



$\sim$	1710 Red
	Oregon C

www.clackamas.us/elections

Soils Ct, Ste 100 ty OR 97045

elections@clackamas.us

*i* 503-655-8510

# **VOTERS' PAMPHLET** MAY 16, 2023 SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION



## **Elections Division**

elections@clackamas.us 503-655-8510 1710 Red Soils Court, Suite 100 Oregon City, OR 97045

Dear Voter:

**Happy Special District Election season!** Using this Clackamas County Voters' Pamphlet and your official ballot, we hope that you will have the tools you need to vote successfully and return your voted ballot by 8 p.m. Election Day, May 16, 2023.

You may notice that your outer ballot envelope has been updated with Clackamas County's modern logo and colors. You will also see that the date of the election is now printed on the front of each envelope.

This is a county-wide election and every eligible voter will receive a ballot. If you have not yet registered to vote you can do so at <u>www.oregonvotes.gov</u> or by filling out the paper Oregon Voter Registration Card on page 5 of this pamphlet. **The Voter Registration Deadline is Tuesday, April 25**. **For your convenience, our office will be have extended hours from 8:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.** Clackamas County Elections will begin to mail ballots to voters the next day, on April 26.

This election includes contests for positions on local school boards, community colleges, education service districts, fire districts, water districts, and other special districts. You may also have one or more measures on your ballot. Where you live determines what districts, measures, and contests are on your ballot. Not all contests or measures in the Voters' Pamphlet will be on your ballot and not all candidates submitted an optional statement. Candidate statements are printed as filed; no corrections to spelling or grammar are made and the information is not verified for accuracy by the county.

If you need assistance registering to vote, voting, or understanding elections processes; we are here to help! Please call us at 503-655-8510 or email <u>elections@clackamas.us</u>. The Clackamas County Elections Division is open Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **On Election Day, Tuesday, May 16, 2023 the office will be open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.** You can check the website for more information at <u>www.clackamas.us/elections/may-16-2023-special-district-election</u>.

Return your voted ballot to an official ballot drop box or by mail (with a valid postmark) by 8 p.m. Election Day, May 16, 2023. No stamp needed! There are 25 official ballot drop boxes open 24 hours a day, located throughout the county. You can see the full list online at www.clackamas.us/elections/official-ballot-drop-sites.

It is an honor to serve Clackamas County voters as your elected County Clerk. Thank you for exercising your right and responsibility to vote. Thank you for participating in local democracy.

Sincerely,

Cather Mr. Mull

Catherine McMullen Clackamas County Clerk

# **Voters' Pamphlet Translation Access**

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.

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

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

주 유권자 팜플렛의 선택된 부분은 한국어 준비되어 있습니다. 번역은 온라인

### oregonvotes.gov/ClackamasVP 에서 찾아볼 수 있습니다.

Отдельные части брошюр избирателей этого округа доступны на русском языке. С данными переводами можно ознакомиться в Интернете по адресу: oregonvotes.gov/ClackamasVP

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

Окремі частини брошур для виборців Клакамас каунті доступні українською мовою. Ці переклади можна знайти онлайн на веб-сторінці **oregonvotes.gov/ClackamasVP** 

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/ClackamasVP** 

# **Official Ballot Drop Sites**

Ballots can be mailed back with a valid postmark or returned to an official ballot drop box by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, May 16, 2023. No postage is needed. Registered voters who haven't received a ballot by May 4 should contact Clackamas County Elections for a replacement.



Official ballot drop boxes, open 24/7 until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, May 16, 2023, are listed below. Those marked with an asterisk have drive-up ballot drop access.

### <u>Boring</u>

Clackamas County Bank\* 28500 SE Highway 212

### <u>Canby</u>

Canby Civic Building 222 NE 2nd Ave.

Canby – Arneson Garden\* 249 S Sequoia Parkway

### <u>Colton</u>

ColtonTel\* 20983 S Hwy 211

### **Damascus**

Damascus Square\* 19830-20000 SE Hwy 212

### Estacada

Estacada City Hall 475 SE Main St.

Estacada Public Library\* 825 NW Wade St.

### **Gladstone**

Gladstone Civic Center 18505 Portland Ave.

### Happy Valley

Happy Valley City Hall\* 16000 SE Misty Dr.

