

Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 1, Chair



Tootie Smith

Occupation: County Commission Chair, Hazelnut Farmer, Author

Occupational Background: Business Owner, Newspaper editor

Educational Background: Concordia University, Management & Communication, BS; College of Legal Arts, Court Reporting; FEMA Emergency Management Institute, Certificate

Prior Governmental Experience: Clackamas County Commissioner

2013–2017 & 2020-2024; Oregon Legislature House of Representatives 2001-2005; Community Advocate Childrens & disability groups

While neighboring communities struggle with rising crime, homelessness, & deteriorating quality of life, we chose a different path. It's making a difference. As your Clackamas County Commission Chair, I've taken bold steps to ensure our community remains safe, prosperous, and thriving:

- **Ensured fiscal responsibility**, with Clackamas County now holding \$153 million in reserves, contingencies, and beginning fund balance, enabling us to deliver services while preparing for emergencies.
- **Reduced homelessness by 65%** through a compassionate approach that addresses the root causes, mental health and addiction, while promoting accountability, not punishment.
- **Protected our community** from the failed policies of Portland, ensuring that Clackamas County remains a model of effective county government.
- **Enhanced public safety** by increasing Sheriff patrols, aligning police benefits & pay with neighboring counties, allowing us to hire more officers and improve security.
- **Demanded the repeal of Measure 110**, which legalized dangerous drugs. Clackamas County was the first in Oregon to take this stand, prompting state reforms that align with our community's values.
- **Secured funding for a new courthouse**, obtaining a 50% match from the state without raising taxes or requiring a bond measure.

There's still more work to be done, we can't move back to soft on crime policies. Our successes are just the beginning. I'm committed to continuing this fight for our community. I humbly ask for your support to keep Clackamas County moving forward. Visit www.TootieSmith.com.

Endorsements:

Clackamas County Peace Officers Association

Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County, IAFF Local 1159

John Foote, Retired Clackamas County District Attorney

Ben West, Clackamas County Commissioner

Tom Ellis, Mayor Happy Valley

Scott Keyser, Mayor Molalla

Sean Drinkwine Mayor Estacada

Oregon Family Farm Association

Home Building Association of Greater Portland

No Tolls Oregon PAC

Timber Unity PAC

Oregon Property Owners Association

(This information furnished by Tootie Smith)

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