

voters' pamphlet

Oregon Vote-by-Mail Special District Election | **May 16, 2023**



Attention

This is the beginning of your Deschutes County Voters' Pamphlet.
All information contained in this pamphlet has been
assembled and printed by your County Clerk.



Dear Deschutes County Voter:

This is your May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet provided by your Deschutes County Clerk's office. It contains information about candidates and measures from local jurisdictions within the boundaries of Deschutes County.

This pamphlet contains the ballot measures and explanatory statements designed to provide impartial information. It also contains paid arguments for or against certain measures. Candidates may also pay to place a statement in the pamphlet.

Ballots will be mailed on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 to each registered voter. Here are a few things you should know:

- ◆ **Mail** your voted ballot in your postage-paid return envelope or **drop it off** at an official drop site location by **8 pm, Tuesday, May 16, 2023**. Remember to sign your ballot envelope.
- ◆ Drop sites open Friday, April 28. Check the Ballot Drop Site page in this pamphlet for more details.
- ◆ Candidate names on your ballot will appear in random alphabetical order. In accordance with ORS 254.155, random ordering of the letters is conducted prior to each election.
- ◆ Not all candidates or measures in this Voters' Pamphlet will be on your ballot. Your official ballot will contain only those issues on which you are eligible to vote, based on where you live.
- ◆ Not all candidates submit information for the Voters' Pamphlet, so you may have candidates on your ballot that are not in the Voters' Pamphlet.
- ◆ This Voters' Pamphlet is online at www.deschutescounty.gov/elections. After 8 pm on Election Night, preliminary election results will be posted online at www.deschutescounty.gov/ElectionResults.
- ◆ If a ballot was delivered to your residence for someone who should no longer be receiving a ballot at your address, please write "RETURN" on the envelope and place it back in your mailbox.
- ◆ The signature on each voter's ballot return envelope is verified against the voter's signature on file. The signatures must match before a ballot can be counted. If your signature has changed, please update your voter registration.
- ◆ Postmarks Count! Ballots that are mailed, postmarked by the United States Postal Service (USPS) by 8 pm on Election Day and received by the Clerk's Office by Tuesday, May 23 will be accepted.

Translation Information

Selected portions of this county voters' pamphlet are available in Simplified Chinese, French, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese. These translations can be found online at **oregonvotes.gov/DeschutesVP**

本县选民手册的部分内容提供简体中文版本。可以访问 **oregonvotes.gov/DeschutesVP** 获取译本。

Des sections sélectionnées des brochures de l'électeur de ce comté sont disponibles en français. Ces traductions peuvent être consultées en ligne à l'adresse suivante : **oregonvotes.gov/DeschutesVP**

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Algunas secciones de este folleto para votantes del condado están disponibles en español. Estas traducciones están disponibles en línea en **oregonvotes.gov/DeschutesVP**

Ang mga piling bahagi ng mga pamplet na ito para sa mga botante ng county ay mababasa sa Tagalog. Makikita online ang mga pagsasalang-wikang ito sa **oregonvotes.gov/DeschutesVP**

Các phần được chọn trong tập tài liệu cử tri quận này có bản ngôn ngữ tiếng Việt. Các bản dịch có thể xem trực tuyến tại **oregonvotes.gov/DeschutesVP**

In 2021, the Oregon Legislature passed the Voter Language Access Bill (HB 3021) requiring the Secretary of State to translate portions of state and county voters' pamphlets into Oregon's and the county's most spoken languages. The law seeks to remove barriers to voting for those who are not fully proficient in English.

To help in this effort, the Translation Advisory Council was created. The Council is made up of volunteer community members who represent the ethnic, linguistic, and cultural diversity of Oregon voters. Council members make sure state and county translations are accurate and retain the original tone and meaning in a culturally appropriate manner.

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Voting Information

Registering to Vote

To be eligible to vote in the May 16, 2023 Special District Election, a completed voter registration card must be postmarked by Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

May Special District Election:

All voters in the May 16, 2023 Special District Election will receive the same ballot, regardless of political affiliation.

To register to vote in Oregon, you must be:

1. A resident of Oregon.
2. A United States citizen.
3. At least 18 years old by Election Day.

You must update your registration if:

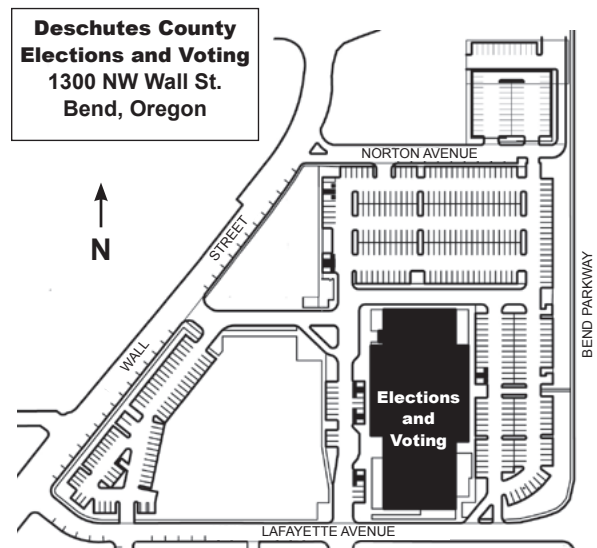
1. Your residence or mailing address changes.
2. Your name changes.
3. You wish to change your party affiliation.

Important Note: If you have moved or changed your name and you have not yet updated your registration, you are still eligible to vote. Call the Deschutes County Elections Office at (541) 388-6547 for further information.

Voters with disabilities:

If you need assistance with voting or casting your ballot, call the Deschutes County Elections Office at (541) 388-6547. We will provide two staff to assist you in voting. You may also authorize a friend, family member, or other trusted person, who are not affiliated with your employer or union, to assist you.

An audio edition of the Voters' Pamphlet is available. To order, please contact Independent Living Resources at (503) 232-7411 or TTY (503) 232-8408.



Voting Instructions

Your Ballot Packet will contain the following items:

- Printed ballot
- Postage-paid return envelope to be signed

Examine your official ballot and vote it:

Examine your official ballot and locate the candidate or measure response oval of your choice for each contest. To vote, you must blacken the oval (●) completely with a pen (black or blue ink) next to your choices. Do not use a felt tip pen.

Review your ballot:

Ensure you correctly marked your choice for each contest. Your official ballot may contain contests printed on both sides of your ballot.

Prepare to return your ballot:

Place your ballot in the postage-paid return envelope. Election staff will ensure the secrecy of your ballot. Read the voter's statement on the return envelope and sign in the signature box.

Signing your ballot return envelope:

Your ballot will not be counted if the return envelope is not signed. Every signature is checked against the registration signature on file and the signature must match for the ballot to be counted.

Return your ballot:

- **By mail:** Return your ballot in your signed and sealed ballot return envelope. A stamp is not required. Mail your voted ballot no later than Tuesday, May 16, 2023.
- **At any official drop site:** Deliver the signed and sealed ballot return envelope to an official drop site no later than 8 pm on Election Day. Postage is not required.

Remember, review both sides of your ballot. Some ballots may have contests/measures on both sides.

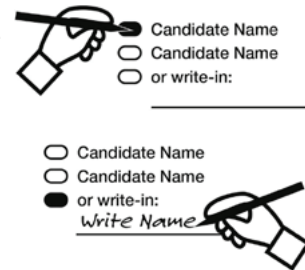
Contact:

Deschutes County Elections
(541) 388-6547 [Deschutescounty.gov/elections](https://deschutescounty.gov/elections)
1 (866) ORE-VOTES (se habla Español)
www.oregonvotes.gov
TTY 1 (800) 735-2900

How To Cast Your Vote

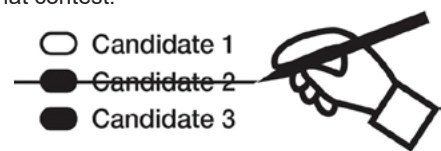
1 Complete your ballot

- To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice with a pen (black or blue ink). Do not use a felt tip pen.
- To vote for a person not on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the “write-in” line, then neatly write the name of the person on the line provided. Do not write a candidate’s name that already appears on the ballot.
- You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still count.



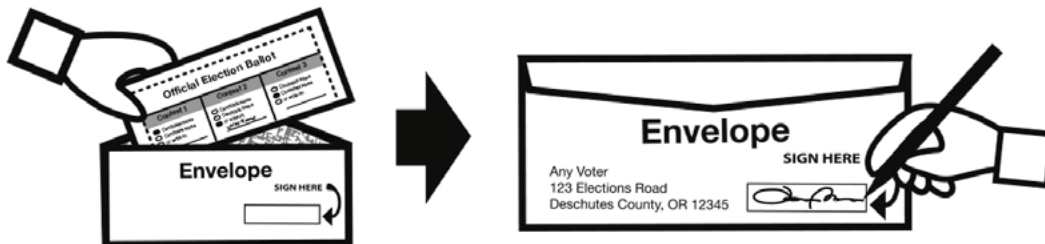
2 Check for errors

- If you vote for more options than are allowed, your vote **will not count** for that contest.
- If you make a mistake on your ballot, you may make your changes on the ballot. Draw a line through the entire candidate name or measure response. You then have the option of making another choice.
- Contact Deschutes County Elections Office at (541) 388-6547 to request a replacement ballot if:
 - you make a mistake that you cannot correct
 - your ballot is damaged or spoiled
 - your ballot is lost



3 Insert ballot & sign your return envelope

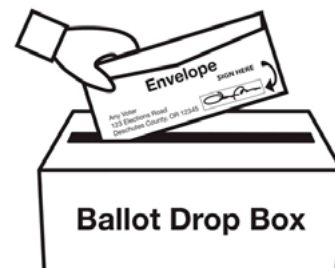
- Insert only your voted ballot (not another person’s ballot) inside your ballot return envelope. *(If we receive an envelope with more than one ballot inside, all enclosed ballots will be rejected and not counted).*
- You must sign your ballot return envelope or **your vote will not count.**



- The signature on each voter’s ballot return envelope is verified against the voter’s signature on file. The signatures must match before a ballot can be counted. If your signature has changed, please update your voter registration.

4 Return your ballot

- By mail:** Return your ballot in your signed and sealed ballot return envelope. Postage is not required. Mail your voted ballot no later than Tuesday, May 16, 2023. Ballots that are mailed, postmarked by the United States Postal Service (USPS) by 8 pm on Election Day and received by the Clerk’s Office by Tuesday, May 23, 2023 will be accepted.
- At any official drop site:** Deliver the signed and sealed ballot return envelope to an official drop site no later than 8 pm on Election Day. Postage is not required.



Deschutes County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Official Ballot Drop Sites

Don't Delay, Vote Today!

Drop off your ballot at an official drop site location by **8 pm, Tuesday, May 16, 2023**. Remember to sign your ballot envelope.

Drop Site Hours:

Open: Friday, April 28, 2023
Close: Election Day, Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at **8 pm**

Drop Site Locations:

Bend				
Deschutes Services Center 1300 NW Wall St, Bend <i>(Walk-up & Drive-through exterior Drop Boxes located on west side of building)</i>	Deschutes County Road Department 61150 SE 27 th St, Bend <i>(Box located on south end of parking lot)</i>	Old Mill 459 SW Bluff Dr, Bend <i>(Box located on the knoll above Old Mill District in parking lot south of Hilton Garden Inn hotel)</i>	Bradbury Park & Ride 1000 SW Bradbury Way, Bend <i>(Box located across from the Park & Rec Pavilion off of Simpson & Columbia)</i>	Pine Nursery Park 3750 NE Purcell Blvd, Bend Open usual park business hours <i>(Box located at east end of parking lot)</i>
Redmond (New Locations)		La Pine	Sisters	Sunriver
Deschutes County Expo Center (Fairgrounds) 3800 SW Airport Way, Redmond <i>(Box located on roundabout in east end parking lot)</i>	Parking Lot across from Centennial Park (Temporarily moved from the Redmond Library) 716 SW Evergreen, Redmond <i>(Box located at north end of parking lot)</i>	La Pine Public Library (Open during construction) 16425 1st St, La Pine <i>(Box located at 1st St & Huntington Rd)</i>	Sisters City Hall 520 E Cascade Ave, Sisters <i>(Box located in front of City Hall)</i>	Sunriver Public Library 56855 Venture Ln, Sunriver <i>(Box located at Sunriver Business Park)</i>

-- OR --

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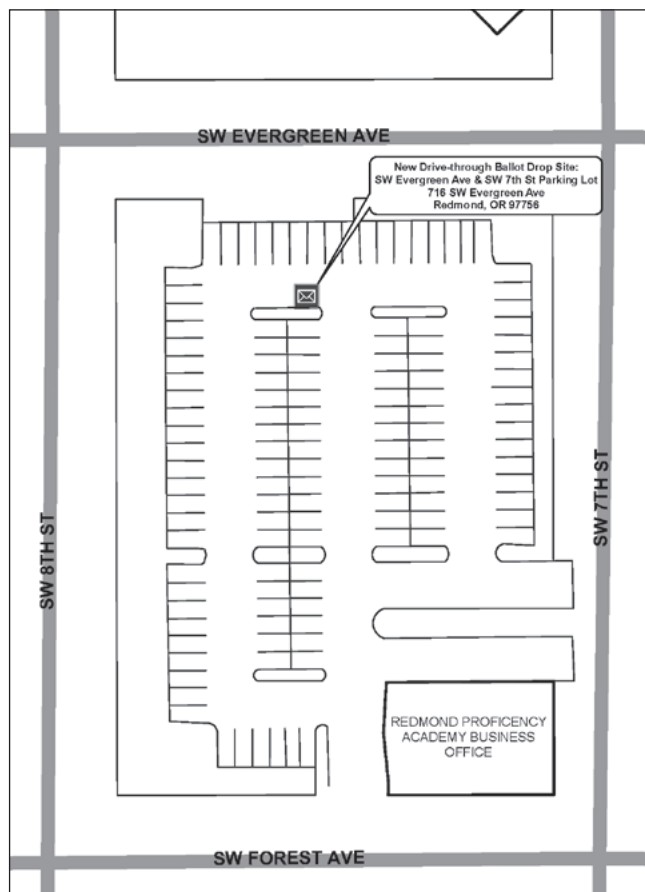
County Clerk's Office, 1300 NW Wall St, Suite 202 (2nd Floor), Bend
 Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm | Election Day, 7 am to 8 pm
 -- Voting Booths Provided --

Directions to Your Newest Ballot Drop Sites

Watch for signs and banners to direct you to these drop sites.

Redmond Library Ballot Drop Box Has Temporarily Moved to the Parking Lot at SW Evergreen Ave & SW 7th St, Redmond

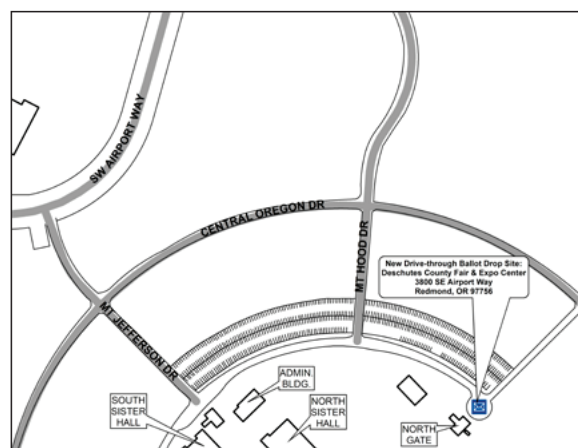
The Redmond Library is under construction until the expected completion date of June 2024. Signage will be posted directing voters to enter the parking lot via SW 7th St and exit on SW Forest Ave.



Deschutes County Expo Center (Fairgrounds)

3800 SW Airport Way, Redmond

Drive-through box is located on the roundabout in the east end parking lot.



.... Reminders

Your Ballot Packet

Your ballot packet will contain at minimum the following items:

- Printed ballot
- Postage-paid return envelope

Signing Your Ballot Return Envelope

Remember to sign your ballot return envelope.

The signature on each voter's ballot return envelope is verified against the voter's signature on file. The signature must match before a ballot can be counted. If your signature has changed, please update your voter registration.

Returning Your Ballot

No stamp required.

Mail by Election Day, Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

Deschutes County Elections: 2024 “I Voted” Sticker Contest

Deschutes County Clerk's Office invites local students to enter the **Deschutes County “I Voted” Sticker Contest**. K-12 students are encouraged to design an “I Voted” sticker that will be used during the 2024 Presidential Primary and General elections, and featured in each election's Voters' Pamphlet.

Elementary school (K-5) sticker design submissions will be accepted through the end of the year, with the winner announced in February 2024. Middle-high school (6-12) sticker design submissions will be accepted through the end of June 2024, with the winner announced in August 2024. Winning artwork will be used in Deschutes County Elections materials, promotions and outreach, and exhibited throughout the Deschutes County Services Building in downtown Bend.

Contest Details

The “I Voted” Sticker Contest Entry Form and the Design Template are available at the Clerk's Office and for download on the Deschutes County Elections website: www.deschutescounty.gov/artcontest.

Elementary school (K-5) students should mail or deliver their entries by December 31, 2023.

Middle-high school (6-12) students should mail or deliver their entries by June 30, 2024:

In-Person: Deschutes County Clerk's Office, 1300 NW Wall Street, Ste 202, Bend

By Mail: Deschutes County Clerk's Office, “I Voted” Sticker Contest, PO Box 6005, Bend, Oregon 97708

Email: artcontest@deschutescounty.gov

“I Voted” Sticker Design Contest Rules

- Circular “I Voted” sticker design (will be resized to fit a two inch (2”) diameter sticker)
- Hand rendered and digital designs accepted
 - Digital submissions should have a minimum resolution of 300 ppi
 - Hand rendered submissions should be drawn on white paper
- Designs should be nonpartisan and should not reference any political group
- Designs must include red, white, and blue colors at a minimum
- Designs must be original work and cannot use or reuse any imagery that is not theirs (no clip art or copyrighted imagery)

Measure 9-157 La Pine Rural Fire Protection District

Ballot Title

9-157

Five-Year operating levy for hiring fire/emergency medical staff

QUESTION: Shall LRFPD issue a five-year local operating levy, starting July 2023, to improve fire and emergency medical staffing? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: This measure would authorize the La Pine Rural Fire Protection District to levy taxes to support the hiring of additional firefighter/ EMS personnel. The measure provides for a local option operating levy at a rate of \$0.64 per \$1000 of taxable assessed value with the District for five years, beginning July 1, 2023. Revenue from the levy would be used to increase staffing in order to assure adequate emergency response times. Emergency calls have increased dramatically in the past few years. The funds raised will:

- * Allow hiring of up to an additional 9 new firefighter/EMS positions
- * Enable 3 crews to be available at all times for emergency response within the District
- * Provide essential emergency services/staffing during times of multiple emergency calls, out of area transports and wildland/urban interface events.

Estimated revenues over 5 years is:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Yearly Total
2023-24	\$1,379,698
2024-25	\$1,421,089
2025-26	\$1,463,722
2026-27	\$1,507,633
2027-28	\$1,552,862

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.

- Enable 3 crews to be available at all times for emergency response.
- Reduce response times, especially during times of multiple emergency calls.
- Provide essential emergency services during times of multiple calls, out of area transports and wildland/urban interface fires.
- Improve fire prevention efforts within the District.