Happy Valley Library, 13793 SE Sieben Park Way

### <u>Lake Oswego</u>

Lake Oswego City Hall\* 380 A Ave.

Lake Oswego–Westlake Park\* 14165 Bunick Dr.

### <u> Milwaukie / Oak Lodge</u>

Clackamas Community College – Harmony Campus 7738 SE Harmony Road

Milwaukie City Hall 10722 SE Main St.

Milwaukie Public Safety Building 3200 SE Harrison St.

Oak Lodge Library, 16201 SE McLoughlin Blvd.

### <u>Molalla</u>

Molalla Public Library\* 201 E 5th St.

### Oregon City

Clackamas County Clerk/ Elections Office\* 1710 Red Soils Court

Oregon City – City Hall\* 625 Center St.

### <u>Sandy</u>

Sandy City Hall 39250 Pioneer Blvd.

Sandy Public Library\* 38980 Proctor Blvd.

### Welches

Hoodland Public Library 24525 E Welches Road

### <u>West Linn</u>

West Linn City Hall 22500 Salamo Road

West Linn Public Library 1595 Burns St.

### <u>Wilsonville</u>

Wilsonville City Hall\* 29799 Town Center Loop E

Scan this QR to view all Clackamas County Drop Sites on Google Maps



Your voted ballot may be dropped off at any official ballot drop site in the state. The Secretary of State's drop box locator is: <u>www.oregonvotes.gov/dropbox</u>

### Don't Delay - Register to vote Today! Send by E-Mail

Send by Mail

$\sim$	1710 Red Soils Ct, Ste 100 Oregon City OR, 97045
	Oregon City OR, 97045



elections@clackamas.us

### Voter Registration Deadline for new Oregon voters is April 25

	SEL 500 rev 3/22
qualifications	
	res no res no nplete this form.
personal information * required information	
last name* first* n Oregon residence address, city and zip code (include apt. or space number	niddle er)*
date of birth (month/day/year)* c	ounty of residence
phone e	mail
mailing address, including city, state and zip code (required if different that	an residence)
Oregon Driver's License/ID number	political party
Provide a valid Oregon Driver's License, Permit or ID:	Not a member of a party
I do not have a valid <b>Oregon Driver's License/Permit/ID</b> . The last 4 digits of my Social Security Number (SSN) are:	Independent Libertarian
x x x - x x -	Progressive Republican
I do not have a valid Oregon Driver's License/Permit/ID or a SSN I have attached a copy of <b>acceptable identification</b> .	V. Working Families
signature I swear or affirm that I am qualified to be an elector and I have	e told the truth on this registration.
) If you sign this card and know it to be false, you can be fined up to \$125,000	
registration updates Complete this section if you are updating yo	our information.
previous registration name p	revious county and state
home address on previous registration d	ate of birth (month/day/year)

# **Table of Contents**

Voting Information		Molalla
Letter from the County Clerk	2	Posit Posit
Voters' Pamphlet Translation Access	3	Posit
·	4	Posit
Official Ballot Drop Sites		
Voter Registration Card	5	North C
Voting Instructions	8	Posit Posit
Voter Registration Information	81	Posit
Candidataa		Posit
Candidates City of West Linn		Oregon
	0	Posit
Mayor	9	Posit
Clackamas Community College, Director		Posit
Zone 1	10	Posit
Zone 3 Zone 5	10 11	Oregon
Zone 5	11	Zone
Mt Hood Community College, Director		Zone
Zone 5	12	Zone
Position 6, At Large	13	Portlan
Position 7, At Large	13	Zone
Clackamas ESD, Director		Zone
At Large	14	
Zone 2	14	Sherwo
		Posit Posit
Multnomah ESD, Director	15	Posit
Position 1, Zone 5 Position 6, At Large	15	
		Silver F
Canby School District, Director		Zone Zone
Position 1	16-17	Zone
Position 5 Position 6	18 19	Zone
	19	
Estacada School District, Director		Tigard-
Zone 3	20	Posit
Zone 6, At Large Zone 7, At Large	21 21	Posit
Zone r, ni Eurge	21	West Li
Gladstone School District, Director		Posit
Position 3	22	Posit
Position 4	23	Canby I
Position 5 Position 6	24-25	Zone
	26	Zone
Gresham-Barlow School District, Director		Zone
Position 1, Zone 1	27	Clackar
Position 2, Zone 3 Position 4, At Large	28 29	Posit
Position 7, At Large	29 30	Posit
-		Posit
Lake Oswego School District, Director	0.4	Estacad
Position 1 Position 5	31 31	Posit
	51	

