



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY SENIOR EXECUTIVE  
SERVICE LEADER (RETIRED) MICHAEL T. IRWIN  
ENDORSEMENT

06/21/2022 - Fellow Skamania County Residents,

I have had the privilege and honor of spending my entire life in public service; 26 years in the United States Air Force and 17 years in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). In those many years, I've served with some great men and women and had the opportunity to lead numerous organizations as an Air Force Officer and a DHS Senior Executive Service leader. I have come to appreciate how critical public service organizations are to our nation and our communities, and how critical the leadership of those organizations is in securing the trust and support of the citizens we serve.

Our community first responders have extremely difficult jobs, and they need our enthusiastic support. We have high expectations of these professionals and to that end they need great leaders. It is often up to us to select those leaders through our power to vote. The critical position of Skamania County Sheriff is on the ballot, and I urge you to vote for the candidate who will earn our trust, and lead and support the resolute men and women of our Sheriff's Office.

On a personal level, I will be casting my vote for Deputy Sheriff Summer Scheyer. I have known her many years and hold her in the highest regard. In earlier years, I

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tried diligently to recruit her to work for me at the Department of Homeland Security. Even though I guaranteed her a leadership role in our organization and a much higher salary, she politely turned me down for one of the key reasons I am now supporting her for Sheriff. She was committed to staying with and supporting the community she loves and respects. I can attest to her integrity, her commitment to the community and the unwavering support and respect she has for the professional men and women of the Skamania County Sheriff's Office.

Summer clearly understands the importance of community trust and cohesion. She is a phenomenal communicator and focused on both listening to and addressing the concerns of our communities' citizens and organizations. She has spent her entire career supporting Skamania County as a public servant and will continue to do so. She will strengthen the Sheriff's Office through her inspirational leadership and dedication to the proud men and women who serve. She has a passion for the Office's mission and service to this community.

In these challenging times, we desperately need leaders who put the community first; Individuals who will provide the inspired leadership necessary to support our outstanding first responders, and who will bring the energy and innovative solutions to the challenges we are facing. I am proud to endorse Summer Scheyer for Skamania County Sheriff.

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