The La Pine Rural Fire Protection District has highly trained and professional career firefighters along with a residential full-immersion student firefighter program and a volunteer support services group providing essential emergency services to the community. The District is known for efficient and effective use of taxpayer funds, maximizing cost recovery and grant opportunities by the use of best management practices, ongoing strategic planning processes, ten-year budget planning, and continually analyzing and improving expense and revenue structures. It maintains the community's equipment and facilities without debt. The District's five elected Directors have significant public emergency management, business and healthcare experience. The Directors set the District's service goals and provide oversight of fire and EMS operations. The District has a yearly external audit of its finances and procedures which is open for public review.

(This information furnished by Doug Cox, La Pine Rural Fire Protection District.)

Explanatory Statement

This measure will allow the District to hire more firefighter/EMS personnel to help meet the emergency needs of our fast-growing community:

- Emergency calls have increased 56% over the past decade.
- Paramedic transports to the hospital in Bend, which take fire/EMS crews out of the District for more than 2 hours, have doubled in the past 3 years.
- Over 600 times the District responded to 2 or more concurrent emergency calls in 2022.
- In 183 cases, there were no crews available within the District to respond to emergency calls.

Current levy amounts have not increased since 1998; the existing levy is set to renew in 2024 with voter approval. This new local operations levy will allow the addition of up to 9 additional firefighter/EMS personnel, providing an additional crew to respond to emergencies at all times. The tax will be \$0.64/\$1000 assessed property valuation. A home valued at \$200,000 would pay \$128 per year (\$10.66/month).

This levy, in combination with other taxes and fees, will provide essential funds that will:

Measure 9-157 Arguments

Argument in Favor

The La Pine Professional Firefighter's Association Local 3387 supports Measure 9-157. This measure allows the fire district to hire the much-needed firefighters and EMTs to provide the service the community of La Pine is accustomed to and deserves. The volume of calls has increased over the past ten years with a noted sharp increase over the past two years of 22%. This increase in call volume coupled with long transport times to the hospital in Bend has left the community of La Pine without fire or EMS coverage 183 times in 2022. The Local 3387 feels strongly that 183 times is 183 times too many. Passing this levy would allow the district to hire enough staff to ensure that every time someone calls 911, a crew is close by to respond. If this measure does not pass, we will continue to provide the same high standard of service but our response times will continue to increase.

(This information furnished by Kyle Lohner, La Pine professional Firefighters Local 3387 President.)

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Measure 9-158 City of Bend

Ballot Title

9-158

Five-year local option levy for fire and emergency medical services.

QUESTION: Should Bend issue a five-year local option levy of \$.76/\$1,000 assessed value for fire and emergency services beginning July 2024?

This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: The measure, if approved, authorizes the City of Bend to levy taxes to support the annual cost of fire and emergency medical services. The measure would provide for a local option operating levy at a rate of \$.76 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years, beginning July 1, 2024. The prior levy of \$.20/\$1,000 of assessed value expires June 30, 2024, and on expiration would be replaced by this levy. Revenue from the levy would be used to provide sufficient staffing with the goal of assuring adequate response times. The funding could also support additional training and equipment necessary to maintain services.

The estimated revenue over five years is:

- 2024-2025 \$11,765,000
- 2025-2026 \$12,353,000
- 2026-2027 \$12,971,000
- 2027-2028 \$13,619,000
- 2028-2029 \$14,300,000

If the maximum levy is assessed, the estimated total revenue raised over five years would be approximately \$65,008,000.

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.

- Adding firefighter/paramedics to staff a fourth Advanced Life Support ambulance to keep pace with the increase in calls for medical emergencies.
- Adding Emergency Medical Technicians to staff a second Basic Life Support ambulance that can respond to non-life-threatening calls and keep emergency vehicles available.
- Firefighter and emergency medical safety equipment.
- Tools for firefighting and emergency medical response.
- Technology enhancements.

(This information furnished by Robyn Christie.)

Explanatory Statement

The measure, if approved, would authorize the City of Bend to levy taxes for fire and emergency services at a rate of \$.76 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value for five years, beginning July 1, 2024. If approved, the levy would raise a projected \$11,765,000 in the fiscal year 2024-25, and an estimated total of approximately \$65,008,000 over the five-year period. Voters approved a \$.20/\$1,000 assessed value for fire and emergency services in 2014 and 2018; that levy expires in June 2024.

Bend Fire & Rescue provides fire suppression, emergency medical care and transport, technical rescue, and fire prevention services. The population of Bend and the demand on fire and emergency services continues to grow. The increase in call volume has made it necessary to add essential staff who can respond to meet this increased demand and maintain appropriate call response times. Revenue from this levy would be used to add staff to ensure adequate emergency response times, which lead to better patient outcomes. The funding would also support additional training and equipment necessary to maintain services.

If approved, the proposed levy would pay for the following:

- Maintaining staff to ensure sufficient personnel can provide timely services in emergency situations.

Measure 9-158 Arguments

Argument in Favor

The Bend City Council encourages you to vote yes on Measure 9-158. This operating levy will help Bend Fire and Rescue improve their response, save more lives and property, and keep pace with our growing demands for service.

Since first passing a levy in 2014, Bend Fire and Rescue has created new, innovative, and fiscally prudent systems that places the right resource with the right call by using a tiered response system. This approach has resulted in quicker response times and better patient outcomes, for example, improving the chance that someone will survive a heart attack.

This levy is needed to continue that trend and further protect our community given the ever-increasing complexity of emergency medical calls and mounting threat of wildfire. We rely on our first responders to keep us safe in this changing environment and want to make sure they have the tools to do their job.

Additionally, the levy rate has not increased since it was first approved 10 years ago, despite an over 60% increase in calls for service during that same time period.

The Bend City Council has worked diligently with our Rural Fire Protection District partners this past year to make sure this levy rate maximizes our tax dollars and continues to deliver the high-quality public safety response system that we've come to expect. That's why we as a seven-member elected board have unanimously supported this measure. Please join us in keeping Bend safe and vote YES on Measure 9-158.

Melanie Kebler, Mayor of Bend
Megan Perkins, Mayor Pro Tem of Bend
Anthony Broadman, Bend City Councilor
Barb Campbell, Bend City Councilor
Ariel Méndez, Bend City Councilor
Megan Norris, Bend City Councilor
Mike Riley, Bend City Councilor

(This information furnished by Melanie Kebler, Bend City Council.)

Argument in Favor

As the supervising physicians of Bend Fire & Rescue, we urge you to vote YES in support of measures 9-158 and 9-159. These measures will support and enhance the lifesaving and innovative services for which Bend Fire & Rescue are regionally and nationally recognized. Fast response times for emergencies like a heart attack, stroke, and trauma are critical for positive patient outcomes. Our community is growing fast and threatening Bend Fire's ability to continue to respond in a timely fashion. We witnessed firsthand the negative patient outcomes of delayed response times in 2012 and 2013. You graciously responded by supporting Bend Fire with two levy's in the ensuing 10 years and we need your support again. This levy will allow Bend Fire to maintain and ensure sufficient staffing for timely emergency response, to develop new and innovative treatment programs, and to increase emergency response training for personnel. You helped Bend Fire become the leader in cardiac arrest survival in Oregon, the region, and nationally. We need your support again. Please join us in supporting our community's health.

Nicole Kelly, MD and William Reed, MD
Physician Advisors for Bend Fire & Rescue

(This information furnished by William Reed, Physician Advisor for Bend Fire & Rescue.)

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Measure 9-158 Arguments

Argument in Favor

I am voting YES on Measures 9-158 and 9-159 because I have witnessed hundreds of lives saved by Bend Fire & Rescue, including my own.

Last year, I was hit by a truck while riding my bike. I was critically injured with several broken bones throughout my body, and as a long-time ER nurse, I knew I had a minimal chance of survival. BF&R's quick treatment and transport saved my life.

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During critical calls, such as mine, fast response times are imperative for better patient outcomes: this means less prehospital deaths in our community, and mitigated long term effects of sudden cardiac arrest, severe illness, and traumatic accidents.

Healthcare providers are seeing the effect of the growth of our community, and fire and rescue call volume is increasing. BF&R crews are frequently called to multiple emergencies at once. If a critical call comes in during this busy time, a crew may not be available to respond. This delay in response and treatment can make all the difference in a positive versus negative outcome.

This levy will allow BF&R to retain and hire more firefighter/paramedics which is critical for them to be able to respond to the increased call volume, support the continued training, appropriate growth, and excellence in care that our community is extremely fortunate to receive from BF&R.

Please, join me in supporting Bend Fire & Rescue to keep our community safe and healthy. For me, for you, for our family, friends, children, and neighbors. Vote YES.

Emma Vlossak
Register Nurse, BSN, CPEN

(This information furnished by Emma Vlossak.)

Argument in Favor

Like most residents of Bend, I'm aware of how fortunate we are to live in such a beautiful and vibrant community.

But as our community grows, so do the needs of our local fire department, Bend Fire & Rescue.

Call volumes to Bend Fire & Rescue have increased by 63 percent since 2014, the last time the fire department asked voters to increase our local fire levy. Our organizations, the Old Mill District and Hayden Homes Amphitheater, proudly work together with Bend Fire & Rescue and know first-hand how creative they are in making their tax dollars go as far as possible.

But you can only stretch an outdated budget for so long. Bend has added more than 20,000 new residents since 2014 and our fire department desperately needs additional funds to keep up with our city's current demands.

This new levy will allow Bend Fire & Rescue to not only maintain existing staffing levels, but will also ensure they can hire additional employees as Bend continues to grow.

Please join me in voting YES on Measures 9-158 and 9-159 to ensure that Bend Fire & Rescue can continue providing the highest level of service to our community.

Marney Smith
President of the Old Mill District and Hayden Homes Amphitheater

(This information furnished by Marney Smith, Old Mill District and Hayden Homes Amphitheater.)

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Measure 9-158 Arguments

Argument in Opposition

When I was a Bend city councilor and mayor, we all took seriously our responsibility to adequately fund all public safety needs, before anything else. However recent city councils have used funding for public safety as a means to augment the general fund: a levy "for the fire department" threatening service if the levy failed. In reality this is a way to increase money available in the general fund for whatever use the city decides.

The City's decision to present a \$0.78 levy, an increase of 280% from the existing levy, far exceeds the normal increase in funding for fire services. The city's proposed budget for 2021-23 shows that under present conditions \$33.8 million of the fire budget is from the general fund and \$5.5 million from the present levy. If the proposal passes, each would provide \$19.6 million. The addition \$14 million from the levy goes to whatever programs the council wishes to pursue.

Some other observations:

. The city permanent tax rate is \$2.76. The passage of the proposed \$0.78 represents 26% more tax revenue.

. The current levy provides 9% of the fire department funding and the general fund 55%. (Other major funding sources include the rural fire district and billing for ambulance services.) The proposal would shift the balance between the general fund and the levy to 32% each. It would give the city an additional \$14 million to spend as it wants.

. if the city wants \$14 million for new programs it should present these for voter approval, not threaten inadequate fire services in order to fund miscellaneous projects.

. Clearly this huge levy is not just for fire department needs, it is to provide money for miscellaneous unidentified programs. It is dangerous policy to fund essential services with a short-term levy. What happens if, perhaps during a recession, voters say no next time? This would require drastic spending cuts, and make maintaining adequate essential services extremely difficult.

(This information furnished by Allan Bruckner.)

Argument in Opposition

Accurate fiscal analysis outweighs emotional appeals. VOTE NO. City has 2 elections to get it right.

Where is the city's detailed financial analysis used to justify \$0.76/\$1000TAV? See example below.

	FY22 actuals	FY23 increases	FY24 increases
Tax levy \$0.20/\$1000 TAV	\$2.7M	5%	5%
Special "Bridge" funding	\$0	\$1.8M	5%
All other revenue	\$28.9M	5%	5%
New employees expense	\$0	(\$1.8M)	5%
All other expenditures	(\$30.4M)	5%	5%
Net surplus	\$1.2M	\$1.2M	\$1.2M

FY 25 increases and new levy

Tax levy \$0.76/\$1000 TAV	\$11.7M
Bridge funding expired	\$0
All other revenue	5%
New employees expense	5%
All other expenditures	5%
Net surplus	\$7.9M

Is this a "bait & switch" tactic that indirectly reduces the Fire Fund's General Fund revenue subsidy?

- After changing only the "rate," a higher "tax" indirectly reduces the General fund subsidy by nearly half which provides Council with \$7.5M for new uses.

Fiscal year 2022 (actual)	"revenue"	share
Tax levy \$0.20/\$1000 TAV	\$ 2,677,807	8%
General fund subsidy	\$ 16,677,667	53%
Other revenue	\$ 12,162,322	39%
total fund revenue	\$ 31,517,796	

Fiscal year 2022 (revised)	"revenue"	share
New levy \$0.76/\$1000 TAV	\$ 10,175,666	32%
General fund subsidy	\$ 9,179,808	29%
Other revenue	\$ 12,162,322	39%
total fund revenue	\$ 31,517,796	

Is the Council aware of several questionable financial decisions?

- On July 2021, the city adopted 4.7% annual increases in the Fire/EMS 2021-23 two-yr. budget. In contrast, the annual increases in the previous 8 years averaged 8.0% per year. **Was this "budget shortfall" intentional?**
- Special funding hired 9 employees to handle "increased calls", but staff failed to disclose more calls leads to more "service charges" revenue (34%/\$1.5M more than the previous year). **Was special funding necessary?**

The latest disclosure failure is that the actual "service charges" revenue from July 2022 to December 2022 has quickly fallen about 25% to a pre-pandemic level. **Is call volume actually decreasing after the pandemic?**

(This information furnished by Mike Walker.)

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Measure 9-159 Deschutes County Rural Fire Protection District #2

Ballot Title

9-159

Five-year local option levy for fire-emergency medical services.

QUESTION: Should DCRFPD#2 issue an operating levy \$.76/\$1,000 assessed value for fire-emergency services beginning July 2024 for five years? This property measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: The measure, if approved, authorizes the Deschutes County Rural Fire Protection District #2 (DCRF-PD#2) to levy taxes to support the annual cost of fire and emergency medical services. The measure would provide for a local option operating levy at a rate of \$.76 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years, beginning July 1, 2024. The prior levy of \$.20/\$1,000 of assessed value expires June 30, 2024, and on expiration would be replaced by this levy. Revenue from the levy would be used to provide sufficient staffing with the goal of assuring adequate response times. The funding could also support additional training and equipment necessary to maintain services. The rate of \$.76 cents per \$1,000 of assessed real property value is projected to raise approximately \$17,333,000 over five years. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.

The estimated revenue over five years is:

2024-2025	\$3,080,000
2025-2026	\$3,262,000
2026-2027	\$3,455,000
2027-2028	\$3,660,000
2028-2029	\$3,876,000

- Adding Emergency Medical Technicians to staff a second Basic Life Support ambulance that can respond to non-life-threatening calls and keep emergency vehicles available.
- Firefighter and emergency medical safety equipment.
- Tools for firefighting and emergency medical response.
- Technology enhancements.

(This information furnished by Gary Marshall, Executive Director for Deschutes County Rural Fire Protection District #2.)

Explanatory Statement

The measure, if approved, would authorize the Deschutes County Rural Fire Protection District #2 to levy taxes for fire and emergency services at a rate of \$.76 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value for five years, beginning July 1, 2024. If approved, the levy would raise a projected \$3,080,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025, and an estimated total of approximately \$17,333,000 over the five-year period. Voters approved a \$.20/\$1,000 assessed value for fire and emergency services in 2014 and 2018; that levy expires in June 2024.

Bend Fire & Rescue provides fire suppression, emergency medical care and transport, technical rescue, and fire prevention services. The demand on fire and emergency services continues to grow. The increase in call volume has made it necessary to add essential staff who can respond to meet this increased demand and maintain appropriate call response times. Revenue from this levy would be used to add staff to ensure adequate emergency response times, which lead to better patient outcomes. The funding would also support additional training and equipment necessary to maintain services.

If approved, the proposed levy would pay for the following:

- Maintaining staff to ensure sufficient personnel can provide timely services in emergency situations.
- Adding firefighter/paramedics to staff a fourth Advanced Life Support ambulance to keep pace with the increase in calls for medical emergencies.

Measure 9-159 Arguments

Argument in Favor

The levy to help fund Bend Fire and Rescue, cosponsored by the City of Bend and Deschutes Rural Fire Protection District #2, is an absolutely critical component of fire and life safety. The staffing issues which this levy addresses will lead to lower response times, more efficient firefighting and emergency medical service operations, an increased chance of survival of life-threatening incidents, more effective wildfire prevention measures and an increased likelihood that district properties will survive a wildland fire.

The Fire District was able to build new fire stations in Tumalo and at Pilot Butte without increasing taxes. These facilities have helped decrease response times and increase survival of cardiac events. The District contracts with the City of Bend for fire and emergency medical services and depends on Bend Fire when, not if, the next big wildfire occurs.

Wildland fires are our greatest natural disaster and have increased in intensity, posing an ever greater risk of life and property loss. The increased demands on fire and rescue services have resulted in increased costs of operation. In order to maintain the level of outstanding service, it has become necessary for the District and the City to request additional funding.

It is critical that our District be able to provide the funding to protect our citizens as effectively as possible. This funding will increase staffing to safer levels, thus increasing crew availability. Equipment can't put out fire or save patients without trained people. This levy accomplishes that and in doing so will raise the odds of saving lives and property in a life threatening situation, either medical or fire.

We strongly urge you to join us and vote YES on Measure 9-159. Please become a partner in protection with the Fire District and give our community the best chance for survival.

Endorsed by:

George Roshak, President, DCRFPD#2

Ray Miao, VP, DCRFPD#2

Kent Haarberg, Sec/Treas., DCRFPD#2

Oliver Tatom, Board Member, DCRFPD#2

Gary Cadez, Board Member, DCRFPD#2

(This information furnished by Ray Miao, Deschutes County Rural Fire Protection District #2.)

Argument in Favor

As the supervising physicians of Bend Fire & Rescue, we urge you to vote YES in support of measures 9-158 and 9-159. These measures will support and enhance the lifesaving and innovative services for which Bend Fire & Rescue are regionally and nationally recognized. Fast response times for emergencies like a heart attack, stroke, and trauma are critical for positive patient outcomes. Our community is growing fast and threatening Bend Fire's ability to continue to respond in a timely fashion. We witnessed firsthand the negative patient outcomes of delayed response times in 2012 and 2013. You graciously responded by supporting Bend Fire with two levy's in the ensuing 10 years and we need your support again. This levy will allow Bend Fire to maintain and ensure sufficient staffing for timely emergency response, to develop new and innovative treatment programs, and to increase emergency response training for personnel. You helped Bend Fire become the leader in cardiac arrest survival in Oregon, the region, and nationally. We need your support again. Please join us in supporting our community's health.

Nicole Kelly, MD and William Reed, MD
Physician Advisors for Bend Fire & Rescue

(This information furnished by William Reed, Physician Advisor for Bend Fire & Rescue.)

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Measure 9-159 Arguments

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Emma Vlossak
Register Nurse, BSN, CPEN

(This information furnished by Emma Vlossak.)

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Measure 9-160 Sisters Park & Recreation District

Ballot Title

9-160

Renew five-year levy to maintain recreation programs and facilities.