Iolalla River School District, Director	
Position 1 Position 2 Position 4 Position 7	32 32-33 33 34
North Clackamas School District, Direct	or
Position 1 Position 2 Position 3 Position 7	35 36 37 38
Dregon City School District, Director	
Position 2 Position 5 Position 6 Position 7	39 40 41 42
Dregon Trail School District, Director	
Zone 2 Zone 4 Zone 6, At Large	43 43 44
Portland School District, Director	
Zone 1 Zone 2	44 45
Sherwood School District, Director	
Position 1 Position 4 Position 5	46 46 47
Silver Falls School District, Director	
Zone 1 Zone 3 Zone 6 Zone 7	47 48 49 50
Figard-Tualatin School District, Director	,
Position 4 Position 5	50-51 51
Vest Linn-Wilsonville School District, D	irector
Position 2 Position 4	52-53 54
Canby Fire District, Director	
Zone 2 Zone 3 Zone 5	55 55 56
Clackamas County Fire District, Directo	r
Position 1 Position 3 Position 5	56-57 57 58
Estacada Fire District, Director	
Position 5	58

Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

# **Table of Contents**

Candidates (continued)		Me
Hoodland Fire District, Director		City
Position 1 Position 2	59 60	3.
Molalla Fire District, Director		City
Position 1	60	2
Sandy Fire District, Director		
Position 1 Position 2 Position 3 Position 4	61 61 62 63	Colto 3-
Silverton Fire District, Director		3.
Position 1 Position 5	64 64	Shei
Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue District, Director		34
Position 4 Position 5	65 65	Auro
Clackamas River Water District, Commissioner		2
Position 2 Position 5	66 66	Can
Colton Water District, Commissioner		3.
Position 4	67	
Oak Lodge Water Services Authority, Director		Clac
Position 4 Position 5	67 68	3.
Rivergrove Water District, Commissioner		Lake
Position 4	69	3.
Sunrise Water Authority, Director		Mola
Zone 1 Zone 2	70 70	3
Molalla Aquatic, Director	71	Mon
Tigard-Tualatin Aquatic, Director		3.
Position 4	72	1
Position 5	72	

Measures	
City of Oregon City	
3-597	73
City of Portland	
26-240	80
Colton School District	
3-593	82
Lake Oswego School District	
3-592	83
Sherwood School District	
34-323	87
Aurora Fire District	
24-484	88
Canby Fire District	
3-596	89
Clackamas County Fire District	
3-594	92
Lake Grove Fire District	
3-598	94
Molalla Fire District	
3-591	95
Monitor Fire District	
3-595	98

# **Voting Instructions**

### 1. Vote your Official Ballot

Locate the candidate or measure response (Yes or No) of your choice for each contest. To vote, completely darken the rectangle to the left of your choice with black or blue ink. [Figure 1]



Remember: If you vote for more than the number of candidates allowed for an office, or you vote both Yes and No on a measure, it is called an overvote and your vote for the candidate or measure will not count. [Figure 2]



You are not required to vote on everything. Your ballot will still be counted as cast and your votes for other contests will be counted.

### If you make a mistake

Don't tear up your ballot yet. You can fix it!

Make your choice obvious so that election officials can count it correctly. Please review the examples of acceptable corrections.



### 2. Review your Official Ballot

Ensure you have correctly marked your choice for each contest. Your official ballot may contain contests printed on both front and back. Remember to review both sides!

If you lose your ballot, or it is spoiled in any way, contact Clackamas County Elections at **503.655.8510** to request a replacement ballot.

### 3. Return your Official Ballot

Place your voted official ballot in the envelope and sign the Voter's Statement. If you forget your secrecy sleeve, it is not a problem. Election workers will preserve the privacy of your ballot.

