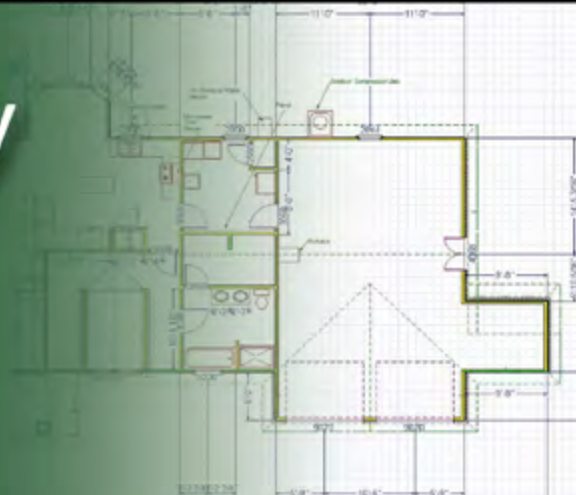


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October 2022

## **BIG PAC's General Election Endorsements**

Learn more on page 4.



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- Bob Colf Landscape
- Budget Blinds
- Columbia West Engineering, Inc.
- Hall & Son Pump Company, Inc.
- Hendrickson HVAC Services, Inc.
- Pacific Lifestyle Homes, Inc.
- Ryan's Plumbing, Inc.
- Waterways, Inc.

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# YOUR VOTE MATTERS

## President's Message

Aaron Helmes, Generation Homes NW

### Your Vote, Your Voice

As the election period is quickly approaching, we want to remind you to make a plan to vote. Voting is the foundation of our democracy. It informs the decisions made by our local, state, and national policy makers.

Better policies build better communities and it begins at the ballot box.

[The Building Industry Group's Political Action Committee](#) has released their list of endorsements, which you can view on the next page.

The BIA urges you to vote for these candidates who are pro-housing affordability and pro-business.

Make sure to [register to vote by October 31](#) and be on the lookout for ballots to hit mailboxes this week.

Sincerely,



# MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!

Please vote for the Building Industry Association of Clark County's endorsed candidates.



**Kevin Waters**  
17th District  
State Representative  
Pos. 1



**Stephanie McClintock**  
18th District  
State Representative  
Pos. 1



**Paul Harris**  
17th District  
State Representative  
Pos. 2



**Greg Cheney**  
18th District  
State Representative  
Pos. 2



**Glen Yung**  
District 1  
Clark County Council



**Don Benton**  
District 5  
Clark County Council



**Michelle Belkot**  
District 2  
Clark County Council



**Nancy Barnes**  
District 2  
Clark Public Utilities  
Commissioner

## General Election Endorsements

With the general election less than a week away, the BIA is aligning with the BIG PAC's endorsements of Clark County candidates.

As the building and construction industry continues to tackle challenges including housing affordability, supply chain issues, workforce development and burdensome regulatory compliance, the BIA urges you to vote for pro-housing affordability and pro-business candidates.

- **State Representative, Legislative District 17 – Kevin Waters** (Position No. 1)
- **State Representative, Legislative District 17 – Paul Harris** (Position No. 2)
- **State Representative, Legislative District 18 – Stephanie McClintock** (Position No. 1)
- **State Representative, Legislative District 18 – Greg Cheney** (Position No. 2)
- **County Councilor District No. 1 – Glen Yung**
- **County Councilor District No. 2 – Michelle Belkot**
- **County Councilor District No. 5 – Don Benton**
- **Clark Public Utilities Commissioner District No. 2 – Nancy Barnes**

# Renewing & New Members in September

## 10-14 YEARS

- Avec GK, Inc.
- Banner Bank
- EM3 Concrete
- Fireside Home Solutions
- Lingberg Pipe & Grade, Inc.
- Pacific Crest Building Supply, Inc.
- Ultra Quiet Floors

## 5-9 YEARS

- All County Electric, LLC
- American Marble & Granite
- Apex Air, LLC
- Brush Prairie Concrete, Inc.
- Darter Constrution
- GC Northwest, LLC
- Greenhaven Landscapes, Inc.
- Live NW Team @ Parker Brennan Real Estate
- North Fork Drywall, Inc.
- Turbo Painting, LLC
- Wire Rite Electric, Inc.

## 1-4 YEARS

- A-Line Asphalt Maintenance
- Capital One Spark Business
- D & F Plumbing Co.
- D.T. Glass, Inc.
- E Drafting Corp.
- Edwards Construction / Western Properties
- Excel Designs, Inc.
- Global Tower Service
- Keller Williams Premier Partners / The Asivido Team
- NW Iron Works
- Pella Windows & Doors
- Summit Plumbing, LLC
- U.S. Construction
- Xerox- CTX

## NEW MEMBERS

- CrossCountry Mortgage
- Digs
- Pacnorth Homes
- Power Professor
- Premier Solar NW
- Stormwater Solutions
- Tanninen Painting, LLC

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## State Building Code Council Public Hearing

On October 14, BIA members, leaders, and staff joined associations and allies from around the state to urge Washington State Building Code Council to consider the unintended consequences and financial ramifications of regulatory creep associated with Group 2 building code package. They covered topics including electrical grid deficiencies, the human costs of implementing the proposed codes, workforce challenges, and the cost of implementation.