QUESTION: Shall SPRD renew its \$0.15 per \$1,000 of assessed value to maintain programs/facilities, beginning 2023-2024, for five years? This measure renews the current local option taxes.

SUMMARY: In May 2018, voters approved a local option levy of \$0.15 per \$1,000 of assessed property value to support Sisters Park & Recreation District's programs and facilities which expires in June 2023. This measure will not increase current taxes and would renew the current levy for five years at the same rate approved in 2018.

Sisters Park & Recreation District would use funds to maintain programs and services, including programs for youth offered for children from preschool to high school; programs for adults of all ages, including seniors, that focus on health, fitness, and education; community events for all ages, and maintenance of skatepark, disc golf course, bike park, and community center.

The owner of a home assessed at \$255,000, the median assessed property value in Sisters Park & Recreation District, would pay less than \$3.19 per month or \$38.25 per year.

The rate renewal will raise approximately \$277,352, in 2023-2024, \$289,833, in 2024-2025, \$302,875 in 2025-2026, \$316,505 in 2026-2027, and \$330,748 in 2027-2028, for a total of \$1,517,313.

levy funds allowed the district to achieve financial stability through the development of appropriate cash reserves, eliminating the need for short term loans to maintain operations.

Revenue from the renewed levy would be used to maintain and grow current program and service levels and maintain and expand district facilities to meet community needs. If approved, the levy would allow the district to:

- increase childcare capacity;
- expand senior recreation activities, programs, and events;
- subsidize youth and senior programs to keep fees affordable and programs accessible;
- maintain staffing levels to provide consistent level of service to the community;
- enhance partnerships to expand operations; and
- maintain and expand district facilities to meet community needs.

If not approved, the district would:

- be required to decrease its budget by approximately \$277,352 annually or approximately 20%;
- substantially raise program registration fees;
- decrease or eliminate some programs and services; and
- reduce facility maintenance standards

(This information furnished by Jennifer Holland, Executive Director, Sisters Park & Recreation District.)

Explanatory Statement

This is a renewal of a local option levy for Sisters Park & Recreation District that was passed in 2018. If renewed, Sisters Park & Recreation District (SPRD) would be authorized to renew a levy at the current rate of \$0.15 per \$1,000 of assessed property value to maintain district programs and facilities. The owner of a home with a total assessed value of \$255,000, the median total assessed property value in Sisters Park & Recreation District, would pay less than \$3.19 a month, or \$38.25 per year. This year, the local option levy provided approximately \$260,403 additional funds to the district, which is 20% of the district's annual budget.

Sisters Park & Recreation District provides exceptional recreational opportunities that enhance the livability of the Sisters community. SPRD is a special purpose taxing district, independent from the City of Sisters, whose service boundaries are closely aligned with Sisters School District, including the city, with the exception of Black Butte Ranch.

Programs provided by the district include all day preschool care, afterschool care, youth athletics, middle school youth center, summer day camps, adult fitness, adult athletics, senior enrichment, and community events. Additionally, the district maintains a skatepark, bike park, disc golf course, and community center.

The approval of the 2018 local option levy allowed the district to reduce barriers to participation by decreasing afterschool program fees and increasing district scholarships for lower income families by 233%. Local option levy funds allowed the district to expand offerings to meet community needs. The district was also able to improve and enhance maintenance of the Coffield Center, skatepark, disc golf park and bike park. Additionally, local option

Measure 9-160 Arguments

Argument in Favor

I have called Sisters my home since 1978, and worked as a School Nurse in the Sisters School District for many years. My family and I have had the opportunity to learn and be active through the Sisters Park & Recreation District (SPRD) programs, from Pre-School for my grand-daughter, summer soccer camps for my grandson, and lessons and healthy activities for myself. Supporting SPRD supports all of us as a community, providing opportunities to meet and engage new friends, stay fit, and learn new skills.

I urge you to continue to **support** our SPRD by approving Local Option Measure 9-160.

I have seen how their excellent programming has benefited the children and families of this district, from offerings for Pre-School Children through Senior programming. Summer Soccer camps, educational offerings such as Lunch & Learn and Ukulele lessons, and many other sports and recreation programs all enrich our children's and families' lives.

The local option levy is a renewal request, and would **continue the current rate** of \$0.15 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. No increase in taxes would occur as a result of your vote of support of this measure.

SPRD uses these funds to keep the cost of programs reasonable, provide scholarships, train staff, maintain the facilities, and sustain and expand programs for youth, adults and seniors. If it is not renewed, the SPRD budget would be reduced by 20%. We would see fewer programs, or increased fees, and the necessary maintenance of facilities might be postponed. Most importantly, the health and well-being of our children and adults who live here would be negatively affected. Your support is very important to keep SPRD operating and improving, and to continue to provide their excellent offerings, for all of us.

Please vote **YES** to support the SPRD Local Option Measure 9-160.

(This information furnished by Sally Benton.)

Argument in Favor

As President of the board of directors for Sisters Park and Recreation District (SPRD), I urge you to support Measure 9-160, the local option levy designed to maintain and enhance services provided by SPRD. Passage by the voters of the initial local option levy in 2018 provided much needed relief to SPRD, a publicly supported agency that had been getting by on bare bones budgets for many years. The renewal of the local option levy would continue the current levy rate of \$0.15 per \$1,000 on total assessed value which means the owner of a home of \$255,000, the median assessed value, pays less than \$40 annually.

The passage of the levy in 2018 reaped the following benefits: 1) allowed hundreds more children to engage in high quality preschool and after-school programs; 2) offered over 300 programs, with a strong emphasis on health, wellness, and outdoor activities, available for all district residents; 3) continued events, like the Sisters Basketball Shootout and SALI Lacrosse Tournament, that greatly benefit both the community and local businesses; 4) reduced the backlog of maintenance projects and funded a capital reserve account; and 5) recruited and retained experienced staff providing high quality services to Sisters Country residents.

These results closely align with what the board said it would do with the funds generated by the 2018 levy.

If the levy is renewed for another five years, SPRD will continue to expand recreational services and care programs, hold community wide events and chip away at the remaining maintenance backlog. Additionally, SPRD will continue its work with the Sisters School District to convert the current elementary school to a community focused activity center in 2024.

Without passage of Measure 9-160, SPRD would be forced to cut back many of its services to pre-2018 levels and the board would be required to reassess the ability of engaging in any expansion projects.

Please join me in voting YES on Measure 9-160.

(This information furnished by Peggy Tehan.)

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Measure 9-160 Arguments

Argument in Favor

As a father of a 7-year-old, an involved community member, and a small business owner here in Sisters, Oregon, I am writing to urge you to **support Measure 9-160**, the local option levy designed to maintain and enhance services provided by the Sisters Park and Recreation District (SPRD).

Since the day we moved to Sisters, we have taken advantage of the wonderful programs and activities that SPRD has offered to the community. In fact, our son's first friends were made at a SPRD summer camp, and we have made many more since, through their stellar community offerings. From that first day, now our entire family has taken advantage of many SPRD programs and activities; from Adult Softball to the Kids Soccer League, and from Lego Camps to riding the Bike Park to the Soccer Camps.

The renewal option of this existing levy is much needed for this district to continue offering the children and adults of Sisters these quality programs like their Pre School, Senior Programs, Free Summer Playground Programs, Wellness Classes, and the many other outdoor activities, classes, and sporting tournaments that they offer. SPRD already does so much with so little, and as a parent, coach, and member of the Sisters country community, I do not want to see any cutbacks in services that we have grown to love and cherish.

Please join myself and my family in **voting YES on Measure 9-160** to ensure quality recreation, community services, and events for all of Sisters Country into the future.

(This information furnished by Eli Madrone.)

Argument in Favor

As a member of the Sisters Country Pickleball Club, I strongly support the Sisters Park and Recreation District's (SPRD) local option tax levy, Measure 9-160. Please join me in voting yes on the measure. The local option levy is a renewal of a levy passed in 2018 in the amount of 15 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The permanent tax rate (22 cents per \$1,000) combined with the local option levy rate is among the lowest in Central Oregon. This is a small price to pay for the outstanding services SPRD provides our community.

Sisters Country is a beautiful area for sports-oriented residents and visitors alike. And yet, every town in Deschutes County has permanent public pickleball facilities, except Sisters. In 2019, the Sisters Country Pickleball Club organized as a committee of SPRD to promote public pickleball courts. To date, the club boasts 226 members and continues to grow and advocate for the sport. The club led the effort to create two temporary pickleball courts at the Locust Street tennis courts. Those courts will be demolished in 2024 to make way for the much-needed traffic roundabout. To assure that public pickleball courts are available in Sisters, the club plans to partner with SPRD and other public and private organizations to develop new courts soon.

I strongly support SPRD's leadership role in providing recreation services to all age groups in the community. Please join me in voting yes on Measure 9-160.

(This information furnished by Bruce Carpenter.)

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Measure 9-160 Arguments

Argument in Favor

I urge you to support renewal of the Sisters Park and Recreation District (SPRD) local option levy, Measure 9-106. In 2018, voters in Sisters approved the initial levy to assist SPRD in providing expanded services far beyond what their minimal tax base could provide. The renewal will extend the first measure's tax rate of \$.015 per \$1000.00 of assessed property value for another five years. A yes vote on Measure 9-106 will not cause an increase in your tax rate.

In spite of the shutdowns mandated by Covid 19, SPRD has still managed to increase program offerings, hire new staff and expand their preschool and after school programs. This would not have been possible without the increase in funds provided by the original levy.

The levy renewal will allow SPRD to retain experienced staff, continue to address a backlog of facility maintenance, and most importantly continue and expand regional activities which bring competitors and their families to Sisters, benefiting our local businesses, hotels and eateries.

SPRD is working closely with the School District to create a community center at the current elementary school when the students move to the new elementary school in 2024. This conversion does not occur in a vacuum. It requires the kind of resources which the renewal of this levy will provide.

As a current City Councilor, I know that making a community center, at the soon to be vacant elementary school, is a high priority on community surveys. I am convinced that should this levy not be renewed, SPRD will not have the resources to move forward with this effort, and the community will lose this one-time opportunity.

Please join me in voting yes on Measure 9-106

(This information furnished by Gary Ross.)

Argument in Favor

As an active senior and local resident, I urge you to vote 'Yes' on the Sisters Park and Recreation District Local Option Levy. For years, Sisters Park and Recreation District (SPRD) has provided a wide range of activities for every age group. Although COVID hampered in-person participation, the program schedule is back in full swing and new classes are being added all the time. Zumba, Ukulele, Lunch and Learn and Tai Chi are just a few of the many activities that help keep me healthy and connected to new friends. This vote is to renew the existing option levy at the same rate, not a rate increase, and it is money well spent. Please vote "Yes" on the Sisters Park and Recreation District Local Option Levy and continue to provide our kids, teens and adults with opportunities to play, learn, grow and thrive.

(This information furnished by Dixie Eckford.)

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Measure 9-161 Sisters School District No. 6

Ballot Title

9-161

RENEW LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR SCHOOL OPERATIONS, FIVE-YEAR TERM

QUESTION: Shall the District renew its \$.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value for general operations beginning 2023-2024, for five years? This measure renews current local option taxes.

SUMMARY: In May of 2018 voters approved renewal of the local option levy at \$.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value to support Sisters School District, it expires June 2023. This measure would renew the levy expiring June 2023 for five years at the same rate approved by voters in 2000, 2004, 2013 and 2018. Sisters School District would use the funds from the levy to maintain current programs and staffing levels provided by the expiring levy. The current levy provided approximately 10% of the school district’s annual operating resources over the past four years. This funding equates to approximately 16 teachers and support staff or 21 school days.

The owner of a home assessed at \$500,000 would pay \$31.25 per month or \$375.00 per year.

For the following five years taxes are estimated to be:

- 2023-24 \$1,800,000
- 2024-25 \$1,854,000
- 2025-26 \$1,909,000
- 2026-27 \$1,969,909
- 2027-28 \$2,025,915

- The graduation rate at Sisters High School has been in the 90’s for the last four year—consistently 10% above the state average.
- Of 197 Oregon school districts, Sisters ranked 13th Best District in the state by Niche.

Members of the Sisters community are united in our commitment to provide all students with the education they need to reach their fullest potential. Together, we will ensure that all students learn every day and in every class and graduate from Sisters High, college or career ready, with the skills necessary to be successful.

By supporting the Local Option for the past twenty years, the citizens of Sisters continue to affirm the value of education to their community.

(This information furnished by Curtiss Scholl, Sisters School District.)

Explanatory Statement

The Sisters Local Option Levy has been in place since 2000 and renewed by Sisters School District voters in 2004, 2009, 2013 and 2018. If renewed in 2023, the proposed levy would provide the Sisters School District (SSD) with a continuation of these local taxes at the rate of \$.75 per \$1,000.00 of a property’s assessed value for the next five years. A home with an assessed value of \$500,000 would pay \$31.25 monthly or \$375 annually. This year, the Local Option provided the District with approximately \$1,800,000 to supplement its \$18.5 million budget or about 10% of the District’s annual budget.

If not renewed, the District will have to cut an average of \$1,800,000 annually from the budget for the next five years. This loss equates to the reduction of 21 school days or 16 teachers and various support staff or the elimination of special programming like aviation, art, music, sports, and other extra-curricular opportunities.

In the face of significant and unpredictable funding from the State of Oregon, the Sisters Local Option has allowed the District to preserve school days, retain highly qualified staff, maintain small class sizes, and offer a well-rounded academic program including honors and Advanced Placement courses. The Local Option finances enriched program offerings including inter-disciplinary environmental education, one of three Luthier programs in the nation, aviation, music, art, foreign languages, plus co-curricular activities and sports.

Sisters Schools are focused on excellence. During 2021-22:

- Test scores ranked among the highest in Central Oregon.
- We have School Counselors in every building.

**Central Oregon Community College District
Director, Zone 5**



**Diane
Berry**

Occupation: Adjunct Instructor, Purdue University Global; Grant Writer and Board Member, REACH; Neighborhood Coordinator, Bend Food Project

Occupational Background: Clinical Social Worker; Attorney

Educational Background: University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, Master of Social Work; University of Wisconsin Madison School of Law, Juris Doctorate; University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Bachelor of Science

Prior Governmental Experience: Board Member, Larkspur Neighborhood Association; Member, Manitowoc County Domestic Violence Community Response Team; Assistant District Attorney

I am passionate about education and would be honored to represent Bend on the Central Oregon Community College Board.

I began my career as an attorney practicing family law before going back to earn my Master of Social Work. For the past 12 years, I have taught Human Services courses at Purdue University Global. This experience has enabled me to successfully navigate the complex and often intersecting issues in the fields of law, social work and higher education and uniquely qualifies me for a position on the community college board of directors.

As a member of the board, I will support our college leaders to:

- 1) **Increase enrollment** and ensure the institution will be able to continue meeting the needs of our workforce. Colleges have seen declining enrollment since the last recession, with community colleges among the hardest hit.
- 2) **Give all students the hand up they need** to access the education they seek. Many of my students were the first in their families to attend college and I recognize the challenges they face navigating systems of enrollment and financial aid.
- 3) **Support our faculty and staff** to live in the communities where they work. I want to help ensure that the high cost of living in Central Oregon is not a barrier to recruiting and retaining excellent educators.

I believe my experience in the areas of law, social work and education will help me continue the strong work of the current board toward these goals. I humbly ask for your vote.

Endorsed by Deschutes Democrats

(This information furnished by Diane Berry.)

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**Central Oregon Community College District
Director, Zone 5**



**Erin
Merz**

Occupation: Director of Marketing & Communications, Cascades Academy (PK-12)

Occupational Background: Senior marketing administrator, instructor - Portland State University; In-house and agency

PR/communications in the public and private sectors, including education, nonprofit, government

Educational Background: New York Institute of Technology, M.A. Communications; Grand Valley State University, B.S. Broadcasting

Prior Governmental Experience: Marketing Committee Member - City Club of Central Oregon; Eight years volunteer service in PR profession, including four years of professional society board service

I've spent nearly 20 years as a marketer, communicator and instructor in education-centered organizations, including eight recent years in higher ed where I made measurable contributions to recruitment, retention and reputation efforts. I've witnessed first-hand how community colleges jumpstart opportunity, interrupt generational poverty, fuel skilled trades and strong workforces, and fill society with critical thinkers and changemakers.

- **I work in K-12 and am in touch with the aspirations of potential COCC students**, and I've taught transfers from community college.
- **I understand how educational institutions function**, how decisions are made and how decisions impact constituents.
- **As a seasoned marketer and education leader**, I know how to push COCC's mission forward while attracting and serving students.
- **I bring energy, experience and effectiveness.**

I'll advocate for:

ACCESS & STUDENT SUCCESS

Including policies and processes that reduce barriers to access, create equal opportunity and ensure responsible budgeting to keep COCC affordable.

WORKFORCE READINESS

Including program development and refinement that bolsters enrollment and prepares students for tomorrow's workforce today.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Including partnerships in the public and private sectors to secure students well-paying jobs and employers skilled talent in sectors like health care and manufacturing.

FACULTY & STAFF WELLBEING

Including a supportive environment that fosters effective instruction and compensation that matches increased cost of living.

erinmerz.com

Endorsed by:

Bruce Abernethy, Current COCC Board member, former Mayor of Bend; Jim Clinton, COCC Board and Former Bend Mayor; Erica Skatvold, COCC Board; Julie Amberg, Head of School, Cascades Academy; Tyler Running, Social Studies Teacher

(This information furnished by Erin Merz.)

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Central Oregon Community College District Director, Zone 6



**Kevin
Knight**

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Senior executive with multibillion dollar companies; Consultant / Advisor; Board Member for Public and Private companies

Educational Background: University Of Utah MBA; Westminster College BS Business Administration; Granger High HS diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: Budget Committee City of Bend; Board Member Parks and Recreation Eagan, MN.; Aviation advisory Committee Westminster College; Member Board of Trustees WTTW Public Television Chicago, IL.

With education, dreams become reality and the impossible becomes possible.

For central Oregonians, its COCC that plays an invaluable role in providing that education. Whether it's an associate degree with a path to a 4-year university, or a unique program that provides the knowledge, skills and certificates that open the doors to a wide variety of specialized careers.

I'd like to help. As a Senior executive with a successful career spanning decades in rapidly changing industries, I have the experience, knowledge and skills to complement those of the college leadership and the COCC board. Here are a few I believe are relevant.

- Strategic Planning
- Financial Management
- Identifying market opportunities and designing responsive products.
- Working with government agencies and communities.
- Developing partnerships to expand products and lower cost.
- Managing large and diverse work forces.
- Developing new technologies, innovations, and processes to improve efficiencies.

Continued success will require an ongoing focus on student success, excellent instruction, affordability and a strong financial base, as well as greater flexibility in what is taught, how it is taught and where it is taught. The ability to quickly identify and respond to developing trends to meet the unique, diverse needs of students, the workplace and community will be critical.

Adding my abilities to the board and college staff can help COCC meet upcoming challenges and ensure a successful future.

I would be honored to receive your vote for the Central Oregon Community College Board. Zone 6

(This information furnished by Kevin Knight.)

