

## Candidates Profile

### Basic Information

County: Whatcom

Candidate 1: James **Erb**

Campaign website: <https://www.votejamesErb.com/>

Social media accounts (if applicable):

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/votejamesErb>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/VotejamesErb>

Campaign office address: (Couldn't find a street address; mailing address below)

Vote James **Erb**  
P.O. Box 1482  
Bellingham, WA 98227

Candidate 2: Eric **Richey**

Campaign website: <https://www.electericRichey.com/>

Social media accounts (if applicable):

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ElectEricRichey/>

Campaign office address: (Couldn't find a street address; mailing address below)

People to Elect Eric **Richey**  
P.O. Box 93, Bellingham Wa 98227

What news articles have been written about the candidate(s)? Include links if you find them.

- [Recap of candidate forum on September 21 with both candidates participating](#)
- [Riveters Collective candidate questionnaire for James \*\*Erb\*\*](#)
- [Riveters Collective candidate questionnaire for Eric \*\*Richey\*\*](#)
- [Candidate summary in Western Washington University paper](#)
- [Summary of candidate forum on July 20 held by a coalition of leaders from civil justice groups](#)
- [Candidate review in Cascadia Weekly](#)

What events will the candidate be speaking at? What community meetings will the candidate be hosting?

- James **Erb**, Oct 23: [Meet and Greet from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at HappyChap Creative in Bellingham](#)
- Eric **Richey**: None found

## Issues

- Death Penalty – **Erb** opposes the death penalty in [Whatcom County Democrats questionnaire](#).
- Teen Sexting
- DWLS3 – **Erb** supports not prosecuting these offenses in [Whatcom County Democrats questionnaire](#), “We need to stop wasting taxpayer dollars prosecuting non-violent offenses like driving on a suspended license...”
- Candidate priority issues
- [Criminal justice reform](#)
  - **Erb** appears to support a broader use of restorative justice than **Richey**. In the candidate forum, **Richey** stated that he thought restorative justice was helpful in dealing with property crimes and had concerns with its use in domestic violence or sexual assault crimes.

## Candidate Background

*Neither candidate is an incumbent:*

Has the candidate held other political offices previously? Which one(s)?

What is their professional background? **Richey** is the chief criminal deputy prosecuting attorney and **Erb** senior assistant city attorney for the City of Bellingham.

What community activities do they engage in?

## Getting to Know the Candidate

Have you attended any meetings where the candidate spoke (e.g. candidate forum, town hall, etc.)? Which one(s)?

Have you met in-person with the candidate? If so, what did you discuss in your meeting?

## Other information the ACLU should know: