



*committed to the community
committed to the craft*

Hello, my name is Jenny Rae, I'm the communications director and one of the owners of Chuckanut Builders. We're a Bellingham based general contractor and green builder. We founded Chuckanut Builders eight years ago and in that time have grown the company from 3 to 18 full time employees.

The majority of our projects are major residential remodeling projects, high performance new homes and small tenant improvement projects. Since the beginning, Chuckanut Builders has been committed to making our clients' homes more comfortable, durable, healthy and efficient, even when that might not have been the plan from the start. Most folks come to us with pretty traditional projects in mind, but we are often successful in steering the project in a more aspirational direction, including deep energy retrofits and major building performance upgrades.

According to the U.S Green Building Council, the commercial and residential building sectors account for 39% of CO2 emissions in the United States. Additionally, buildings use a tremendous amount of energy, accounting for more than 70% of electricity use in the U.S. The green building industry is uniquely positioned to address the impacts of climate change because the technology to make substantial reductions in energy and CO2 emissions already exists, for both new buildings and remodel projects.

Beyond our focus on the built environment, we also see ourselves as community builders. Our guiding mission is to help build a resilient, sustainable community by bolstering the local economy and embracing innovation. We do this by creating year-round, livable-wage employment in Bellingham; by working almost exclusively with local manufacturers and vendors; and by relentlessly pursuing the science and art of high quality and high-performance buildings.

Until 2018 we'd never endorsed candidates or initiatives. That recently changed. This year we're feeling an urgency to support causes that matter to us; causes that are pressing and necessary. I-1631 is one of those causes. This initiative will invest in clean energy as well as efficiency upgrades for homes and businesses, which in turn will help create jobs in the construction industry. More broadly, it will also help communities prepare for the impacts of climate change, much of which can be tied to pollution.

We hope that by speaking up loudly about causes we care about, and by doing the work to build better buildings, we will play our part in making a lasting, positive impact on the environment and economy of our region.

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