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Central Oregon Community College District Director, Zone 6



**Jim
Porter**

Occupation: Board President, Central Oregon Villages; Board Chair, Starwood Association

Occupational Background: Chief of Police, City of Bend; Instructor, Criminal Justice, COCC; United States Air Force, Sergeant, Security Forces

Educational Background: B.S., Business Management, Corban University; A.A., Criminal Justice Studies, COCC; FBI National Leadership Academy

Prior Governmental Experience: Board Chair for the Central Oregon Law Enforcement Service Board. Chief of Police, City of Bend

I am personally indebted to Central Oregon Community College. I have been a student at, staff instructor for and a past business partner with COCC. The college provided both me and my daughters with the ability to attend classes locally on our way to obtaining our Bachelor Degrees. And the nursing program at COCC was instrumental in assisting my wife in securing her Oregon nursing license when she immigrated here from the Netherlands. In short, COCC made possible my family's service to this community.

As the Chief of Police, I was responsible for a bi-annual budget of over \$38,000,000, fiscally responsible, and mindful of tax dollars. As the Board Chair for two local nonprofit corporations, I direct the construction and management of emergency shelter locations and the operational services of my Neighborhood Association in Tumalo

I'm the only candidate who has graduated from, served as a classroom instructor at, assisted in drafting policy for, and implemented joint partnership agreements with COCC. This experience is vital because a robust, well guided and supported community college is key to addressing the shortage of nurses, child care providers, law enforcement officers, and electric vehicle technicians our community faces.

We Support Jim Porter for the COCC Board

Bruce Abernethy, current COCC Board member, former Mayor of Bend

Jim Clinton, COCC Board and Former Bend Mayor
Emmerson Levy, State Representative

Alta J. Brady, Deschutes County Circuit Court Presiding Judge, Retired

Andrew Jordan, Chief of Police, City of Bend, Retired
John Rexford, Superintendent-Retired, High Desert Education Service District

Marney Smith, Old Mill District and Hayden Homes
Amphitheater

(This information furnished by Jim Porter.)

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**Central Oregon Community College
Director, Zone 6**



**David E
Price**

Occupation: Retired military officer

Occupational Background: Served on active duty in the United States Air Force for 32 years, retiring as a brigadier general; Partner, Robertson-

Price LLC, a Redmond based real estate investment company; Former member board of directors, Military Officers Association of America, a national veterans organization; Former member board of directors, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, an \$8 billion a year retail business; Air Force chair and professor, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, a master's level graduate school

Educational Background: Industrial College of the Armed Forces; Washington, DC; Master of Science; Auburn University; Montgomery, AL; Master of Science; Willamette University; Salem, OR; Bachelor of Science; Lakeview Senior High School; Lakeview, OR; high school diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: Military officer with wide ranging government leadership and management experience over a 32 career; Taught government operations and financial resource management as a college level instructor; Serves on Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Veterans and War Memorial Grant Review Committee; Served on Redmond's Mid-Town Citizen Advisory Committee, 2014; Served on Oregon State Capitol Park's Major Memorial Review Committee, 2020-2021

Here in Central Oregon, Dave served as president of the Central Oregon chapter of the Military Officer Association of America for three years, a local organization with approximately one hundred members from Bend, Redmond, Sunriver, Prineville, Sisters and elsewhere across central Oregon. In addition, he is currently on the board of directors for Caring for Troops, a Bend-based non-profit organization that sends monthly care packages to deployed service members around the world.

Today, Dave is a partner in Robertson-Price LLC., As a result of his business ties to the community, he was asked to serve on Redmond's Mid-Town Citizen Advisory Committee. Through a series of public workshops in 1914 that group helped the city plan for future downtown development. That experience has given him a broad perspective when it comes to the use of resources and the challenges of balancing competing community interests.

(This information furnished by David E Price.)

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**Central Oregon Community College District
Director, Zone 6**



**Michael
Sipe**

Occupation: Small Business Consultant; Mergers and Acquisitions Advisor

Occupational Background: US Army Officer; Serial Entrepreneur

Educational Background: Arizona State University, Bachelors in Business Administration; US Army Ranger School; US Army Engineer Officer School

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I'm a small business owner and community leader. Education has been part of my family for three generations. My grandfather was a school principal, my grandmother and mother were teachers, and I am an executive coach, consultant and trainer. I have a passion for education, especially career and vocationally-focused education. I am interested in serving on the COCC board because of COCC's commitment to its core mission, its community learning offerings (I have participated as a student) and its small business offerings (I have taught some courses). I also support COCC's engagement as a great community partner in our region.

In Army Ranger training, I learned to quickly assess situations and make critical decisions. As a business coach and consultant, I help leaders solve problems in innovative ways. As a mergers and acquisitions advisor for over 30 years, I've learned how to collaboratively bring people with diverse perspectives into positive agreement, creating the possibility for forward progress. I'll bring business sense, commonsense, consensus-building and strong budgetary skills to the COCC Board.

I've served our region for many years, including:

- New Each Morning Board (serving women graduates of recovery programs)
- Central Oregon Community Prayer Breakfast, Founder
- Bend Christmas Parade, Chairman
- Bend Chamber of Commerce, Former Board Member
- Rotary Club of Greater Bend, Past President
- 2022 Deschutes County Fair, Title Sponsor
- 2022 Candidate for Oregon HD53 State Representative

Visit: www.avoiceforcentraloregon.com for more information.

I'm asking for your vote, so I can continue to serve Central Oregon as a COCC board member.

(This information furnished by Michael Sipe)

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Central Oregon Community College District Director, Zone 7



Erin Foote Morgan

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: Community College Administrator and Instructor; Small Business Finance Director

Educational Background: University of Missouri—Master's Degree; University of Oregon—Bachelor's Degree; Robert Service High School—Anchorage, Alaska

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon community college curriculum alignment committee; Family Access Network Foundation Board of Directors; St. Charles Redmond Community Advisory Committee

ACCESS TO PROSPERITY FOR RURAL OREGONIANS

As a wife and mom of four kids, a former Central Oregon Community College administrator and instructor, a small business owner and a 19-year resident of Central Oregon—**I'm passionate about the life-changing value of higher education for my family and my neighbors in Zone 7.**

I love my family's semi-rural lifestyle in Deschutes River Woods. Our community reminds me of my home state of Alaska, where independence and self-sufficiency are our greatest values.

But lack of opportunity, transportation, or even reliable internet can mean rural Oregonians are often left out of chances to build prosperity. Community colleges have the power to change this.

I'm running to create new pathways to prosperity for rural Oregonians through higher education.

From business classes, to trade apprenticeships, to technical certificates COCC is one of the most powerful ways people living in Zone 7 can access opportunity—and build a stable financial future in the process.

COCC is also one of our region's most important leaders for economic development and job creation. **I want to create new strategies for strengthening Southern Deschutes and Northern Klamath economies through collaborations with COCC.**

As a board member of the COCC board of directors I will prioritize:

- **Access to higher education**
- **Economic development**
- **Workforce development**
- **Broadband improvements**

I am devoted to ensuring that rural Oregonians living in Zone 7 have **clear and easy access to the financial success and personal fulfillment achieved through higher education,** and that our communities continue to thrive through vibrant partnerships with COCC.

Thank you for your vote!

Erinforcocc.org

(This information furnished by Erin Foote Morgan.)

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**Administrative School District #1
Director, Zone 3**



**Cameron
Fischer**

Occupation: Instructor, College of Education and College of Public Health and Human Sciences, Oregon State University.

Occupational Background: Special Education Teacher; ESL Teacher; Educational and

Behavioral Consultant; Educational Assistant; Employer Coordinator, Tri-County Childcare Initiative; Senior Operations Manager, Wilsonville Business Center.

Educational Background: D.Ed. Educational Leadership, University of Oregon; M.A. Education, Prescott College; B.A. Sociology, UC Santa Cruz.

Prior Governmental Experience: Deschutes County Behavioral Health Advisory Board; Bear Creek Elementary School Site Council; Bend Human Rights and Equity Commission.

EXPERIENCED – KNOWLEDGEABLE – PROACTIVE

Mom of two teenagers who have attended Bend-La Pine Schools since kindergarten, educator for over 28 years, and active community volunteer. I am deeply invested in the academic success of students.

Through collaboration, commitment, and creative problem solving, I will prioritize students having equitable access to safe, nurturing and welcoming schools to maximize learning.

ENGAGEMENT

- Promote increased student, family and educator engagement to boost scholastic success, attendance, and graduation rates.
- Bolster educators by advocating for smaller classes, increased behavioral supports, and improving recruitment and retention.

BELONGING

- Foster a greater sense of belonging for students, families, and educators by advocating for more bullying prevention and intervention.
- Encourage collaborative and kind school communities to reduce chronic absenteeism, suspensions, and disciplinary issues.

PARTNERSHIP

- Protect limited educational resources by expanding effective school-community partnerships.
- Collaborate on shared challenges such as, youth mental health crisis, lack of affordable housing, homelessness, workforce shortages, technology issues, school safety, and learning loss.

Endorsements include:

Oregon Education Association Political Action Committee; Central Oregon Labor Chapter, AFL-CIO; Stand for Children; Representative Emerson Levy, District 53; Phil Chang, Deschutes County Commissioner; Melissa Barnes Dholakia, Bend-La Pine Schools Board Chair; Marcus LeGrand, Bend-La Pine Schools Board Vice Chair; Shimiko Montgomery, Bend-La Pine Schools Board Member; Melanie Kebler, Bend Mayor; Bruce Abernethy, Former Bend Mayor; Megan Perkins, Bend City Councilor; Oliver Tatom, COCC Board; Deb Schoen, Bend Parks & Rec Board Chair; Dr. Kate Broadman, Pediatrician; Naomi Crummett, Local Teacher

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(This information furnished by Cameron Fischer.)

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**Administrative School District #1
Director, Zone 3**



**Christopher
Strengberg**

Occupation: Director of Operations at Nationwide Notary Organization

Occupational Background: Operational Management, Government Identity Proofing, Real Estate, Finance.

Educational Background: BA History California Baptist University; MA History Liberty University, George Fox University April 2024 MA Teaching (Social Studies and SPED)

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Having spent much of my life working up the corporate ladder, education and the value it holds came front and center when I decided to go back to college. One of my priorities as a father is to show my daughters that at any point in our lives things can change if you work hard, great things will come. Since then, I have dedicated my "extra" time working towards an eventual education position.

My experience is unique I have viewed education from two entirely different lenses, one being a father and a prospective educator and for this I believe I am a qualified candidate. My extensive education centered around History will help me in understanding and grappling the complex questions and dilemmas facing our current education system. Currently we are a society that lives in the present and plan for the future, but how do we understand where we are going and what progress looks like?

I have firsthand knowledge how hard it can be to navigate education with a special needs child, one of my daughters has an auditory processing disorder and even with an IEP plan we had to advocate for her progress.

Looking at the issues from diverse viewpoints and seeing hurdles that our school district is facing is no easy feat. I believe there are solutions where we can support students, parents, and teachers. I am committed to working toward a better education for all students and I wish to serve on the board to represent a new perspective. We must work together to provide an engaging learning environment for all students with a focus on academic excellence.

(This information furnished by Christopher Strengberg.)

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**Administrative School District #1
Director, Zone 5**



**Sherrie
Grief**

Occupation: Retired from Children’s Behavioral Health Field

Occupational Background: Traditional Health Worker Liaison; Youth & Family Peer

Supervisor; Provider/Foster Care; Foster Parent; Mother; Enrolled Agent & Bookkeeper; Darkness 2 Light/Stewards of Children - Facilitator; Handle with Care - Certified Instructor

Educational Background: Rancho Santiago Community College - High School Diploma 1984; MHACBO - Qualified Mental Health Associate; OHA - Certified Traditional Health Worker

Prior Governmental Experience: Children’s System Advisory Committee - State; Suicide Steering Committee - State; Traditional Health Worker Commission - State

READING, WRITING, ARITHMATIC

Back to the Basics!!

As a resident of Deschutes County for over 30 years, it is apparent that the educational system is failing our children, families, and community. Why? How did this happen? We know the decline began before COVID. Where do we find the answers?

Many answers will be found in policies. Policies which may have been written with good intent, yet have not played out well in reality.

I am running for Bend/LaPine School Board as I would like to see all youth reach their fullest academic potential, including my future grandchildren. I have volunteered throughout the years with Boy Scouts, 4H and homeless outreach. I have been an advocate for youth and families over the past 20 years in professional roles. During this time, collaboration with entities such as education, child welfare, juvenile, law enforcement, behavioral health and community partners was a skill learned and honed.

The skill of reading contracts, Oregon Revised Statutes, Oregon Administrative Rules, and grants was gained. And then came policy writing....

School board members are accountable to those who elect them. Parents should have a say in their child’s education. Parental rights must not be lost in the world of governmental bureaucracy, policies and procedures. Our youth should be able to exit high school with basic foundational skills. It is with this mindset, I will work for our youth, families and community.

Sherrie Grief
Proud Military Mom

(This information furnished by Sherrie Grief.)

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**Administrative School District #1
Director, Zone 5**



**Amy
Tatom**

Occupation: Family Nurse Practitioner

Occupational Background: Registered Nurse

Educational Background: Master of Science in Nursing,

Yale University; Bachelor of Arts, University of California, Los Angeles

Prior Governmental Experience: Bend-La Pine Schools Board of Directors; Bend-La Pine Schools Budget Committee

I was able to achieve my humble version of the American dream – a safe home, a loving family, a fulfilling career – because I had teachers who recognized my potential and helped me overcome the adverse experiences of my childhood. That’s why I believe there is no greater engine of liberty than our public schools. And it’s why, as a nurse, a mom, and a member of your school board, I will fight for:

Freedom to teach. Our education professionals are over-worked and undervalued, and too often burdened by work well beyond their scope and training. I’ll advocate for the necessary funding for support services like counselors, nurses, and school resource officers so our teachers can focus on doing what they do best: *Teaching.*

Freedom to play. We can hold our students to high standards of academic excellence without driving them to depression, anxiety, disruptive behavior, and self-harm. A growing body of scientific research highlights the importance of play – whether that’s our youngest kiddos running around the playground, or our older students competing on the field or performing on the stage. *I’ll be an advocate for academics, athletics, and the arts.*

Freedom to learn. No child can learn if they’re hungry, or if they don’t feel physically and emotionally safe. At the same time, learning requires a willingness to be challenged and take risks. Under my leadership, our school district will continue protecting our kids from harm while giving them educational choice. *There will be no banning books in Bend-La Pine Schools.*

With your vote, I will continue to stand up for safe schools and do everything in my power to protect the freedom to learn, play, and teach in our schools.

www.amytatom.com

(This information furnished by Amy Tatom.)

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**Administrative School District #1
Director, Zone 6**



**Melissa Barnes
Dholakia**

Occupation: Managing Director, Barnes Dholakia Partners, Inc. – Support small districts in strategic planning, program design, budgeting, and accountability.

Occupational Background:

Public School Teacher, Principal, and Co-Director (Co-Superintendent). Built a highly successful public school district serving marginalized youth, closing the achievement gap.

Educational Background: New Leaders for New Schools, Fellowship and Administrative Credential Program; University of Oregon, MA and Fellowship in College of Education; Whitman College, BA and Teaching Credential.

Prior Governmental Experience: Bend-La Pine Schools Board of Directors (Chair 2021-present, Vice Chair 2020-21); School Site Council, High Lakes Elementary; Board of Directors, Cascade School of Music; Board of Directors, Lighthouse Community Public Schools.

Appreciation

A high-quality school system is the single greatest responsibility our community holds for our youth. Thank you for entrusting me as a steward of our district. It is a true privilege to serve.

Commitment

I came to this work – as an educator and parent – with a desire to ensure all students reach high levels of academic achievement, have choice-filled futures, and experience equity and belonging in our schools. Toward this end, I have led collaborative work to establish new goals, strategic initiatives, and measures to guide Bend-La Pine Schools as follows:

1. Students are **engaged and develop a strong academic foundation**
2. Students have a **passion, purpose, and plan for their future**
3. Students, families, and staff **experience wellness, inclusion, and belonging**
4. Operational systems align and support an academically effective, inclusive, and sustainable organization.

My commitment to you is to continue to advance this work in service of our students, families, staff, and community. I am all in.

Supporters

Oregon Education Association Political Action Committee
Central Oregon Labor Chapter, AFL-CIO
Stand for Children

Mayor Melanie Kebler, City of Bend
Representative Emerson Levy, Oregon House District 53
Representative Jason Kropf, Oregon House District 54
Phil Chang, Deschutes County Commissioner
Debra Schoen, Board Chair, Bend Parks and Recreation District
Please see www.melissaforbendlapine.org for a complete list of endorsements.

(This information furnished by Melissa Barnes Dholakia.)

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**Administrative School District #1
Director, Zone 6**



**Chester James
Wamboldt**

Occupation: Safety Consultant and project Manager, Father

Occupational Background: Firefighter, FEMA Search and Rescue. Organizational Developer

Educational Background:

Azusa Pacific University; Organizational Development

Prior Governmental Experience: Chief's Assistant Sierra Madre Fire Dept; Strike Team Leader FEMA

It's time for a change in Bend Lapine Schools. Over the last few years we have watched our kids lives being effected by rules that do little to help and much in the way of harm. The Teachers and Unions are well represented on the Bend-Lapine School Board, I aim to represent the Parents and the well being of our children.

(This information furnished by Chester James Wamboldt.)

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**Administrative School District #1
Director, Zone 7**



**Kina
Chadwick**

Occupation: Associate Director, Employee Engagement and Experience

Occupational Background: Organizational Development, Employee Survey Research;

Culture Auditor for Fortune's 100 Best Companies to Work For® List

Educational Background: Mount Holyoke College, B.A. Anthropology/Sociology

Prior Governmental Experience: Bend-La Pine Schools Board of Directors (December 2022-Present); Core Area Advisory Board (November 2021-Present)

Safe & Inclusive Schools for All Students to Thrive

That means we need to keep extremist politics and culture wars out of the classroom.

Kina's priorities are:

Student and Educator Mental and Physical Well-being

Residual consequences of the Pandemic have students displaying greater dysregulation, which is creating higher rates of disrupted learning. Students need more counselors in schools to help them regulate and allow teachers to teach.

Greater Diversity

The demographics of our educators and staff do not represent the diversity of our students. When students of color and students who are LGBTQIA2S+ have adults in their lives who share similar identities, students are more successful because they see these adults as competent and thriving role models, and all students gain empathy.

Increase Opportunities for Parents/caregivers, Students, Educators, and the School Board to Connect

The safety, health and academic achievement of students is the responsibility of the entire community. Kina will facilitate more ways for constituents to share what's going well in schools and offer space where people can also focus on solutions to school challenges.

Peer-to-peer Mentorship Within and Across Schools

Kina has worked with students from different schools at the Youth Equity Leadership Summit, monthly Alliance meetings, and the Restorative Justice & Equity Town Hall Symposium. The message is loud and clear! Students want more opportunities to build relationships with peers who share similar identities and interests, which leads to greater community collaboration and involvement.

Endorsements Include:

Oregon Education Association Political Action Committee
Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon
Stand for Children
Democratic Party of Oregon Stonewall (LGBTQ+) Caucus
www.KinaforOregon.com

(This information furnished by Kina Chadwick.)

