

This primary is an extremely important vote for our communities. We have been residents of Friday Harbor for ten years, relatively still newcomers to many, but we have witnessed the decline of our County economy and there seems to be no end of bickering that goes on among our political leaders.

We need Council members who have the desire and ability to do what's right for all of us. For many years our citizens have been good stewards of our islands. Yet there are those who want to change and limit what we do with our property. They have an agenda that is counterproductive, threatens our rights and is problematic.

Residents of the islands need jobs. We have lost, according to published data, over 500 former employees that had to leave the islands to find work. We need leadership that will do what's necessary to promote work here in the San Juan's. We need broadband to get our share of the many home based jobs that are growing across the country.

Marc Forlenza, with experience in finance and business management has the ability and desire to go to the state capital and to corporate offices like Microsoft and Boeing to solicit telecommuting jobs for the San Juan's. He also has the ability to explore what can be done to improve our ferry system, and has already been to Olympia to research new funding sources. Additionally, he is supporting an alternative to the Building in Washington requisite which limits competitive bidding on new ferry construction.

If you think Marc is not a good steward of the environment think again. He spearhead the revival of the Derelict Vessel Program which has gone on to process nearly 100 boats in danger of sinking, thus keeping our waters free of harmful contaminants.

If you have the chance ask Marc about these & other ideas, and we believe that if you vote for Marc Forlenza you won't be disappointed.

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