- Remember:Read and sign the Voter's Statement on the Return<br/>Ballot Envelope. Your ballot cannot be counted<br/>if the Return Ballot Envelope is not signed.By Mail:Stamps are not required to mail your<br/>Return Ballot Envelope. Please mail it as soon<br/>as possible; it must be postmarked by<br/>Tuesday, May 16, 2023. Ballots postmarked<br/>by the deadline must also be received by<br/>Clackamas County Elections within 7 days<br/>after the election.In Person:Deliver the signed and sealed Return Ballot<br/>Envelope to give official ballot drop site (see list
- In Person: Deliver the signed and sealed Return Ballot Envelope to any official ballot drop site (see list on page 4) no later than 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

## Voter Assistance We can help!

## Voters with Disabilities



Do you need assistance registering to vote or voting? Support services and tools are available to ensure voting access for all.

## Interpretation Assistance



Do you need assistance voting in a language other than English? Interpretation services are available.

Please contact us at 503-655-8510 or <u>elections@clackamas.us</u> for any voter assistance needs.

### City of West Linn Mayor



### William S Relyea

Occupation: Multnomah County Project Manager

Occupational Background: Construction and Operation of Hospitals, Behavioral Care and Healthcare Facilities, Emergency Management, First Responder Operations, US Army Corps of Engineers, Transportation Planning, Consultation, Construction, ODOT, LACMTA School District(s), Director of Facilities

Educational Background: Concord School of Law, Law, JD

**Prior Governmental Experience:** City of West Linn, City Councilor 2018 - Present; City of West Linn, Planning Commissioner 2016 - 2018; South Fork Water Board, Board Member 2018 - Present

It would be an honor to serve as Mayor for the West Linn Community. I bring to the table collaborative leadership that embraces community values and experienced public adminstrative skills. As a US Army disabled veteran I have been in the battle and know what it takes to win the day by using strategic methods to out manuever the adversary.

When faced with challenges, I organize, plan and work with subject matter experts, to address the issue and lead the discussion that yields a successful outcome.

As a Councilor, I made needed changes that aligned community values with elected official responsibilities to regain trust, establish accountability and preserve values by empowering citizens on oversight and advisory groups.

As a Councilor, I utilized our Legislative Analyst, the City Manager, and the Chief Legal Officer as a means to seek legislative support for reformation of laws that hold professionals accountabile for abhorent acts that should have been crimes committed against our community members. SB974 is working its way through the legislative system to strengthen the laws in Oregon and if enacted will make it a criminal act to sexually assault through fraudulent representation of informed consent. We need this to protect our community members from those who use a professional setting for their own gratification.

As a Councilor, I pushed the discussion of developing a coalition to stem Tolling Plans on I-205 and building a planning platform that addresses our shared interests in road and highway improvements that relieve congestion and offer alternative means of travel.

As a Councilor, I engaged the West Linn Wilsonville School District in discussions about Oppenlander Field and recived an offer from them to resolve the issue. Others that have attempted to negotiate with the school district have come away empty handed.

I seek your Vote to continue serving the community by bringing solutions to the table for West Linn residents though experienced leadership and strategic methods that yield winning results.

### City of West Linn Mayor



### **Rory Bialostosky**

Occupation: Interim Mayor

Occupational Background: Legal Research Intern at Perkins Coie; Public Address Announcer at WLHS Athletic Department

Educational Background: Lewis & Clark College, International Affairs, BA summa cum laude (2022); West Linn High School, Diploma (2018)

#### Prior Governmental Experience:

West Linn: Interim Mayor 2023-present, Council President 2022, City Councilor 2021, South Fork Water Board: Vice-Chair, Member, LCDC: Local Officials Advisory Committee, Vice-Chair

It has been an honor to serve my hometown in various capacities on the City Council over the last two years. I am running for Mayor to continue to build on the progress that our City has made during that time.

A broad coalition of community leaders agree that I am the right person for the job. I have a proven track record of leadership and advocacy that has positively transformed our City government. If elected, I will continue to bring energy, experience, responsiveness and humility to the position.

As your Mayor, I will advocate for:

- Stopping the unfair tolls planned only for West Linn's section of I-205;
- Building an indoor recreation center with pickleball courts and sport courts;
- Supporting our Police Oversight Board and fully funding our police department;
- Revitalizing the Highway 43 corridor and funding the renovation of Historic City Hall;
- Breaking ground on the Waterfront project to bring our community a new riverfront area to enjoy;
- Solving our water system funding shortfall to ensure safe drinking water continues to be provided;
- Sustained investment in better roads, multimodal transit options and Safe Routes to School;
- Preserving and improving our parks;
- Transparency, fiscal responsibility and proactive communication with constituents.