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**Administrative School District #1
Director, Zone 7**



**Nicole
Fitch**

Occupation: Mom, Classroom Volunteer, Real Estate Broker

Occupational Background: Instructional Specialist, Elementary Grades (2014-2016; 2017-2019); Assistant Principal (2016-2017); Elementary School Teacher (2004-2014)

Educational Background: Masters in Education, Education Leadership, Concordia University (2013); Bachelor of Arts (Liberal Studies), Chapman University (2002)

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I am an Educator

My career has been dedicated to educating students in Public Schools. I'm honored to have been an elementary school teacher, an elementary assistant principal, and an instructional specialist, helping to evaluate a statewide English Language Arts curriculum.

From the classroom to the assistant principal's office, I have done the hard work it takes to give kids the tools they need to succeed in a safe, welcoming and supportive environment.

I believe to my core that education works best when educators have high expectations for their students, and for themselves.

I am a Mom

My husband and I have two daughters attending Bend-La Pine schools. I volunteer in their classrooms because I believe schools work best when parents are active partners in their kids' education. My daughters' and I are actively involved in National Charity League, a Mother/Daughter Philanthropy within our community. There is nothing more important to me than the safety, learning and growth of our daughters.

I am running for Bend-La Pine school board to help our schools do a better job for all students, current and future.

Demand Relentless Improvement of our Schools

To achieve excellence, Bend-La Pine schools must partner with parents and other student-focused organizations in the community. It must hold itself, and its students, to the highest standards. It must be open with our community about its successes and its failures.

Everyone agrees that students must be Bend-La Pine schools' top priority. Putting students first requires an open dialogue with the community that encourages relentless, transparent improvement of our schools.

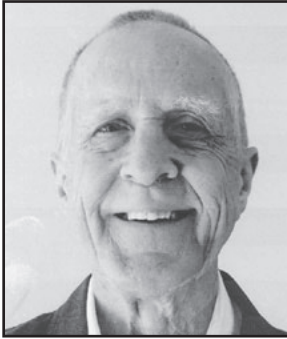
Vote Nicole Fitch for Bend-La Pine School Board Zone 7

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**Administrative School District #1
Director, Zone 7**



**Rod
Hanson**

Occupation: Retired; Part-time Central Oregon Community College Community Education Instructor

Occupational Background: Social Studies Teacher Redmond High School 32 years (1978-2009); Political Science Instructor Central Oregon Community College 12 years (2011-2022); Social Science Teacher Highland High School Bakersfield California 3 years (1975-1978); Sports Writer and Sports Columnist Bend Bulletin 3 years (1980-1983); Event Disc Jockey 32 years (1978-2011)

Educational Background: Fresno State University: Bachelor of Arts: History major Mathematics minor 1974; Westmont College: Standard Teaching Credential 1975; American Military University : Master of Arts: Political Science (American Constitution major) 2011

Prior Governmental Experience: Precinct board member 1988

I have taught in the public schools for 47 years. I have taught in Central Oregon public schools for 44 years. I was Oregon Law Related Education Teacher of the Year in 1988. I was inducted into the Redmond High School Teacher Hall of Fame in 2010.

My wife and I have lived in Bend since 1978. Our three sons attended and graduated from Bend public schools. Two of my grandchildren are currently enrolled in the Bend public schools.

I believe it would be helpful and advantageous to the students of the Bend-Lapine school district to have an experienced teacher working for them on their board. I know what works in public education. I know how to encourage students to be successful in their academic endeavors.

I support:

- Quality education for all students.
- Equal opportunity education for all students.
- Rigorous standards of education for all students.
- Diversity of learning opportunities for all students.
- Strong support for the professional staff of the school district.
- Strong support for input from parents for the education of their children.
- Recruiting and maintaining the best teachers in the nation.
- Fiscal wisdom in determining the best use of taxpayers dollars.

(This information furnished by Rod Hanson.)

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**Administrative School District #1
Director, Zone 7**



**Elizabeth
Justema**

Occupation: Project Management, Brightwater Senior Living

Occupational Background: Teacher, Bend-La Pine Schools, 9 years; Marketing (Microsoft, Accent Optical Technologies, J Walter Thompson), 18 years

Educational Background: OSU Cascades, Masters of Teaching, Distinguished Student of 2014; University of Washington, Magna Cum Laude

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Qualifications:

- I am a 23-year resident of Bend
- I taught 2,000+ Bend-La Pine students over a 9 year teaching career
- I raised two children, both Bend-La Pine students, K-12
- Prior to teaching, I spent 18 years working in the private sector
- I've been a board member and tutor for The Office Group, working with disadvantaged students from BLP high schools for the last 5 years

A Unique Voice:

- I was a BLP teacher before, during and after COVID. I fully understand the impact on our children and families and our struggles to steer out of it.
- I have experienced Board and District initiatives in the classroom and want to be the bridge that advocates for policies that work, and the voice of reason for those that don't.
- I am an unaffiliated voter and am not seeking endorsements from special interest groups. I am an independent thinker who acts in accordance with what's best for students.
- Highly qualified teachers are leaving the profession in droves and this affects the quality of your students' education. I understand some of these driving forces and want to help fix them.

Core Beliefs:

I care deeply about education and see it as our community's foundation. Post-teaching, I'm ready to work at the policy level and lend my voice to those making critical decisions for our district. Improving schools begins with understanding that learning should be challenging for students and is an individual student's journey. Expectations for students' academic progress and behavior must be raised. Accountability at all levels is essential and student learning should be authentically supported. All Board and District policies should promote resilience, creativity, empathy, inclusion, and academic achievement.

elizabethjustemaforzone7.com

(This information furnished by Elizabeth Justema.)

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Redmond School District 2J Director, Position 1



**Eric
Lea**

Occupation: Director of Clinical Operations at Everest Clinical Research

Occupational Background: Drug Development Professional (>25 Years)

Educational Background: University of Oregon; B.S. Physics and Chemistry

Prior Governmental Experience: Director/Chair; Board of Southwest Charter School (2004-2011); Redmond School Board Position #1 Incumbent

I believe our children deserve meaningful investment. Every child in our community deserves access to a quality education that will prepare them for success in the 21st century.

By focusing on reading, writing, arithmetic, basic sciences, and history, without bias or agenda, we can right the ship. We should equip our children to be informed and engaged in the social commentary, without that commentary driving the content of our curriculum.

We must promote in our students the skill of critical thinking, and a desire for competency in the basics of education.

To achieve this mission, I will:

- Refocus efforts on the basics of education, building a solid foundation on reading, writing, mathematics, and science.
- Engage students in ownership of their own educational journey and success.
- Encourage diversity of thought in seeking solutions to the problems distracting us from success.
- Remove barriers that prevent **any** student from accessing the tools necessary to participate in their own education.
- Ensure equal access to the resources and support every student needs to succeed.
- Promote an environment of productive discourse (lively, polite debate).
- Thoughtfully consider community dialog, seeking to listen and learn.
- Seek to reduce screen-time; instead promoting authentic, interpersonal interactions with peers and families. There is no substitute for real life in learning appropriate behavior.
- Encourage our community to model the behavior we wish to see in our children. If we allow the media they consume to be the model, we have failed.
- Help our community's children recover from years' worth of progress stolen by the pandemic and pandemic-related policies.

By working together, we can ensure that every child in our district has access to high-quality education that affords them the best opportunity for success.

(This information furnished by Eric Lea.)

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**Redmond School District 2J
Director, Position 3**



**Wendell
Otto**

Occupation: Adjunct Professor in Sport and Performance Psychology, University of Western States; Consultant Otto Coaching Group

Occupational Background: Assistant Professor; University of Western States; School Counselor; Sherwood High School; Elementary Physical Education Teacher; Portland Public Schools; Special Education Teacher; Northwest Regional ESD and Sherwood School District; Head Cross Country Coach/Track and Field Coach; Sherwood

Educational Background: University Western States; Ed.D; University of West Alabama; M.Ed; Grand Canyon University; M.A.T.; George Fox College; B.S.

Prior Governmental Experience: None

WHY I AM RUNNING

I am seeking a position on the Redmond Board of Education because I believe every child deserves a clear path toward a thriving future upon graduating high school. My experience of over 30 years in teaching and coaching within the public school system in Oregon has fueled my passion for providing all students with the best possible education. As a member of the board, I aim to help the Redmond School District fulfill its mission statement of ensuring success for every student. My primary mission is to ensure parents have a voice in the decision-making process and that their concerns are addressed promptly and effectively, thus empowering them as key decision-makers in their children's education. To prioritize students' needs and safeguard parents' rights, I will promote a 21st Century back-to-basics approach to education.

Priorities

Expect Excellence in Education - Increase reading and math proficiency from elementary through high school from the bottom 50% in Oregon.

21st Century Skills - Ready graduates from high school

Support and Retain Teachers - Respect teachers as professional educators

Increase Transparency - Allow parents to be a more significant part of the team and have a stronger voice in their child's education.

Ensure School Safety - For effective learning, parents, teachers, and students feel that schools are safe places to be.

(This information furnished by Wendell Otto.)

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**Redmond School District 2J
Director, Position 3**



**Amanda
Page**

Occupation: Flight Paramedic and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisor, Life Flight Network

Occupational Background: Critical Care Instructor – Distance CME; Curriculum Development – The Klamath Tribes Senate Bill 13 Committee

Educational Background: Umpqua Community College, Emergency Medical Services; Western Governor's University, Bachelor of Science, Business Management

Prior Governmental Experience: Education Committee, The Klamath Tribes; Program Development, The Klamath Tribes

I am from Chiloquin, a rural community between Bend and Klamath Falls, where generational poverty is the norm. I had great teachers who worked hard, but the schools lacked resources. In college, I struggled until I discovered paramedic school. Which led to a career that I love providing critical care air transport across the Pacific Northwest. I have lived and been engaged in the Redmond community since 2016.

As the mother of teenage daughter, I believe she – and every Redmond child – should have access to the resources they need to find a career they will thrive in. That's why, as a Redmond school board director, I will fight for:

Multiple Success Pathways.

Every student is unique, and our education system should honor that. Basic life skills, career and technical education, and college preparedness are all great goals for students, and our district must provide strong support for all of these.

School Safety.

A cornerstone of paramedic curriculum is that safety comes first. That's also true for our kids and teachers. No one can learn if they don't feel safe. Physical, emotional, and mental safety are crucial.

Resources for Every Child.

When we provide resources for every child to succeed, our community thrives. That means we need to recognize differences in kids – some learn better from books, others from hands-on skills. My goal is that every child has what they need to be successful.

Strong Support for Teachers.

Coming from a family of public educators, I believe we need to recruit and maintain quality teachers. But we also need to create an environment where great teachers can thrive.

www.amanda4redmond.com

(This information furnished by Amanda Page.)

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**Redmond School District 2J
Director, Position 4**



**Keri
Lopez**

Occupation: Operations, Rogue Builders, LLC

Occupational Background: Operations Manager, Wells Fargo Advisors (Series 7/66 Registered Sales Associate)

Educational Background: OSU Cascades- Bachelor of Science, General Agriculture; OSU- Certificate of Applied Ethics

Prior Governmental Experience: Redmond School District Board of Directors- Position 4 (Incumbent); Policy Committee OSBA Legislative Policy Committee Liaison; Facilities Committee OSBA Rural School Boards Advisory Committee, Appeals Sub Committee; Curriculum Committee

I, **Keri Lopez**, am running for re-election to the Redmond School District Board of Directors so that I can continue to advocate at the federal, state, and local levels for our community. I will bring continued focus and dedication to policy revision and curriculum review. As a parent of two school aged children, I have a vested interest in the present and future policies and curriculum the RSD Board adopts. Policies and curriculum directly impact our children, their families, and our community. I care deeply about the community of Redmond, the students, and constituents I serve and would be honored to represent you again.

Vote on May 16, 2023 to **re-elect Keri Lopez**, Redmond School District Board Position #4.

Endorsements

Bev Clarno former Oregon Secretary of State

Representative Vikki Breese-Iverson

Shawn Hartfield Past Chairperson of the Redmond School District 2J Board of Directors

Michael Summers Redmond School Board Chair

Robert Perry Chair of Redmond Patriots

Mercedes Cook - Bostick Redmond Area Park & Recreation District Director 2

Michael Sipe

Patti Adair

Jay Patrick

“Keri Lopez has been a tireless advocate for parents. Focusing on parental rights, community engagement and transparency in public meetings have and will be a cornerstone of her school board career. Please vote for Keri Lopez for Redmond School Board.”
-Representative Vikki Breese Iverson

“Keri Lopez is the most detailed and diligent Board Member I have worked with. She will continue to fight for the protection of children and parents rights.”

-Shawn Hartfield, Past Chairperson of the Redmond School District 2J Board of Directors

www.kerilopez4redmondschoolboard.com

(This information furnished by Keri Lopez.)

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**Redmond School District 2J
Director, Position 4**



**Brad
Porterfield**

Occupation: Executive Director, Latino Community Association

Occupational Background: English Immersion Teacher, Strisuksa School, Roi Et, Thailand; Coordinating Director, Alliance of Forest Workers &

Harvesters, Eugene; Coordinator, HUES Strategic Planning Group, Hermiston; Natural Resource Manager/Educator, Peace Corps, Uruguay

Educational Background: Masters, Community & Regional Planning, University of Oregon; Bachelor of Science, Natural Resource Planning, Humboldt State University

Prior Governmental Experience: City of Redmond Parks Committee, member; Central Oregon Health Council (COHC), Board Director; Community Advisory Council to COHC, Chair; East Cascades Works (workforce board), Board Director

I am the father of an eighteen-year-old senior at Ridgeview and I care deeply about our youth. Our schools play a critical role in the lives of our kids and families, and I want to do my part to make sure Redmond schools are as strong and impactful as possible. I want to ensure our youth have a good experience, gain knowledge, and learn essential tools to give them a good start in life.

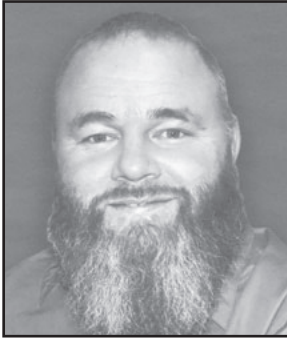
I have seen what is good and not so good in our schools since my son began kindergarten at Lynch. I believe our schools need to modernize to match the times we live in. Our teachers and coaches need our support; and to be held accountable. Our kids need to be encouraged and know we believe in their abilities to make a positive difference in the world. They deserve our support with personal and family challenges that impact their learning and health. And they deserve adults in their lives who see them for who they are and who they are becoming.

I am non-partisan and believe honesty, integrity and collaboration are the keys to success. I will utilize my conflict management skills to facilitate robust public participation and respectful, productive dialogue with parents, students, teachers and board members to move our schools forward. I am excited to serve our youth and families as a school board member, and I would appreciate your vote.

(This information furnished by Brad Porterfield.)

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**Redmond School District 2J
Director, Position 5**



**John
Campbell**

Occupation: Independent contractor

Occupational Background: High School Teacher/FFA Advisor; Middle School Teacher/FFA Advisor; ATV sales and

repair Owner/operator; Middle School Science teacher; Farm Manager

Educational Background: George Fox University - Masters in Education; Oregon State University - Bachelors of Science; Central Oregon Community College - Associates; Madras High School - Graduate

Prior Governmental Experience: None

A parent of 2 elementary aged children, vested community member, and 12+ years as a public school teacher
A strong background in business, agriculture, and career technical education will serve in negotiating policies and maintaining fiscal responsibilities that represent the very best educational opportunities.

I bring common sense measures and strong analytical abilities to simplify problems with solutions. Top items of importance - Parental Rights in Education, Transparency in Education, Insuring a Safe and Healthy Learning Environment, Fiscal Responsibility, Serve All Children Regardless of Backgrounds.

Teaching our children to think for themselves while respecting our laws, individual circumstances, values and liberties. Our success lies in prioritizing what is most important to impact and empower our children for a future that results in a productive manner in society.

(This information furnished by John Campbell.)

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**Redmond School District 2J
Director, Position 5**



**Liz
Goodrich**

Occupation: Programs Supervisor, Deschutes Public Library

Occupational Background: Volunteer Coordinator, Hospice of Redmond; Education Coordinator, Cheyenne Frontier Days™ Old West Museum; Teacher, Mt. View High School

Educational Background: Teaching Credential and Bachelor of Arts, California State University, Chico; Bend High School

Prior Governmental Experience: Redmond School District Board of Directors, Redmond Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee, City of Redmond Parking Task Force

RE-ELECT

It has been an honor to serve our community as part of the Redmond School District Board of Directors. I am seeking a second term to continue the work of improving outcomes for every student, creating safe and welcoming schools and advocating for intellectual and academic freedom.

LOCAL CHAMPION OF EDUCATION

My husband, Pete, a military veteran, and I have lived in Redmond since 1999. We have raised our family here and both our sons graduated from Redmond schools. A champion of public education, I believe that every Redmond student deserves access to a high-quality education that prepares them for life beyond the classroom.

DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

I am proud of the accomplishments made during my term, including:

- Passed a bond in 2020 to improve building safety, health and capacity.
- Expanded CTE programs.
- Successful superintendent search.
- Increased high school graduation rates.
- Completed contract negotiations with both classified and certified associations.
- Increased behavioral support for students in all district schools.
- Prudent use of state and federal pandemic relief funds.
- Funded improvements at Jaqua Sports Complex.

There are challenges ahead for public education, including stable and adequate funding, the increasing number of high needs students and staffing shortages. I am committed to addressing those challenges with solutions that start with the question of how outcomes for every student will be improved. That question will be my guiding principle for every vote I cast.

Thank you for your consideration and your vote. I look forward to serving a second term on the Redmond School Board.

More information: liz4redmond.com

(This information furnished by Liz Goodrich.)

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**Sisters School District 6
Director, Position 3**



**Karissa
Bilderback**

Occupation: Stay at Home Mom

Occupational Background: Teacher, NCSD (2005-2011); Substitute Teacher, HDESD and SPRD (2013-2019); SPTC board (2016-present); PAC member SSD local option

Educational Background: University of Portland, Master's Degree, Teaching; Oregon State, BS in Human Development Family Sciences; Sisters High School, class of 2000

Prior Governmental Experience: None

As a former Sisters High graduate and mother of four children under the age of 12, I have a vested interest in the long-term success of our schools. The quality of education our district provides is a large part of what brought me back to Sisters. My background as an educator, substitute, volunteer and parent enables me to see things from multiple angles and display empathy for every child's diverse learning needs.

Some topics of importance for me:

- Providing innovative career pathways for our future graduates
- Increased transparency and bridging the communication gap between parents and school district
- Setting high expectations and accountability for student behaviors and school safety
- Supporting the well-rounded student
- Teaching students how to think, not what to think

We have the most innovative, capable, and caring staff within our district, and they need our support and the proper tools to best serve our children at their maximum capacity. The goal shouldn't stop at competency, but working toward achieving excellence for all students who walk through the doors of Sisters schools.

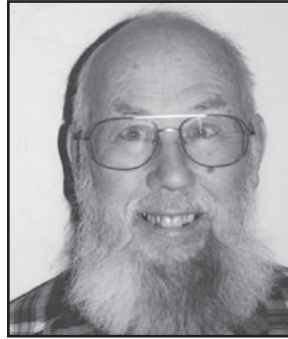
I believe that the best decisions are made when a diverse set of voices are heard. These voices should be included constructively and within the goals of reaching a place of understanding and finding solutions. I hope to work with other members of the board to approach each issue with evidence, an eye on best practices, and a commitment to seeking the best results for our children.

