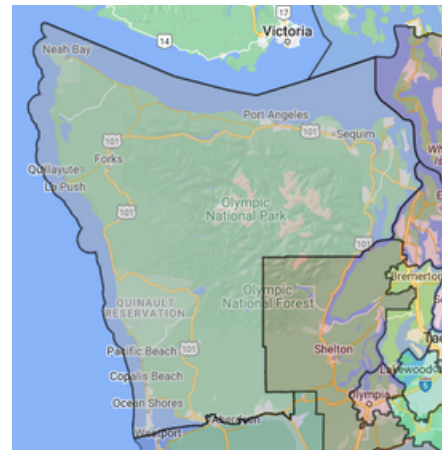# MEET YOUR LEGISLATORS

24th Legislative District

State Senator
Kevin Van De Wege
(D)

Senator Van De Wege is a firefighter, paramedic, husband and father. He is also a lifelong Washington resident. As a young child, his parents instilled the core values of family and service in him.
His legislative accomplishments include helping to secure permanent, year-round funding for a rescue tug at Neah Bay, and keeping state parks open to the public even in the midst of severe budget challenges.

He is the chair of the Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks Committee, and serves on the Senate Ways & Means Committee and the Senate Health & Long Term Care Committee.

State Representative
Mike Chapman
(D - position 1)

Representative Chapman served for a decade as a local law enforcement officer and U.S. Customs Inspector. He then served four terms as a Clallam County Commissioner. Chapman lives in Port Angeles.

His volunteer and civic involvement includes: Clallam County Board of Health (chair, board member), Boys and Girls Clubs of the Olympic Peninsula (board president), North Olympic Baseball and Softball (board director), William Shore Memorial Pool District (founder, chair, board member), Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization (chair), Port Angeles Chamber of Commerce (board director)

State Representative
Steve Tharinger
(D - position 2)

Representative Tharinger is a former small business owner and three-term Clallam County Commissioner. He is a member of the Sequim Sunrise Rotary and a state-certified, volunteer mediator with the Peninsula Dispute Resolution Commission.

As chair of the House Capital Budget Committee, he helps write the state's capital investment budget, which builds schools, colleges, parks and other state facilities plus making investments in our natural resources. He serves on the Health Care & Wellness and Appropriations committees, the Dementia Action Collaborative, and co-chairs the Joint Executive Committee on Aging & Disability.

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