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Voters in Washington will elect a governor, attorney general, and treasurer this cycle. All 98 House seats will be on the ballot as well as 25 of the 49 Senate seats. Democrats are expected to maintain control of the state level offices and both chambers.

Attorney General

Republican Nominee

Pete Serrano

The Office of Attorney General is open for the first time since 2012 following incumbent Bob Ferguson's (D) decision to run for Governor of Washington. Pasco City Mayor Pete Serrano is the Republican candidate looking to take the seat after winning 42 percent of the vote in the August primary. Serrano is an attorney and current member of the Pasco City Council. He was previously an environmental lawyer at the United States Department of Energy.

His vision for the office includes advocating for justice and community safety, balancing environmental preservation with energy innovation, addressing crime trends, supporting responsible firearm ownership, and advancing government accountability and transparency.

He has named **public safety** as his top priority for the attorney general office, emphasizing the need for well-equipped officers and addressing the state's drug crisis. He also committed to working collaboratively with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to develop and implement strategies that specifically target human traffickers.

Serrano has positioned himself as a champion of the **environment**, having previously worked for the Vermont Department of Natural Resources after obtaining a Legal Master's degree (LLM) in environmental law. He supports advancing the state's **energy** infrastructure and promoting clean, efficient energy solutions.

If elected, Serrano has proposed initiatives to enhance **transparency in government** by ensuring open channels of communication and making governmental processes more accessible to the public.

Serrano is competing against former U.S. Attorney Nick Brown (D) for the open seat. Serrano and Brown have been facing off outside the campaign trail as well, appearing on opposing sides in lawsuits challenging the state's recently enacted gun laws.

His campaign has raised \$259,000 and spent \$155,000, a stark contrast from Brown's \$1.5 million in contributions and \$1.2 million in spending.

Trivia: Serrano's first job out of law school was with a small water litigation firm in D.C.