

Roger Flygare for Federal Way City Council 6



I am excited to announce my candidacy for the Federal Way City Council. I look forward to advocating for the citizens of Federal Way. Let me share my thoughts regarding what I consider priorities for my term on the City Council:

Safe Neighborhoods:

With my 30-plus years' worth of experience in the civil/criminal justice system, I have an established background to help make our community safe. With the rise in crime, mail and property theft, forced burglaries and shootings, I will push for increased well-placed surveillance cameras and increased manned patrols resulting in quicker response time by the police department. There are more important issues than a "NEW CITY LOGO," i.e., addressing the growing homeless population, et cetera.

The Performing Arts & Events Center (PAEC):

I will work to ensure that the PAEC becomes and remains profitable and doesn't become a white elephant that will end up on the tax rolls for the residents of Federal Way to bail out.

Increasing Fees and/or any Taxes:

As your City Councilman, I will insist that City Hall hold stakeholder sessions before any fees are increased; that any tax increases will be on a ballot to be approved by the voters of Federal Way.

A Strong Advocate for Businesses, small and large:

As a business owner and member of the Federal Way Chamber of Commerce as well as the Association of Washington Business, I will act as a watchdog for impacts on business, either good or negative. I will work to increase the volume and interaction between City Hall and the Federal Way Chamber of Commerce. Most recently, I testified in favor of HB 2005, 2017-18, which will allow all businesses to file for all licenses and endorsement online, one-stop shopping, via the State Department of Revenue. This may allow cities like Federal Way to repurpose FTE hours to other useful purposes.

As a person who has worked on behalf of my two state-wide professional organizations, as well as the Federal Way Coalition Against Trafficking, the Association of Washington Generals, I am infinitely familiar with our State Government, Executive, Legislative as well as Judicial. I have successfully passed legislation and halted egregious amendments to the Civil and Criminal Court Rules. As your City Councilman, I will have a recognizable voice in Olympia.

City Council Structure:

It is my opinion that City Council members should be elected from the areas in which they live and be numbered districts 1 through 7; how the Federal Way Public School Board is elected. A number of Washington cities have this type of municipal government structure and it works well.

Personal background:

I have been a Federal Way resident since 1968 and married for 40 years to Karla Warnke Flygare, the father of one and the grandfather of two grandchildren ages two and four. I have owned and operated two legal service agencies for over 30 years, currently located in Federal way, performing services under contract for the State of Washington and the Federal Government (GSA). My wife and I also own a property management business. I am a Vietnam Veteran and serve as Judge Advocate General and Service Officer for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1741 in Auburn, helping veterans and active duty military with legal and medical issues.

I am currently the Immediate Past President & Commanding General of the Association of Washington Generals, which is a legislatively authorized non-profit which operates under the Lt. Governor's Office, as well as the President of the Washington Shorthand Freelance Reporters Association. I have been an active supporter of nonprofits in Federal Way, i.e., F.U.S.I.O.N, the Day Care Center, the Kiwanis, the Federal Way Coalition Against Trafficking, the Federal Way Farmers Market, the Knutzen Family Theater Dumas Bay Centre, as well as the Police and Fire Departments.

I ask for your valuable vote in August and in November ~ thank you, Roger Flygare