Great schools benefit everyone. I will advocate for our students, parents, and greater community. Why? Because I am all of you. I would be honored to have your vote.

(This information furnished by Karissa Bilderback.)

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**Sisters School District 6
Director, Position 3**



**Jeff
Smith**

Occupation: Incumbent, Sisters School Board; Professor of Public Administration (emeritus)

Occupational Background: Volunteer leadership in youth organizations (15 years)

Educational Background: PhD, University of Oregon; MBA, Oregon State University; BS, Oregon State University; Diploma, Roseburg High School

Prior Governmental Experience: Sisters School Board (1999-2011 and 2014-present); Budget Committee, Sisters School District (1998-present)

Our schools are in good shape

- Graduation rates and test scores are amongst the best in Oregon
- Our financial condition is solid
- Our administrators, teachers and other staff are top rate
- We are blessed to have community support for new school buildings
- I have been a steady contributor to these outcomes

Jeff Smith is a caring and committed educator:

- a teacher for nearly 40 years
- volunteer coach at Sisters High School and Sisters Middle School for 20 years
- taught college courses in public policy and public finance for 29 years
- completed Oregon School Boards Association's leadership program

I am committed to public service on behalf of children. When my children were younger I led a variety of youth organizations (soccer, wrestling and Little League teams; YMCA parent-child organizations; and high school booster organizations). Now that my children are grown, I have redirected my efforts toward a broader policy-making role.

Jeff Smith is experienced in school leadership and governance:

- Chair of a university Department of Public Administration (6 years)
- served on state-wide committees on school finance, legislative policies, and governance for the Oregon School Boards Association

The Sisters School Board provides a good fit with my background. Since my graduation from OSU, I have been continually involved in education. My professional responsibilities as a Professor of Public Administration focused on teaching public finance and public policy analysis.

Jeff Smith provides independent judgement on school policy questions:

I have worked hard on the Sisters School Board to find compromises that improve the education of our children. The well-being of our children is my number one priority.

(This information furnished by Jeff Smith.)

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**Sisters School District 6
Director, Position 4**



**Asa
Sarver**

Occupation: Owner, ACE Beverage Consulting; Sisters School Board, Position 4

Occupational Background: International Sales Manager, Ken Wright Cellars; Hospitality Director, Yellowstone Club

Educational Background: Colorado State University, BS Restaurant & Hospitality Management

Prior Governmental Experience: Sisters School Board (2022-Present); Chairperson, Local Option Committee (2023); City of Sisters Parks Board (2020-Present)

As a School Board Member and the parent of a child in the Sisters School District and another starting Kindergarten in the fall, I understand the day-to-day challenges our educators, parents and students face. My focus areas are:

Classroom Size. Sisters schools are well known for their low student-to-teacher ratio, which means students get more one-on-one attention and support. As school enrollment grows, we'll face challenges in maintaining this ratio. I'm committed to working for low classroom sizes to provide better education for all of our students.

Teacher Retention. Public school teachers are one of the most undervalued resources we have. As a School Board Member, I'll keep working to find ways to support the amazing teachers we have here in Sisters so they stay in our district.

Graduation Rates. Sisters has a graduation rate much higher than the majority of the state of Oregon. It's imperative we continue to support teachers and students to sustain this achievement.

Special Programs. Sisters Schools are truly special in offering unique programs ranging from aviation training, individual environmental exploration, to ski teams. It's critical we maintain these programs and look for ways to bring languages and other special programs back into our curriculum.

I am currently serving the Sisters community in these ways:

- Sisters School Board, Position 4, 2022-Present
- Chair of Sisters Local Option Committee, 2023
- City of Sisters Parks Board, 2021-Present
- Volunteer coach for soccer and Little League, 2020-Present
- Sisters Parent Teacher Coalition 2021-2022

It would be an honor to continue serving you on the Sisters School Board Member in Position 4. Thank you for your vote.

See endorsements at: www.asaforsisters.com

(This information furnished by Asa Sarver.)

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**Sisters School District 6
Director, Position 4**



**Hilary
(Hedemark)
Saunders**

Occupation: Co-Founder, Chief Broker Officer @ Side & Mom

Occupational Background: Estate Planning, Probate and Real Estate Attorney; Realtor

Educational Background: Sisters High School '00;

University of San Diego (B.A. Communication) '03; Golden Gate University School of Law (Juris Doctorate) '07; Golden Gate University School of Law (LL.M Taxation) '09

Prior Governmental Experience: NA

I was raised in Sisters (fka Hedemark) beginning in first grade and attended all 3 schools, graduating in 2000. During my tenure in the Sisters Schools, I participated heavily in Leadership as well as Athletics. Having a diverse and challenging curriculum has always been important to me as it pushed me to strive for excellence in my academic career.

It is not ok to stay stagnant. We need Board members who will go to bat and take action and create initiatives that push the needle forward. We need Board members who challenge the status quo in order to create active dialogue and foster creative collaboration.

Sisters students deserve to experience the best education in the state. That includes having access to the same opportunities as their peers to broaden their horizons and expand their dreams of their future. Technology is a key factor in setting our kids up for success.

Why I am asking for your vote and support:

We have a very unique space for our children and ultimately our community. That has been fostered by others before me who have also experienced the school system, and wanted to give back and continue that high bar of excellence. Our schools provide not only top-tier education, but also inclusion, support athletics, the arts, science and technology and we need more of it!

I have the drive, determination and reasons to make this a reality. Lets all put the schools first and everyone in the community, even if you don't have school-aged kids, will benefit.

(This information furnished by Hilary (Hedemark) Saunders.)

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**Sisters School District 6
Director, Position 4**



**Jayne
Simmons**

Occupation: RETIRED

Occupational Background: TEACHER - ENGLISH AND SOCIAL STUDIES (NTE); INVESTMENT BANKER AND STOCK BROKER; ORIGINAL SUCCESSFUL OWNER OF

SCHOOLHOUSE PRODUCE, REDMOND, OR

Educational Background: CAL POLY HUMBOLDT; TEACHING CREDENTIAL AND BACHELOR OF ARTS, ENGLISH AND SOCIAL STUDIES; COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS; ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE, GENERAL; GRAND RAPIDS HIGH SCHOOL, G.R., MN; H.S. DIPLOMA, GENERAL

Prior Governmental Experience: SPRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2016-2018

Sisters has been our family's home for 27 years. My sons and now my grandchildren attend Sisters Public Schools. I am proud of the education they have received and want to be a part of that excellence. Opening the doors to parents once again is important, and I will do my best to see that all are welcome here.

(This information furnished by Jayne Simmons.)

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**Alfalfa Fire District
Director, Position 4**



**Mark C
Laucks**

Occupation: Electrician; self employed; General Handyman; Alfalfa Fire & Rescue; Driver Operator

Occupational Background: I have 40 years of experience as an Electrical Contractor, and

have owned Laucks Electric serving Puget Sound communities and businesses.

Educational Background: Edmonds College, Washington State, electronics certificate; Washington State Electrical Apprenticeship Program, Construction Electrician, Graduate; Generac Power Systems, Wisconsin, Diesel Generator Start-up Technician certificate

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I have been serving on the Board of Directors for the Alfalfa Fire District as an appointee since March of 2021, and am now seeking election for the upcoming term.

I've volunteered my time and abilities as an electrician at Station 901 since 2019, contributing to important operational needs and helping to upgrade the facility. I am continuing my service by training as a Driver Operator and certifying for Wildland Firefighting for the upcoming fire season.

My mission as a board member is to help bring balance and responsible accountability to our fire district, so that we can continue to grow and serve the citizens of Alfalfa.

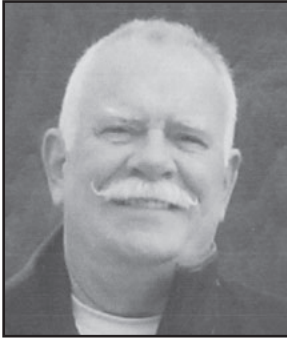
My wife and I are invested in our community and want to see all of our neighbors served by a highly dedicated and professional fire department.

As a Navy veteran, I also understand the value and strength in teamwork. Being a board member and volunteer in the Alfalfa Fire Department allows me to contribute to my community in a meaningful way.

(This information furnished by Mark C Laucks.)

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**Cloverdale Rural Fire Protection District
Director, Position 1**



**John W
Thomas**

Occupation: Retired from Fire Service

Occupational Background: 25 years retail ownership; Volunteer Firefighter/Officer; Paid Deputy Fire Chief - Cloverdale Rural Fire Protection District

Educational Background: Klamath Union High School - Honors Program; United States Coast Guard Academy - Engineering/Leadership/Management; National Fire Academy - Fire Science/ Incident Command

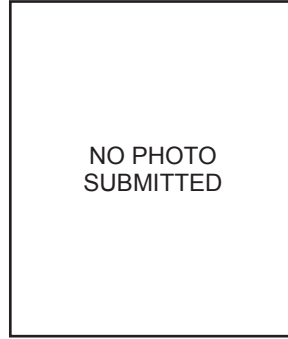
Prior Governmental Experience: United States Coast Guard (Appointed); Board Director - Cloverdale RFPD (Elected)

I have been affiliated with Cloverdale Rural Fire Protection District for 27 years and am intimately familiar with the operation and growth of this superb department. For the past 10 years I have served as the Secretary/Treasurer on the Board of Directors and have had the responsibility of handling millions of dollars of taxpayer approved funds that have allowed us to provide our constituents with increased service delivery and to provide our Staff and Volunteers with the necessary tools to do their jobs safely and efficiently. I am proud of the Board's track record and am excited to ask for your continued trust and support by casting your vote so that I may continue to serve.

(This information furnished by John W Thomas.)

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**Cloverdale Rural Fire Protection District
Director, Position 2**



**Jerry
Johnson**

Occupation: Retired Bend Fire Department

Occupational Background: Prior Military Service-US Air Force 1965-1970 Active 1970-1972 Reserve; Served 28 years City of Bend Fire and Rescue

Department; Served 2 years Volunteer; Retired Jan. 1 2002 Captain

Educational Background: Cohn High School Nashville Tennessee Graduate; Central Oregon Community College Bend Oregon - 2 years General Studies Science; 2-years - Associates of Science Degree; National Fire Academy; Emmetsburg, Maryland 160hrs.-Fire and Hazmat courses.

Prior Governmental Experience: Served 1 year of appointed term Boardman, Oregon Morrow County- Planning Commission; Served 2.5 years of 4 year elected term Board of Directors for the Boardman Rural Fire Department Boardman, Oregon; Left both elected positions in Sept.,2010 to move back to Cloverdale area; Have lived in area 20 years.

Current Governmental Experience
Currently Serving remainder of 4 year term on Cloverdale Rural Fire District

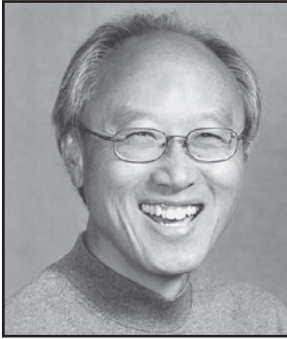
I want to thank all property owners in the Cloverdale Rural Fire Protection District who supported the request for much needed Bond Measure. We will continue to work with the Fire Chief and Volunteer Staff as a team. Every dollar that we requested in the Bond Levy was carefully considered. We only ask for the required expenditures to address critical issues that negatively affected our operations. The board takes your support very seriously and decisions are made with a majority vote of all 5 members. Our board meetings are open to the public. We urge anyone to attend if they have questions or concerns as to how the district is being managed.

The district has come a long way some 50 years ago. Many teams have been responsible for bringing us to this point. It has been my pleasure to serve for the past four years and now ask for your vote for re-election.

(This information furnished by Jerry Johnson.)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

**Deschutes County Rural Fire Protection District #2
Director, Position 5**



**Raymond
Miao**

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Corporate Vice President, Coast to Coast; Director Exploratory Research, HANA Biologics; Senior Scientist, Stanford Research Institute International

Educational Background: Duke University, PhD, Biochemistry; Queens College, A.B., Chemistry

Prior Governmental Experience: Deschutes County Rural Fire Protection District #2, Board Member, Vice President, Elected; DCRFPD #2 Budget Committee, Member, Appointed; Deschutes Public Library District, Board Member, Elected

Deschutes County Rural Fire Protection District #2 (District) ensures that our residents receive fire/emergency medical services through a contract with the City of Bend Fire Department. We work with the Fire Chief/City Officials to increase service quality and ensure long-term financial stability of the fire department.

The District owns six fire stations that we lease to the City as part of our fire/emergency services contract. New stations in Bend and Tumalo were built to better meet District goals - saving lives and property. They were built without any tax increases to District and City residents. Responsible conservative financial planning and management is a hallmark of the District Board.

We face many challenges due to increased growth with increased demands for emergency medical and fire services. The collaboration, trust and mutual respect that I have helped build between the District and Bend Fire Department is a key factor to ensure excellent fire and emergency services to meet these challenges for District residents. During my tenure on the Board, cardiac arrest survival rates improved from 20% to over 50% (national average 30%), saving lives.

Wildfires have become more frequent and intense resulting in greater loss of life and property. Experience and knowledge about saving lives and property from wildfires is important for a District Board member. I am active in several wildfire prevention associations including Woodside Ranch Fire Safety/Education Committees (my neighborhood), Project Wildfire (Deschutes County) and National Fire Protection Association (national).

I ask for your vote to continue to develop strong fire and emergency medical services through sound, conservative financial management and strategic planning.

(This information furnished by Raymond Miao.)

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**La Pine Rural Fire Protection District
Director, Position 3**



**Michael
Vietzke**

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: General Manager and Financial industry overseeing and improving the bottom line for million-dollar companies; Business Owner; Volunteer Fire Fighter.

Educational Background: Stayton High School Diploma; Chemeketa Community College EMT classes

Prior Governmental Experience: Interview Panelist La Pine Rural Fire Chief Selection Committee 2023

I want to be your voice on the board and to listen to your concerns and your ideas. Finding common sense solutions and making good decisions are key and I have those characteristics to carry the La Pine Rural Fire District into the future.

What would I want to accomplish if I only had 10 years to live? I would like to leave behind a legacy that would benefit others with my knowledge and experience but what could I do to make a difference? With my business knowledge and experience and fire department experience I believed I could make a difference on the La Pine Fire Protection District Board. The decisions this board makes impacts the health and safety of the whole community, individually and as a whole. The difference between responding to a fire in ten minutes instead of 20 minutes could be your house or your life. Our community is growing and is causing an increase in the need for services in our area. We need to make policy that benefits not just the La Pine Rural Fire District but the whole community. I want to make sure your tax dollars are spent wisely. Creating more opportunities to grow the number of firefighters we need, finding ways to lessen the number of fires, balancing the budget, creating fire hydrant coverage, juggling multiple fire or EMS calls and much more are many of goals I want to achieve. Finding real solutions and representing you is my vision. I am asking for your vote to accomplish a safer community for all.

(This information furnished by Michael Vietzke.)

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La Pine Rural Fire Protection District Director, Position 4



Rex Lesueur

Occupation: Insurance Professional

Occupational Background: 1979 to 1990 Insurance Professional New York, New York; 1990 to 2021 Owner of Bancorp Insurance La Pine

Oregon; 2021 Agent Bancorp Insurance

Educational Background: College of Insurance (New York), BS Business with Insurance minor

Prior Governmental Experience: Budget Committee La Pine Park and Recreation

Neighbors,

The La Pine Rural Fire Protection District (the "District") is a critical part of our community. As someone who has, with my wife, not only raised my family here in La Pine, but also built our business, the safety and well-being of the community is extremely important to me. Without well-funded and supported fire protection and emergency medical services for the residents of the south county area, the safety of our community is at risk.

Everyday, the District provides emergency life-saving services to our residents and the visitors who come to the south county area. But due to enormous population growth, our medical, ambulance, and fire protection services are not able to meet the need and save the lives, homes, and other structures it was once capable of serving. These challenges require the District to be properly funded and staffed to ensure a future that is safe and thriving.

MY EXPERIENCE

As part of my business career, I have insured with over 30 Special Districts. I understand that Special Districts are single purpose entities and how they function.

During my 30 years as owner of Bancorp Insurance, I took the agency from a 3 person business to 13 employees. I did this by building a team of highly motivated, seasoned professionals.

Other Board Experience:

- La Pine Industrial Park Group 1995 to 2015
- Sunriver La Pine Economic Development Council 2015 to Present
- La Pine Chamber of Commerce 2001 to Present; President 2018 to 2019
- La Pine Park and Recreation Budget Committee 2002 to Present

With my business experience, my non-profit board experience, and Special District experience, I am determined to help the District **chart a safe and healthy course for our community.**

Information at rexlesueur.com

(This information furnished by Rex Lesueur.)

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**La Pine Rural Fire Protection District
Director, Position 5**



**Robin
Mirrasoul**

Occupation: Retired Business Owner

Occupational Background: Business owner: responsible for management, finance, employee relations, etc. Advisor/Instructor: Small Business

Development Center at COCC. Volunteer EMT 2D, Lieutenant.

Educational Background: COCC: Business Management – 2 year certificate; COCC: EMT, 2D -certificate; Executive Board Training - certificate

Prior Governmental Experience: La Pine Rural Fire Protection District - Budget Committee; City of La Pine - Economic Development Board and Transient Room Tax Committee

National headlines speak of employee shortages and increased costs. We recognize that La Pine is not immune to these challenges and how they directly impact our fire district. We face many complex issues and experienced leadership is needed to face the challenges of today's economic climate head-on. I believe that my extensive business experience and long-term commitment to La Pine RFPD will be a great asset to the District and the community.

EXPERIENCE

I have successfully started, operated, and sold 3 businesses – one to a Fortune 500 Company. I was responsible for all aspects of those businesses – management, finance, employee relations, etc. My experience led to a position as an Advisor/Instructor for COCC's Small Business Development Center.

I have experience on a number of boards as well as years of management experience to help work through the challenges the District faces. I served for 8 years as a volunteer EMT and 5 years as a Chaplain for both police and fire; I fully understand the unique complexities that First Responders face on a daily basis.

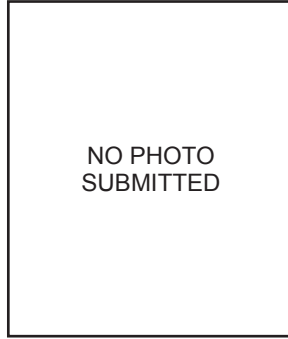
COMMITMENT

As a former volunteer Officer with the La Pine Rural Fire Protection District, I understand and care deeply about our fire department. I have served on the fire budget committee for the previous four years and see the issues impacting both personnel and residents. I am committed to serving both the District and our community with integrity.

(This information furnished by Robin Mirrasoul.)