#### Endorsements:

WL Council President Mary Baumgardner WL Councilor-elect Scott Erwin Clackamas County Commissioners Martha Schrader and Paul Savas State Representative/Former WL Mayor Jules Walters Former WL Mayor John Kovash Lake Oswego Mayor Joe Buck Oregon City Mayor Denyse McGriff Gladstone Mayor Michael Milch Hillsboro Mayor Steve Callaway Former WL Councilors Todd Jones, Brenda Perry, Jenni Tan, Thomas Frank, Jody Carson Metro Councilor Christine Lewis

More: www.RoryForWL.com

(This information furnished by William Relyea)

(This information furnished by Rory Bialostosky)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet9

### Clackamas Community College Director, Zone 1



### Kathy Hyzy

Occupation: NA

Occupational Background: executive director; project manager, editor and writer; volunteer naturalist

Educational Background: Battle Ground High School, HS Diploma; Linfield College, Sociology and Creative Writing, BA; University of Montana, Environmental Studies, MS

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Milwaukie City Councilor; Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation; Metro Policy Advisory Committee; Clackamas County Coordinating Committee; League of Oregon Cities Energy & Environment Policy Committee; Milwaukie Climate Action Plan Committee

My father was a non-traditional student who didn't begin college until he was in his thirties. He worked full time and went to school at night, and sometimes chose between paying the bills or eating. His sacrifices made it possible for our family to survive, and for me to succeed. Many community college students and their families face similar challenges, and their potential for a brighter future is one that benefits our whole region.

Clackamas Community College provides an essential pathway to living-wage jobs in our region, adds to the pool of sorely-needed skilled labor, and gives our entire community opportunities for lifelong learning. CCC's Harmony Campus is in Zone 1 and provides many essential resources for residents and businesses alike. Home to the Small Business Development Center and the health education programs, it's a center for helping driven, caring, innovative people discover their full potential.

As a Milwaukie City Councilor, I built lasting relationships with leaders statewide and throughout the region, and these will be helpful for connecting the college to new partnership opportunities, advocating for funding, and shaping CCC's future. I am focused on tackling challenging problems effectively, affordably, and with valuable input from the community. This is an exciting, pivotal time for community colleges and workforce development, and I believe CCC is well-positioned to benefit Clackamas County.

#### Kathy's Priorities:

Addressing Affordability Issues for Students Strengthening CCC's Ties to the Local Community Increasing Enrollment Rates

It would be an honor to bring my skills to bear on behalf of CCC.

### Clackamas Community College Director, Zone 3



#### Wade Hathhorn

**Occupation:** General Manager, Sunrise Water Authority; General Manager, North Clackamas County Water Commission

Occupational Background: Vice President, HDR, Inc., Portland, OR; President, Economic & Engineering Services, Portland, OR; Asst. Professor, Washington State University, Pullman, WA

#### Educational Background:

University of Texas at Austin, Civil Engineering, PhD; University of Wyoming, Civil Engineering, MS; University of Nevada, Civil Engineering, BS

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Board of Directors, Clackamas Community College (Zone 3); Member, Clackamas County Economic Development Commission; Member, Board of Examiners, Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award Program

I've served as the principal executive in a public utility for the past 12 years and prior to that my professional career included 15 years as an executive in the professional engineering business and 7 years as a university professor. Being on the Board of Directors at CCC allows me to share that experience in a direct and meaningful way. Here, I can give back to a part of the community that I am passionate about, while supporting the mission of educating both young and mature adults. I ask for your support to allow me to continue to serve in this role. Your vote is much appreciated.

Endorsed by CCC Board of Education members Aaron Woods and Rob Wheeler

(This information furnished by Kathy Hyzy)

(This information furnished by Wade Hathhorn)

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

 10
 Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

### Clackamas Community College Director, Zone 5



### **Aaron Woods**

Occupation: Clackamas Community College Director Zone 5; Customer Experience Consultant; Non-Profit Board member

Occupational Background: Senior level management positions; Xerox Corporation; Tektronix; Non-Profit Board member of National Cristina Foundation; Digitunity; and the Computing Technology Industry Association.

