years High School Theater and English Teacher, Drama Program Director; 13 years Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Pastor and Church Planter; 2 years Patient Experience staff at Community Health Association of Spokane

### Education

Bachelor of Arts in Education - Eastern Washington University; Master of Divinity - Luther Seminary

### Community Service

No information submitted

### Statement

With a diverse background from education to religious leadership to public health I have a breadth of experience to serve our community. I know the power of public education to foster creativity, develop an informed citizenry, and encourage diversity. As a Lutheran pastor, I built inclusive communities. Now, as an employee at Community Health Association of Spokane (CHAS), I am passionate about access to quality healthcare for all. Rooted in Eastern Washington for four generations I have seen the Inland Northwest grow and change, and I am dedicated to ensuring progress benefits all residents, regardless of culture or circumstance.