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**La Pine Rural Fire Protection District
Director, Position 5**



**Troy
Waddell**

Occupation: Firefighter/paramedic with Sunriver Fire and Rescue, 2021-current

Occupational Background: Fire Lieutenant/Paramedic for Lake Oswego Fire Department, 2006-2021; 1SG (RET.) US

Army ORNG, C Co. 1/41 Support Bn 41st INF BN, 1999-2015; Washington County Sherrifs Department Tactical Negotiations Team, SWAT Medic, 2004-2014

Educational Background: Applied Associates of Science, Chemeketa Community College, EMT Paramedic; Applied Associates of Science, Chemeketa Community College, Fire Protection Technology; General Education Diploma, Camas Valley High School

Prior Governmental Experience: 1 SG (RET) C Medical Evacuation Aviation Company ORNG

I am a current Firefighter/Paramedic with Sunriver Fire and Rescue. Having a good working relationship with the Firefighters in La Pine has given me unique insight into the challenges our firefighters face every day. My goal is to maintain fiscal responsibility as well as accountability of Fire Department management, line staff, and fire district. I served as a flight medic in the Oregon Army National Guard and was one of the first forty Oregonians deployed to Afghanistan in 2002/2003. I retired after a twenty-year career in 2015. My final assignment was as a 1SG with Charlie Medical Co. 1/41 support BN, supervising over eighty soldiers. I believe my professional firefighting experience along with my military experience will bring transparency, accountability, and increased safety to the families of La Pine as well as our neighboring communities.

Endorsed by:

La Pine Professional Firefighters Local 3387 fully endorses Troy Waddell. With his history in the Military and as a Professional Fire Lieutenant/Paramedic with Lake Oswego Fire Department and Currently with Sunriver Fire Department. We believe Troy will do what is best for the community and has the communities needs as the #1 priority as a Fire Board Member.

(This information furnished by Troy Waddell.)

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**Redmond Fire & Rescue
Director, Position 3**

**Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District
Director, Position 4**



**John
Blanton**

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Education & Workforce Coordinator, Oregon Department of Community Colleges & Workforce Development; Rapid Response Coordinator

/ Workforce Advisor, Clackamas Community College; Small Business Owner

Educational Background: Clackamas Community College, Associates Degree

Prior Governmental Experience: Appointed Director of Redmond Fire & Rescue, February 2023; Elected Director of Clackamas Fire District 1, May 2013; Appointed Director of Clackamas Fire District 1, October 2012

I am honored to have been appointed as a Director of Redmond Fire & Rescue to represent and serve you, the citizens of the fire district. I know how important our fire district is as the first responder responsible for fire, emergency medical service, rescue, public safety and community education services for the citizens of the communities it serves. It is highly respected, professional, reliable, fiscally responsible, well trained and lead.

It would be an honor for me to continue to utilize my experience to serve as a Director of this agency. I have an understanding of the challenges facing fire and emergency medical service agencies today. Our community is growing and it is important to stay focused on the growing demands for fire and emergency medical services for the safety of our citizens and firefighters. I have had progressive working experience as a board member of fire districts, as a civic leader, in business, building and maintaining professional relationships and partnerships, as a team player with business, education, unions, local, county, state and federal officials.

These experiences make me a strong candidate to continue to represent you, as a member of your Redmond Fire & Rescue Board of Directors.

The mission and values of the fire district are all highly respectable, and reflect the true dedication and service that our fire district portrays to the community it serves through its leadership, integrity, courage, accountability, respect, excellence and safety everyday. These are all values that I believe in and support.

I thank you for your consideration and your vote.

(This information furnished by John Blanton.)

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**Tom
Herrmann**

Occupation: Retired business attorney

Occupational Background: Gleaves Swearingen LLP, Eugene, Oregon (served as Managing Partner, Management Committee Member, Business

Law Department Chair and Recruiting Partner); Lane Powell PC, Seattle, Washington, attorney

Educational Background: University of Oregon School of Law, JD; University of Oregon, BS, Political Science

Prior Governmental Experience: Eugene School District 4J Board of Directors (Vice-Chair and Chair); Eugene School District 4J Budget Committee

I am a retired business attorney. I practiced law in Eugene for most of my career and now live in Sisters. I have a strong belief that each of us is responsible for giving back to the communities in which we live. I have a demonstrated commitment to public service, including experience serving on governmental boards (Eugene School District 4J Board (Chair)) and on a wide variety of business and non-profit boards, as well as serving as an active volunteer with a number of civic, political and athletic organizations.

I am currently a member of the Sisters Rodeo Board of Directors. I also volunteer with the Sisters Camp Sherman Fire District as a member of the Fire Corps and the Safety Committee. In doing so, I have experienced firsthand the important and excellent work the Sisters Camp Sherman Fire District Board, professional staff and volunteers do for the benefit of our community. Consequently, I was honored and humbled to be asked to consider running for this open seat on the Board of Directors. I am an effective and collaborative leader and have the knowledge, experience and commitment to be a positive addition to the board. I would appreciate your support.

(This information furnished by Tom Herrmann.)

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Bend Metro Park and Recreation District Director, Position 1



Donna Owens

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background:
US Forest Service 1979-2018

Educational Background:
Pierce College, AA; San Diego
State University, BA

Prior Governmental Experience: BPRD Budget Committee;
BPRD Board of Directors

Since I was appointed to position #1 on January 3, 2023, I have been honored to serve on the Bend Park and Recreation District Board of Directors. I am passionate about our parks, trails, open spaces, and the facilities that make up the BPRD.

I am seeking your vote to continue my work.

I fell in love with Bend from the time I moved here in 1979 for a job with the US Forest Service; beginning with the iconic Drake and Shevlin Parks. Bend has grown and many things have changed, yet our parks, trails, and programs remain valued and vital to our community. Thoughtfulness, good stewardship, and bold acquisitions are key to sustaining parks in all areas and neighborhoods as our density and population increase.

Opportunities for acquiring and maintaining open spaces are at risk for designation for other purposes. Once gone, our future generations will miss out on our natural landscape and history. I promoted awareness of our small County Worrell Wayside Park to stop its redevelopment into parking spaces. This is my passion; to save our current parks and turn more open spaces into new parks for our children as finances and support allow.

As Bend grows, so do the challenges for our BPRD. I believe the BPRD is a premier organization with the expertise and foresight to withstand the pressures of pandemics, climate change, fiscal challenges, and growth. I want to serve on the Board to promote our world-class parks, facilities, and programs so everyone can use and enjoy this community asset now and into the future.

I'm an honest, trustworthy, dedicated senior citizen willing to work hard as a Board member for you and the BPRD.

Please vote for me for position #1.

Endorsed by Jeanne Debons, PhD Botanical Artist

(This information furnished by Donna Owens.)

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Bend Metro Park and Recreation District Director, Position 2



Jodie Barram

Occupation: Self-Employed, Co-Coordinator, Oregon Living With Fire; Self-Employed, Administrative Support, Central Oregon Fire Chiefs Association; Seasonal, Public Information Officer, NW Team 6, US Forest Service

Occupational Background: Self-Employed, Independent Contractor, International Association of Fire Chiefs; Self-Employed, Program Director, Project Wildfire; Public Affairs Specialist, Bend Fire & Rescue; Director of Fundraising, Tower Theatre Foundation; Substitute Educational Assistant, High Desert ESD

Educational Background: George Fox University, Bachelor of Arts

Prior Governmental Experience: Bend Park and Recreation District Board of Directors, Jan. 2023-Present; Bend City Council, 2008-2014, Mayor Pro Tem, 2011-2014; Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization Budget Committee, Chair, 2008; Bend Planning Commission, 2005-2008, Vice Chair 2006-2008

I am passionate about public service. We must take care of what we have while preparing for the future. By providing the physical spaces, both natural and developed, as well as a diverse offering of programs for the community at large we can excel at building community. Your vote for me this May will allow me to continue serving you as a Bend Park & Recreation District Board Member.

Key Themes

- Strengthen BPRD's existing partnerships with other agencies and look for new ones, cultivating trust between organizations and with the community.
- Consciously reduce barriers to participate or be included. Building community with an awareness towards inclusivity.
- Environmental stewardship whether related to a natural or developed outdoor area or facilities.

As a Central Oregon native who moved back to Bend 24 years ago, I am an avid user of the District's programs, trails, parks, natural areas, river access points, and off leash dog areas. My children grew up benefiting from many BPRD offerings and are now young adults living elsewhere in the state.

I will deliver on BPRD's mission to strengthen community vitality and foster healthy, enriched lifestyles by providing exceptional park and recreation services.

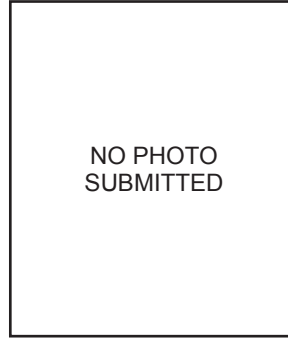
Endorsed by the Oregon League of Conservation Voters.

Strength. Integrity. Experience.
jodieforparks.com

(This information furnished by Jodie Barram.)

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La Pine Park and Recreation District Director, Position 2



Mark O'Brien

Occupation: Retired
Occupational Background: Commercial Construction
Educational Background: Concord High School; Los Medanos College

Prior Governmental Experience: Current seat holder

I have lived in La Pine for 6 years. In that time, I have worked closely with the Executive Director for the during fundraisers and on the Findley Butte Park improvements and beautification projects in which I organized or participated.

I am very excited about this opportunity to do my share of community service regarding our parks and vacant land available to the LPRD. During this tenure I want to work with the ED to procure grants for a Master Plan which is critical for any public land development. In my vision I would like to see more walking/running/biking trails amongst the trees and wetlands and a large multi-use indoor sports facility for our winter months activities.

Letter of Endorsement

I am enthusiastically recommending that Mark O'Brien be chosen for a seat on the LPRD Board of Directors. Mark is someone that I, and everyone in our club, can count on for help, advice, assistance in learning the game, projects, decisions, and advancing our goals as a club.

Mark is a past club board member and played an integral part in many of the decisions which made our club what is today. Mark's determination and hard work helped make the development and completion of the outdoor pickleball courts, built entirely with private funds, possible. He organized many of the beautification projects to improve Findley Butte Park.

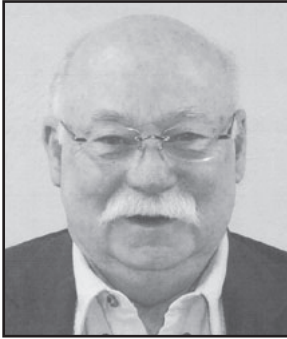
Mark would be an exceptional choice for the Board of Directors. I believe you would be hardpressed to find a better candidate for this position.

Cathy Hundley
La Pine Pickleball Club-Committee Director
Frontier Days Pickleball Tournament Director

(This information furnished by Mark O'Brien.)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

**La Pine Park and Recreation District
Director, Position 4**



**Gary S
Gordon**

Occupation: Small business owner – kokanee fishing tackle
Occupational Background: Attorney at Law 1975-2014; Adjunct Professor of Law 1975-1981; Deputy Public Defender Nevada County CA 1985-2013

Educational Background: University of California, Santa Barbara, Bachelor of Arts 1971; Southwestern University School of Law, Juris Doctor 1974; Deschutes County Government College 2014

Prior Governmental Experience: La Pine Park & Recreation District Board of Directors and Chairman 2015 to 2023

Eight years ago my platform was to make the District responsive to the community, while being transparent and practicing careful financial management. Those promises have been kept. It has been my honor to be the Board Chairman the past eight years.

Here is a partial list of what has been accomplished:

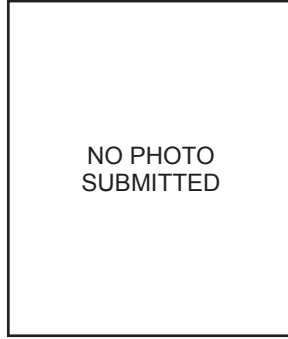
- Modernized accounting and planning
- Rewrote organizational policies for compliance with State law
- Balanced the District Budget all eight years
- Expanded recreation and educational programs for youth and adults
- I wrote the mandated Revised Comprehensive Plan, saving taxpayers \$75,000
- Established Music in the Pines free summer concerts – no expense to taxpayers (community sponsors)
- Finley Butte Park: Restored Community Building; finished pickleball courts
- New safe playgrounds in Heritage Park
- Partnered with Band of Brothers for American and Service Flag poles; Veteran’s Memorial Brick Garden
- Community Center: paved parking lot, flooring in gym, completion of kitchen
- Restructured operation of Rosland Park as a year-round facility that self-sustains its operating costs, reinvesting those funds into improvements.
- Maintained fiscal integrity during the COVID crisis
- Established Kelly Young Memorial Park as a self-sustaining public archery facility

I appreciate your vote to continue serving our community.

(This information furnished by Gary S Gordon.)

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**Redmond Area Park & Recreation District
Director, Position 4**



**Zachary L
Harmon**

Occupation: Certified Public Accountant - Capstone CPAs
Occupational Background: None
Educational Background: Western Oregon University -

Bachelors in Science - Business and Accounting

Prior Governmental Experience: Redmond Area Parks and Recreation Board Member 2013 - current

My name is Zachary Harmon and I am running for RAPRD Board Position No. 4. I currently serve on the board of RAPRD and previously served on the RAPRD Budget Committee. I am excited for our community with the recently passed the bond measure for a new community recreation center. With the continued growth the Redmond Area has seen over the last 20 years the new center will provide more opportunities for all residents to recreate in a variety of ways. I look forward to the construction process and would like to continue serving the community on the board with your vote. Thank you!

(This information furnished by Zachary L Harmon.)

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Redmond Area Park & Recreation District Director, Position 4



**David
Rouse**

Occupation: Retired; Senior Fellow, Portland State University -current

Occupational Background: Civil engineer, City Of Gresham, OR, Environmental Services Director. Responsible for providing Parks & Recreation services and public works functions (transportation, water, wastewater, recycling). Responsibilities included parks masterplanning, development, maintenance, capital planning and budgeting.

providing Parks & Recreation services and public works functions (transportation, water, wastewater, recycling). Responsibilities included parks masterplanning, development, maintenance, capital planning and budgeting.

Educational Background: Bachelor Civil Engineering, University of Portland

Prior Governmental Experience: Extensive experience working with City Councils, County Commissions, Special Districts and Boards. Currently serving as a Senior Fellow, Portland State University, specializing in sustainability and energy conservation for local governments.

My name is David Rouse, I'm currently running for Board Director of Redmond Area Park & Recreation District (RAPRD).

I am a life long Oregonian growing up on a cattle ranch in Baker City. I served in the US military with the Navy Seabees during the Vietnam era. After service commitment, I enrolled at University of Portland obtaining a Bachelors degree in Civil Engineering. Married, five children, all Oregon residents. Upon retirement my wife & I moved to central Oregon where we enjoy everything the great outdoors provides, skiing, hiking, biking and kayaking in central Oregon sunshine.

34 years in the public sector primarily with the City of Gresham, OR. As the Environmental Services Director, responsible for Parks & Recreation and public works functions (transportation, water, wastewater, and recycling) for the cities 100,000 residents. Responsibilities included Parks masterplanning & development, capital planning, budgeting and parks maintenance. Extensive experience working with City Councils, County Commissions, Special District and Boards. Currently a Senior Fellow, Portland State University, partnering with local governments on sustainability and energy conservation projects.

Moving to central Oregon I was immediately impressed with the quality of recreation opportunities available, and the importance these services play in the quality of life for Redmond residents. Upcoming new parks programs, the recently approved recreation center, are exciting opportunities. I am uniquely qualified to contribute to the ongoing success of RAPRD and would appreciate your vote.

(This information furnished by David Rouse.)

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Redmond Area Park & Recreation District Director, Position 4



**BJ
Soper**

Occupation: Self Employed Home School Dad and farmer

Occupational Background: Property Management and Maintenance; Residential General Contractor; Rancher; Farmer

Educational Background: Graduated From Sparks High School, Sparks, Nevada in 1994

Prior Governmental Experience: Elected PCP Deschutes Republican Party

Today, in a world so filled with divisiveness, it is more important than ever to cultivate community. What better way to connect with our neighbors than by engaging in activities found right here in our own Parks and Recreation Centers! Building community is a top priority and engaging with neighbors is the best first step to bridging the divides we face as a City, State, and Nation.

Competition is a great way to teach and train the future leaders of this Country. Through sports, our children learn critical skills in leadership and how to work together to accomplish a goal. Winning and losing is a part of real life for which youth sports gives our children an early opportunity to learn how to handle both success and failure, lessons everyone must have. As a coach (volunteer at RHS basketball 2013-2014 and many years in Little League in Nevada) I am here to ensure that our Redmond children have the opportunity to engage in a sport at every level. This is a major factor in running for Redmond Parks and Rec Position 4. Central Oregon produces great young athletes. They need the facilities and programs to be the best they can be to continue this tradition.

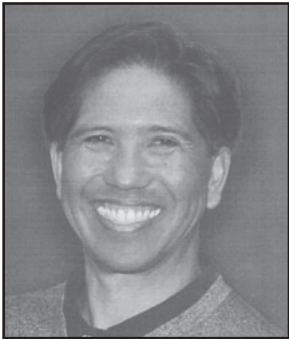
With a background in Construction, Maintenance and Property Management, I have the knowledge and skillset to ensure the best use of Taxpayer money earmarked for repairs, upgrades and new construction. Accountability to the people who make our district possible is very important.

Finally, my motto is "Our Community First" and will work to make our Parks and Recreation Centers places we can all be proud of and willing to support.

(This information furnished by BJ Soper)

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Redmond Area Park & Recreation District Director, Position 5



**Louie
Arzaga**

Occupation: Business Systems Engineer – Choice Plus LLC – Paid; Business Systems Engineer / Financial Analyst – Nth Media Co - Paid; Founder/ Co-Owner- Loop International Corporation - Unpaid

Occupational Background: Owner - Asset Recovery Collective – Paid; Business Analyst and Systems Manager Decurion Corporation - Paid; Technical Analyst & Professional Education Trainer - Paid

Educational Background: California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo (CalPoly, San Luis Obispo) – Graduate – Master of Business Administration; CalPoly, San Luis Obispo – Graduate – City and Regional Planning; University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) – Undergraduate – Sociology; altMBA, Seth Godin – Helping Leaders to Effectively Drive Change Within Their Organizations

Prior Governmental Experience: None

WHY LOUIE ARZAGA?

To whom much is given, much is required. How can one sit by with God given skills, talents and experiences that would benefit his family, neighborhood, community, city, state and country?

Since elementary school I have benefited from being involved with organized sports, like flag football, basketball, soccer, track & field, which prepared me for my high school sports of JV Soccer, Varsity Tennis and Varsity Wrestling.

The life skills of discipline, teamwork, leadership, focus, problem solving, critical thinking, loyalty, sacrifice and striving for excellence grounded me to be the Team Captain of the UCLA Surf Team, the UCLA Surf Club President, an At-Risk Youth Counselor for UCLA UniCamp (12) 10-12 yo boys, the UCLA Intramural Finance Committee, and start a clothing company with a college roommate.

Recreation, the act of recreating ourselves and releasing mental stress physically is vital to both people and a city. My Urban Planning background from working in the Real Estate Construction and Development industry, showed me the importance of parks and open spaces.

I look forward to doing the important and meaningful work of enhancing and preserving the high quality of life here in Redmond for many generations to come.

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/louie-arzaga/>

LouieArzaga.com

(This information furnished by Louie Arzaga.)