Educational Background: Marylhurst University, BS & MBA, Degree; South Suburban College, AAS - Business, Degree

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Clackamas Community College Director Zone 5; Oregon State Senator District 13; Oregon Community College Association DEI Committee; Wilsonville Planning Commissioner; Development Review Board.

As a graduate of a community college, I know the value of this first step in completing a four-year degree. It is foundational and inspiring. Community Colleges provide career and technical training in preparation for a broader and rewarding as well as an affordable path to a 4-year university. My focus is to help ensure CCC stays an affordable college option. I want to strengthen our area partnerships with local government, business, industry, and area high schools and explore ways to make better utilize the Wilsonville Campus.

I have a long history of participation on various non-profit Boards focused on educating the BIPOC community on career opportunities in Information Technology. I've had the pleasure of mentoring several students interested in an IT career and look for future opportunities. My current focus is to help close the Digital Divide to help ensure everyone has access to affordable highspeed Internet and supporting devices.

**Community Involvement:** Wilsonville DEI Exploratory Group, Wilsonville Alliance for Inclusive Community, Wilsonville Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy (ACHS) Task Force, Wilsonville Community Health Fair, Wilsonville Meadows HOA Board.

Supporters include the following, among many others:

- Julie Fitzgerald, Wilsonville Mayor
- Kristin Akervall, Wilsonville City Council President
- Jane Reid, Vice Chair, CCC Board of Education, Zone 6
- Former Representative Brian Clem
- Betty Reynolds, Ph.D., Past President Oregon School Boards Association
- Brian Everest, Former Chair Clackamas County Housing Advisory Board
- Seiji Shiratori
- Paul Diller
- Democratic Party of Clackamas County

# Did you make a mistake?

Don't tear up your ballot. You can fix it!

Please do NOT use corrective tape or white out.

Make your choice obvious so election officials can count it correctly. Please review the examples of acceptable corrections.



For further assistance, contact Clackamas County Elections at 503-655-8510.

## Forgot your optional secrecy sleeve?



Election workers will preserve the privacy of your ballot if you forget to enclose the secrecy sleeve and your ballot will still count.

(This information furnished by Aaron Woods)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county. Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

### Mt Hood Community College Director, Zone 5



### **Barry Fox-Quamme**

Occupation: Executive Director, Independent Living Resources (2005-present); Cross-Disability, Peer-Based Social Services Center Serving Tri-County Area

Occupational Background: Administrative Co-Director, Kinship House (2000-2005); Youth Mental Health Agency Serving Foster & Adoptive Children & Families Who Love Them Other: Ecumenical Ministries

of Oregon, Loaves & Fishes,

LaSalle High School, Marquette University

Educational Background: Gonzaga University, Graduate Studies: Philosophy (Social Ethics), All Master's Requirements Except Thesis; Gonzaga University, Undergraduate Studies: Religious Studies/Secondary Studies: Psychology, Philosophy, Education

**Prior Governmental Experience:** State Independent Living Council, Governor Appointed, (2007-2013); City of Happy Valley, Mayor Appointed, (2018-2020); Pleasant Valley/North Carver Comprehensive Plan Citizens Advisory Committee

Students have so many opportunities. Young and mid-life students hope to create a better life with a Mt. Hood education. Our region's young adults also face challenges, as they look for their passions in life. I want to help them succeed at Mt Hood Community College!

Living with my wife and family in Zone 5 since 2008 (Gresham's Butler Creek, Damascus-North Pleasant Valley), our four boys grew up exploring Butler Creek Park's waterfall, trails, and riding bikes by the ponds. Our oldest son found success achieving an Oregon Community College Transfer Degree.

Running a peer-based disability services agency for 18-years has given me insights into the challenges so many of us face as people with obvious and hidden disabilities.

Past work with foster and adoptive children provides me insights today into the supports needed for people of all abilities and backgrounds to find success. Decades of leading social service organizations taught me to promote undergraduate and mid-life training programs. Leading cross-cultural programs at Marquette helped me empower students from diverse backgrounds.

Mt. Hood Community College is a launching pad for so many looking for a brighter future.