Below are some quotes from BIA testimony:

### **Human Costs / Housing Affordability - Noelle Lovern, BIA Government Affairs**

“For the cost of mandating Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment in all new construction you will be pricing out more than 1,400 Washington families. And for the cost of requiring heat pumps for space and water heating another 18,000 families in our state will be priced out. Before moving forward with any of the code updates, I urge you to consider that in total should you implement all of these code updates you will be pricing out more than 160,000 families.”

### **Electrical Grid Deficiencies - Bart Hansen, BIA Executive Officer**

“If natural gas is taken out of the picture in the Pacific Northwest, the electrical grid will have to pick up that load in the heating season. The Pacific Northwest is fortunate to have the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to provide power to our region. Power can be viewed in two ways. Where are you going to get it and how are you going to deliver it to the end user. BPA does a great job of meeting our source generation needs, but what about the transmission?”

# Plumbing and Electrical License Verifications are Coming to the City of Vancouver

Because of a recent change to the Revised Code of Washington RCW 18.106 all plumbing work must now be performed by a Licensed Plumbing Contractor. These plumbing licenses can be obtained through the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries (L&I).

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** When does the new plumbing license requirement go into effect?

**A:** The City of Vancouver will be verifying plumbing licenses when plumbing work is covered under the scope of the permit starting on October 17. The State law actually went into effect on January 1, 2021.

**Q:** What types of projects / work will require a plumbing license?

**A:** All of the same work that previously required a license still applies. For additional information please reference the WA Labor and Industries web page.

**Q:** What types of projects / work will not require a plumbing license?

**A:** Outside the footprint of the building (with limited exceptions).

**Q:** How will projects be affected by the new electrical license policy changes?

**A:** The computer system will automatically check for an electrical license when an electrical inspection is scheduled instead of our staff having to do it manually.

**Q:** How will these changes effect current permits?

**A:** Licenses will be checked automatically by our computer system when they try to schedule an inspection.

**Q:** Where can I find more information?

**A:** Revised Code of Washington web site, specifically, RCW 18.106 and the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries (L&I).

**Q:** Who should I contact when I have questions?

**A:** Washington State Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) and the City of Vancouver Building division. You can contact the city's inspection line at 360-487-7801 or [inspections@cityofvancouver.us](mailto:inspections@cityofvancouver.us).



## October is Careers in Construction Month

To celebrate October being [Careers in Construction month](#), the [Building Futures Foundation](#), a 501(c)3 nonprofit and extension of the Building Industry Association of Clark County, is delighted to announce a record-breaking investment of \$25,000 for building industry careers.

Nine individuals were selected to receive financial support for the 2022-2023 academic year and one individual received a tool grant to support his growing business. See the list of recipients below.

- **Chris North** - Tool Grant Recipient, Fallen Warrior Landscaping
- **Tye Kangas** - Washington State University, Mechanical Engineering
- **Sam Thometz** - Arizona State University, Construction Management
- **Caleb Davis** - Clackamas Community College, Engineering
- **David "Cooper" Chun** - Clark College, Civil Engineering
- **Elizabeth Rowden** - Washington State University, Civil Engineering
- **Jenna Childress** - University of Arizona, Engineering
- **Joseph Cline** - Washington State University, Electrical Engineering
- **Laura Muntean** - University of Washington, Civil Engineering
- **Benz Brawley** - George Fox University, Construction Management





## National Headlines

- [Careers in Construction Month Toolkit](#)
- [Economic Indicators and Looking Ahead](#)
- [NAHB Industry Awards Deadline Extended](#)
- [Gas vs. Electric: Comparing Heating and Cooling Systems of Homes](#)
- [Apply Now for 2023 Committees and Council Boards](#)



## State Headlines

- [GRO-ing community and amazing outdoor spaces with Garret Hergert](#)
- [October 2022 Building Insight](#)
- [As prices rise, HBA rebates help you get money back](#)
- [September 2022 Building Insight](#)

## In Case You Missed It...

- BIA: [September Edition of Building Clark County](#)
- BIA: [Cost of regulatory compliance soars, exacerbating housing affordability crisis](#)
- The Columbian: [The BIA has appointed Bart Hansen as the organization's new executive director](#)
- The Columbian: [Building Industry Association honors members at award ceremony](#)
- The Reflector: [Annual home show parades into Ridgefield](#)

# Upcoming Events



**BIA**

**NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING**  
**PRESIDENT'S AWARDS &**  
**OFFICER INSTALLATION**

Thursday, November 10  
The Heathman Lodge

5:00 pm Social Hour  
*sponsored by Chicago/Fidelity National Title*  
6:00 pm Dinner & Presentation

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