

# Know Before You Go: WA-03 District Primer

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**In the last election, Republican Jaime Herrera Beutler won this district by 23%. However, President Trump won by only 7%.** With your help, we're going to win this seat for the Democrats in 2018.

## About the Incumbent

**Introduction:** Republican Jaime Herrera Beutler has been the WA-03 Representative since 2011 and is in her 4th term. Born in California, she grew up in southwest Washington and attended the University of Washington. She has also served in the state House of Representatives.

**Issues:** As a State Representative, she opposed a bill mandating gender equality in community athletic programs run by cities, school districts, and private leagues. She is considered bi-partisan but votes with her party 92% of the time. She is anti-choice and has a 0% rating from NARAL. She opposes federal regulation of greenhouse gas emissions and clean water regulations. She earns an A rating from the NRA and opposes background checks. She wants to repeal ACA, but also voted against Republican legislation in 2017.

**Committees:** House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies; Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies; Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government; Congressional Caucus on Maternity Care; Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues

**Recent Elections:** After Democrat Brian Baird did not seek re-election in the 2010 general election, Herrera Beutler won 53%-47% over Democrat Denny Heck. In 2012, Herrera Beutler won 60%-40% against Democrat Jon T. Haugen. In 2014, Herrera Beutler won 61.5% to 38.5% against Democrat Bob Dingenthal. In 2016, Herrera Beutler won 62% to 38% against Democrat Jim Moeller.

## About the Democratic Candidate

**Introduction:** Democrat Carolyn Long is a tenured professor in the School of Politics, Philosophy and Public Affairs at Washington State University Vancouver (WSUV) and has worked at the University in various administrative and leadership roles since 1995. Long grew up in a rural community on the coast and is the daughter of a small business owner. She was a member of the UFCW 555, which allowed her to fund her undergraduate education.

**Issues:** Long supports affordable healthcare with a focus on preventive health, covering pre-existing conditions, and reducing the cost of prescription drugs. She believes that Citizens United should be overturned, that the role of special interests in elections must be diminished, and that transparency in campaign finance is essential. Long would reform the tax code to benefit job creators, support small businesses, and create policies that support family-wage jobs. She supports educational and job opportunities for veterans as they transition from service to civilian life and preserving the post 9/11 GI Bill. She opposes privatizing the VA. Long wants to lower the cost of higher education and expand apprenticeships and internships; invest in infrastructure to create jobs, improve roads, protect the environment; and expand access to high-speed internet. She supports closing for-profit immigration detention centers, ending the militarization of ICE, reforming the immigration system to reunify families, and using modern, cost-effective methods to secure our borders.

**Strengths:** Long's solutions-minded approach to governing and dedication to helping those who disagree find common ground will make her an effective representative in Congress. Her work in her community over the last twenty-two years and connection to hundreds of families through her teaching gives her unique insight into the challenges faced by 3rd District residents. Long has the support of the DCCC "Red to Blue" effort, Emily's List, and a wealth of others.



## WA-03: Facts & Stats

### Population Centers

- Vancouver: 164,111
- Long View: 36,656
- Salmon Creek: 21,235
- Orchards: 21,138

### 2016 Presidential Results

- Trump (R): 50%
- Clinton (D): 43%

### 2016 House Results

- Moeller (D): 38.2%
- Herrera Beutler (R): 61.8%

### 2014 House Results

- Moeller (D): 38.5%
- Herrera Beutler (R): 55.5%

## WA-03: Better Know the District

### Geography

WA-03 is in the southwest corner of Washington. Except for the Vancouver area, which is part of the Portland metro area, the district is rural and stretches from the Pacific Ocean along the southern border with Oregon and the Columbia River. It includes Mt St Helens National Volcanic Monument and the North Cascade mountains.

### Citizenry

This district is primarily white (82.6%) with an Hispanic population of 8%. The district includes a campus for Hewlett-Packard and the headquarters for Nautilus, Insitu, WaferTech, JH Kelly, and Cascade Hardwoods.

### Elections

WA-03 is usually competitive, with the areas near Portland leaning more Democratic than rural areas. Trump won the district by 7 points (49.9% to Clinton's 42.5%). In 2000, Bush won with 48% and was re-elected with 50%. Obama swung the district in 2008 with 52% of the vote. Redistricting extended the district further to the east, resulting in a higher concentration of Republican voters. Romney won with 49.6% in 2012.

### Historic Sites

The district includes points along the Lewis & Clark National Historical Trail ending at Cape Disappointment. WA-03 also includes the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site and historical lighthouses. Officer's Row in Vancouver was once home to important historical figures like President Ulysses S. Grant, General George C. Marshall, and General O.O. Howard.