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Redmond Area Park & Recreation District Director, Position 5



**Lena
Berry**

Occupation: Community Advocate

Occupational Background: Parent Teacher Club Coordinator, Vern Patrick Elementary; Patient Care Coordinator, Providence Hematology & On-

ology; Endocrinology Medical Assistant, Samaritan Depoe Bay Clinic

Educational Background: El Molino High School, Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: 17th Street Partners Committee; Redmond Police Department Citizens Academy Graduate

I love this community! I coordinate the Sunday Street Kitchen, 17th Street Cleanups & Streetside Cooling Shelters, and I volunteer serving meals at Family Kitchen. I've also coordinated local community building events with non-profits, schools, businesses, service providers and community groups.

As a wife, mother and community advocate, it is important to me that Redmond Area Park and Recreation District (RAPRD) curates safe spaces with activities, events, programs and enrichment opportunities that are accessible and affordable for everyone in the community.

Thanks to the support of Redmond voters last fall, the RAPRD will soon begin construction on a new facility. This is an opportunity to provide more health, recreation and sports programs in Redmond, saving many of us from making repeated trips to Bend to use facilities and camps.

A vote for Lena Berry is a vote to:

1. **Support the Executive Director**, staff and community in creating a quality, financially sustainable Recreation Center with as much of a variety of sports, fitness, health, music, art, well-being and fun opportunities as possible.
2. **Promote collaborations** with Redmond City businesses, vendors, coaches and fitness professionals to promote community involvement & accessibility while meeting the needs of the community across ages, cultures & abilities.
3. **Keep taxes low.** I will be a responsible steward of our tax dollars and do everything in my power to ensure RAPRD delivers high-quality services as efficiently as possible.

I am asking for your vote so that I can do the hard work of ensuring Redmond families can continue to count on the wonderful spaces and activities our park district provides.

www.ElectLenaBerry.com

(This information furnished by Lena Berry.)

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Sisters Park & Recreation District Director, Position 5



Peggy Tehan

Occupation: Certified Public Accountant, Property Management

Occupational Background: Partner in Public Accounting Firm 1997-2021; Small business owner & operator 1984-2020;

Bookkeeping & Licensed Tax Preparer 1991-1996; Licensed Oregon Outfitter

Educational Background: Kittitas High School – High School Diploma; Washington State University – Bachelor of Music 1980; Lane County Community College; Central Oregon Community College

Prior Governmental Experience: 2005-2006, Appointed – Budget Committee Sisters Organization for Activities and Recreation (SOAR); 2007, Appointed to Board of Directors Sisters Organization for Activities and Recreation (SOAR); 2008 – Current, Elected Board of Directors SOAR / Sisters Park and Recreation District

I am asking for your vote to re-elect me to the board of directors of Sisters Park and Recreation District (SPRD). I have proudly served on the board ever since 2007 including thirteen years as board treasurer and two as board president.

As a certified public accountant, I bring years of experience in financial management which directly contributes to what I believe is the most important duty of a board member, fiscal responsibility.

On this same ballot is SPRD's measure to renew its local option operating levy for another five years. With your approval the district can continue its forward progress to provide our youth and adults with a full range of programs and enhance our facilities to better serve the community. I am especially excited about SPRD working with the Sisters School District to convert the current elementary school to a multi-use community center when the new elementary school opens in 2024. All of this requires a strong board to guide, oversee and govern the organization and assure it is meeting the needs of Sisters Country.

I am proud of SPRD's positive impact on our community and the essential service it provides.

With your vote of approval, I can continue to serve you and the Sisters Park and Recreation District on the board of directors.

(This information furnished by Peggy Tehan.)

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**Deschutes Public Library District
Director, Zone 1**



**Cynthia
Claridge**

Occupation: Retired
Occupational Background: Beaverton Schools; Redmond Schools; Paulina Springs Books
Educational Background: Oregon State University, Graduated BS

Prior Governmental Experience: Deschutes Public Library Board

It is a privilege to represent you on the Deschutes Public Library Board of directors since 2018. I am now seeking re-election.

Having lived, worked, and raised three daughters in Redmond for the last 44 years, I've been actively involved in our community.

- * Taught Kindergarten through third grade for the Redmond School District for 22 years
- * Co-owned downtown bookstore for 8 years
- * Volunteered as Court Appointed Special Advocate for CASA of Central Oregon since 2017
- * Served on library Novel Idea Committee
- * Volunteered with the Redmond Street Kitchen, providing food for the community's houseless
- * Was actively involved with Redmond Chamber of Commerce
- * Served on the Redmond Library board prior to the formation of Deschutes Public Library District

I believe I have an appreciation and understanding for the needs in our community. We all feel the strains on our current infrastructure due to the rapid growth over the last several decades in Redmond and Deschutes County. The Deschutes Public Library Board recognized this growth and the impact it will have on the library system and the public. Accordingly, the board sought expert guidance on the best way forward for the entire library system. With the passage of the library bond in November, 2020, the Board approved remodeling existing buildings and building new structures to meet the needs of our citizens.

My commitment is to ensure our library system delivers the necessary services and materials to our citizens. People must have access to the materials they want and need. I am committed to utilizing taxpayers' dollars efficiently to provide a well-organized service. I look forward to a second term on the Deschutes Public Library Board to fulfill these commitments. Thank you for your consideration and your vote.

Endorsed by Susan B. Torassa, Former Library Board Member

(This information furnished by Cynthia Claridge.)

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**Deschutes Public Library District
Director, Zone 1**



**Tony
Oliver**

Occupation: Retired Industrial Engineer
Occupational Background: Court-Appointed Special Advocate for Foster Children – 12 years; Mountain Star Nursery – “Fairy Godmother” for children

in need; Philanthropic Education Organization – Funding scholarships for women returning to work

Educational Background: Bachelor's and Master's Degrees, Arizona State University

Prior Governmental Experience: Community Advocate

I am running because I believe local community libraries play a key role in the development of our fast-growing city. As a children's advocate I know that investments in strong neighborhood libraries can help our kids grow and prosper.

LET'S USE OUR TAXES WISELY

Deschutes County narrowly passed a \$195 million library bond, but it failed in Redmond. Now we learn they're planning to spend \$130 million of the bond on one huge facility in southeast Bend, over an hour's drive round trip from central Redmond. We shouldn't have to pay for a library we'll never visit. Instead, we should insist that more of our taxpayer funds support our local libraries here.

WE DESERVE LIBRARIES THAT SUPPORT REDMOND'S GOALS

We're being overlooked here in Redmond. The Library Board has shown complete disregard for the historic value of our Jesse Hill School and has planned a new building that does not fit with Redmond. I will work for more compatible libraries. We need to insist that our taxpayer dollars be spent to meet our needs here.

WE NEED A LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER THAT STANDS UP FOR REDMOND'S INTERESTS

LIBRARIES SHOULD SUPPORT EVERYONE

Community libraries should provide access for older adults, families and kids, the disabled, disadvantaged, those who can't travel long distances to one "central" facility. I advocate fair and equitable investments that support everyone in our community.

I ask for your vote – help build Redmond's libraries

Proudly Endorsed by:

- Patti Adair, Deschutes County Commissioner
- George Endicott, Redmond Mayor 2009-2022
- R. Scott Stuart, Republican Party Chair
- Shannon Wedding, Redmond City Councilor
- Brandon Weimer, Herringbone Bookstore Owner

(This information furnished by Tony Oliver.)

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**Deschutes Public Library District
Director, Zone 4**



**Marisa Chappell
Hossick**

Occupation: Deschutes River Conservancy, Communications Director (2010-present)

Occupational Background: Karnopp Petersen, Marketing (2003-2010)

Educational Background: University of Oregon, BA (French Literature)

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Fresh Independent Outlook

- Doing the hard work to provide excellence in library services.
- Bringing fresh ideas as a working mother of school-age children.
- Committed to listen, understand, and represent the needs of the community.

Commitment to Fiscal Accountability

- Supporting solutions that are fiscally sustainable.
- Providing long-term vision for tomorrow's communities.
- Ensuring resources are provided for all community needs including small business development, non-profit endeavors, personal growth, and early childhood development.

Dedicated to Equal Access for All

- Supporter of intellectual freedom.
- Current president of foundation to support school-age literacy.
- Passionate about access to life-long learning opportunities.

I have lived in this community for most of my life, as has my husband. We are raising our children to embody the values of community, curiosity, respect, and integrity. I have seen Deschutes County grow and evolve over the past 34 years and the library has grown along with our communities and our needs. I am passionate about reading, learning, inclusivity, and diversity. I think it's time for a fresh voice on the library board that can speak for the needs of today and the needs of the future.

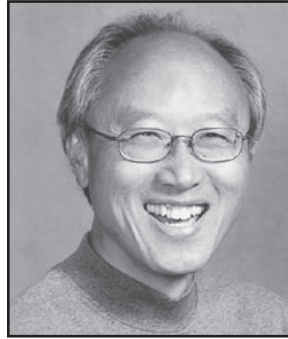
Endorsements:

Neil Bryant
Valerie Yost
Jade Mayer
Marney Smith, Hayden Homes Amphitheater
Jeff Martin, President Cascade Publications Inc.
Brenda Speirs CEO, Buzztag
Kurt and Talena Barker
Patricia O'Neill
Cande Buccola
D. Scott Edmonson
Mary M. Thomas
Joanne Mathews
Gary Bracelin, Bend Outdoor Worx

(This information furnished by Marisa Chappell Hossick.)

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**Deschutes Public Library District
Director, Zone 4**



**Raymond
Miao**

Occupation: Retired medical scientist researching cancer progression and prevention

Occupational Background: Senior Scientist, Stanford Research Institute International; Director Exploratory Research, Hana Biologics; VP, Coast-to-Coast Analytical Services

Educational Background: Duke University, Ph.D., Biochemistry; Queens College, A.B., Chemistry

Prior Governmental Experience: Deschutes Public Library District, Board Member. Elected 6 times; Oregon State Library, Board Member. Appointed; Deschutes County Rural Fire Protection District #2, Board Member. Elected

I love libraries; I helped found our library district

I've worked to make our libraries outstanding even in the face of continued population growth. I have worked to build libraries that make livable, complete communities.

I stand for:

- **Community libraries that you can easily get to.**
- **Sound financial/strategic planning.** Growth has paid for itself and with forward-looking planning will continue to do so.
- **Better book collections in all libraries.** There will always be room for books, electronic books and resources for everyone in our libraries.
- **Keeping up with developments in technology** now and in the future. Incorporate them, as appropriate to provide better and faster services.
- **Asking and responding to what communities want.** Reconsider size and design of the proposed new Bend library.

A key role of the board is to prepare for the future. To do that, you need to know past, present and future trends; what has and hasn't worked for other libraries and what does it all teaches us.

Experience and knowledge count.

I agree with the American Library Association position that a principal role of libraries is to build strong communities. Community libraries are one of the best ways to do this. Community libraries connect people through programs and resources.

Everyone deserves a great library

I ask for your vote so we can continue to build strong, financially stable libraries.

Endorsed by:

Phil Chang, Deschutes County Commissioner
Patti Adair, Deschutes County Commissioner
Paul Dewey, Land Use Advocate
Barb Campbell, Bend City Councilor
Toby Bayard, Founder, Supporters of Literacy
David Osgood, PhD, Former University Professor
Rebecca Brown, Farmer Brown's

(This information furnished by Raymond Miao.)

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Deschutes Public Library District Director, Zone 5



Ann Malkin

Occupation: Communications consultant, biotechnology industry

Occupational Background: Director of Communications, Bend Research, 1987-2014 (1996, offsite contractor); Editor

and reporter, Western Communications/Bend Bulletin, 1976-1987

Educational Background: University of Oregon, BA, Journalism

Prior Governmental Experience: Deschutes Public Library District Board, 2007-present (7 years as chair); State Library Board, 2014-2021, 2022-present (5 years as chair)

I'm running for re-election to ensure that we have exceptional libraries to serve our rapidly growing communities in Deschutes County, prudently managing tax dollars to ensure our libraries inspire lifelong learning and nurture generations of readers.

EXPERIENCE

I've lived in Bend for 46 years and have worked with numerous nonprofits to improve life in Deschutes County, in such diverse areas as food insecurity, cultural programs, and STEM education. I've worked for strong libraries since the 1990s, serving on the library board since 2007 and the library foundation board since 2003, where I helped create the "Novel Idea" and "Author! Author!" literary programs. I'm serving my third term on the State Library Board.

INTEGRITY

I'm committed to transparency, honesty, and collaboration. I've fought to ensure our libraries deliver the best possible services at a fiscally sustainable cost and to keep our promises to voters, working to ensure the building program they approved in 2020 is completed as described, on time, and on budget.

EQUITY

I stand for intellectual freedom and free access to books, programs, and services for all. Libraries must be safe, welcoming spaces for everyone.

I believe that our libraries are vital to our democracy, creating informed citizens and providing free access to digital and physical resources that help all people thrive.

ENDORSEMENTS

Kelly Cannon-Miller; Bruce Abernethy, Former Bend Mayor; Chris Van Dyke; Neil Bryant; Jim Crowell; Judy Stiegler, Former State Representative; Michael P. Hollern; Nancy Blankenship; Kirk Schueler; Andrew Jordan; Georell Bracelin; Patricia M. Roden; Lisa Duggan; Kathie Eckman, former Mayor of Bend; Deschutes Democrats; Brian S. Fleck; Patricia Knollman, retired teacher; Ann Maudlin; Nicole Meier

(This information furnished by Ann Malkin.)

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The Elections Process in Deschutes County



Step 1. Voter Registration

To register to vote, you are required to provide valid identification proving that you are eligible to vote. After reviewing and verifying your information, we enter it into our voter registration database.

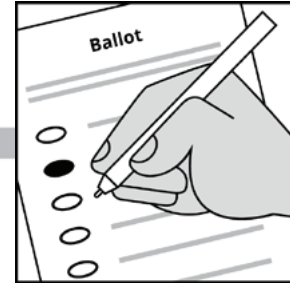
ORS 247.012



Step 2. Election Equipment Testing

We use election equipment that is certified according to State and Federal standards. We test our election equipment before, during, and after each election.

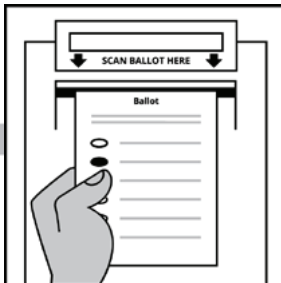
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Step 3. Ballots Are Mailed

All registered voters are mailed a ballot packet containing their ballot and a postage-paid return envelope that has a printed security weave on the inside that protects your privacy and the secrecy of your vote. We provide registered Uniformed and Overseas Civilian voters access to their ballots via mail or online portal.

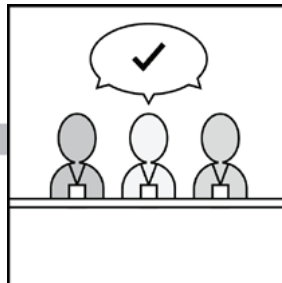
ORS 253.065, 253.545, 254.470



Step 7. Ballot Scanning & Tabulation

After ballots are removed from their envelopes, we scan the ballots and count all the valid votes to determine the results of each contest in the election. Our federally and state certified voting system is secure and never connected to the internet.

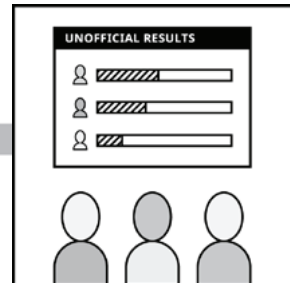
ORS 254.485, 254.500



Step 8. Ballot Adjudication

Teams of two staff, each of different political parties, review if ballots are damaged, have stray marks, or have corrections, undervotes, overvotes, and blank contests to verify voter intent and ensure accurate tabulation. All ballots are stored in a secure location under 24/7 surveillance.

ORS 254.476, 254.482, 254.483



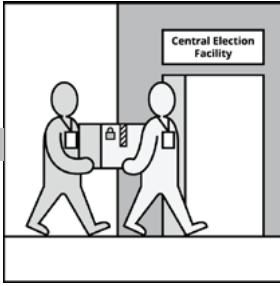
Step 9. Unofficial Results

We begin publishing unofficial results after 8pm on Election Day. Results are unofficial until after all ballot return deadlines have passed and after we have counted every valid ballot we received.

ORS 254.545

Find unofficial results on
deschutescounty.gov/electionresults

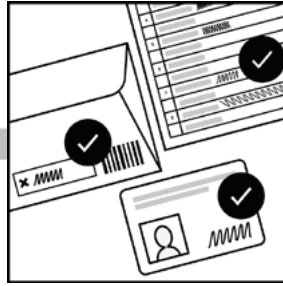
The Elections Process in Deschutes County



Step 4. Ballot Collection

In Deschutes County, voters can return their voted ballot by mail or at one of our ten Official Ballot Drop Site locations, conveniently located throughout the county. Drop Site ballots are collected, and mailed ballots are received at our Clerk's Office located in the Deschutes Services Building for ballot tabulation.

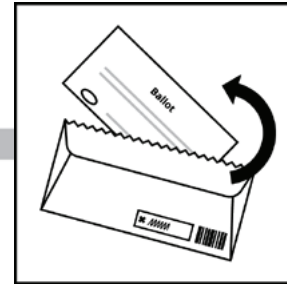
ORS 254.4



Step 5. Verify Voter Eligibility

Upon receipt of your ballot, it is sent through our ballot envelope sorting machine, which scans an image of your signature while sorting your ballot by voting precinct. Trained elections staff verify your envelope signature by comparing it to your signature on file in the voter registration database.

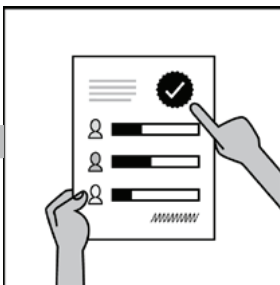
ORS 247.012, 247.019, 247.025, & 254.470



Step 6. Processing Ballots

If your signatures match, your ballot envelope moves on to be opened. If they don't match, we contact you by mail to resolve the issue so we can count your ballot. If a ballot is damaged or contains machine-unreadable marks, we flag it for manual review. Our goal is to count all eligible ballots as voters intend.

ORS 254.478



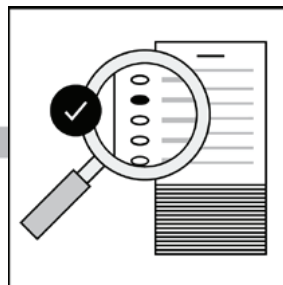
Step 10. Certification of Official Results

After the Board of Canvassers reviews and verifies the outcome of the election, official election results are certified by the county.

ORS 254.545(3)

Certified election results are published 27 days after Election Day on

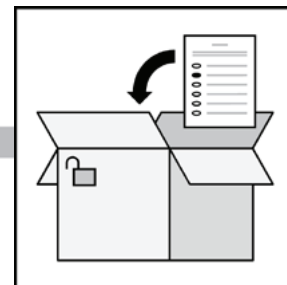
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Step 11. Audit

Audits are a normal check and balance that are part of every election. We use audits to confirm that election equipment accurately interpreted and tallied voters' ballots, that the outcome of the election reflects how voters voted, and that election workers followed procedures.

ORS 254.529



Step 12. Ballot Storage

We securely store all paper ballots and other records as part of the official record for two years. After two years, the ballots are destroyed.

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