If you see me as an asset for building Mt Hood Community College into a strong regional resource, <u>Please Give Me Your</u> <u>Vote</u> to join the Board of Education.

And friend me on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090803544994

### Mt Hood Community College Director, Zone 5



### **Dana Stroud**

Occupation: Administrator

Occupational Background: Non-profit sector & Small Business Owner

Educational Background: Biology M.S., Therapist M.S. (pending)

Prior Governmental Experience: Gresham Charter Review Committee, School Board Director, DEI committee co-chair

My values lie in promoting community involvement, education, family values, DEI, and safety. I firmly believe that community involvement is a powerful tool to create positive change. As an elected official, I will prioritize transparency and accountability, ensuring that all voices are heard and respected.

"Dana is committed to working with local leaders and organizations to address the needs of our communities." -Dave Dyk, Gresham Finance Committee Chair

- I am committed to family values including compassionate communication to foster strong relationships and a sense of belonging. I will advocate for policies such as affordable childcare, parental leave, and healthcare.
- Education is the key to building thriving communities. I am dedicated to increasing funding for public schools, providing resources for teachers, and ensuring accessible education for all.
- I am committed to celebrating our differences and promoting policies that protect against discrimination and encourage multicultural education.
- Safe communities are essential for all of our security. I will work to strengthen community-based policing and restorative justice programs.

"Dana is committed to listening to community and has been accountable and transparent with how she operates." -Erica Fuller, Divine Legacy

"Dana escuchará y responderá a nuestras necesidades." "Dana will listen and respond to our needs" -Eddy Morales, Gresham City Councilor

#### Supporting Dana:

State Representative, Hoa Nguyen Representative Ricki Ruiz Metro Councilor Ashton Simpson Gresham City Councilors Eddy Morales, Vince Jones-Dixon, Dina DiNucci MHCC Board Annette Mattson, ShaToyia Bentley MESD Board Katrina Doughty, Jessica Arzate Oregon School Board Katrina Doughty

Dr. Mayra L. Gomez Reynolds School Board Chair Ana González-Muñoz David Douglas School Board Heather Franklin North Clackamas School Board Libra Ford Gresham Charter Review Committee Members Jack Ardner, Community Leader Shirley Craddick, Shani Harris-Bagwell East County Rising NextUp Action Fund

For more, visit: www.danastroud.com

(This information furnished by Barry Fox-Quamme)

(This information furnished by Friends of Dana Stroud)

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

 12
 Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

### Mt Hood Community College Director, Position 6, At Large



### **Diane Noriega**

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Interim President, California State University Monterey Bay, Provost and Academic Vice President Monterey Bay, Dean of the College of Education, Sacramento State University, Professor, California State University Monterey Bay. Coordinated and launched a regional business / education compact, Sacramento

Educational Background: PhD University of California, Santa Barbara (Education), MA UC Davis (Spanish), BA UCSB (Spanish)

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Elected to Mt. Hood Community College Board of Education 2011-15

Appointed to the Mt. Hood Community College Foundation Board 2015-2019

Elected to the Mt. Hood Community College Board of Education 2019- present

Elected to The Board of Directors, Association of Community College Trustees, 2022-25.

#### **Community Involvement:**

Currently serving on the Mt. Hood Legacy Foundation Board. Currently Director for the Association of Community College Trustees; State Coordinator for Oregon Vice President of The Foundation Board of Mt. Hood Community

Vice President of The Foundation Board of Mt. Hood Community College, 2019

District Governor for Rotary District 5100 Member of The Rotary Club of Gresham.

Founder of the Rotary Club of Sandy, chartered in 2022

#### Diane will work to:

- Oversee implementation of MHCC's equity based Strategic plan
- Provide oversight, transparency and accountability in all fiscal matters
- Continue building strong relationships with local area high schools
- Ensure that all students feel welcome and confident that their needs will be met
- Assure that MHCC provides technologically current learning opportunities
- Establish and maintain partnerships with regional businesses
- Ensure that MHCC meets are requirements for ongoing accreditation
- \* Build trust among all college groups

#### Diane is endorsed by many including:

- Bess Wills, owner, Gresham Ford
- David Ligatich, Owner Operator Ligatich INC. Biscuits Cafe
- D.J. Anderson,

### Mt Hood Community College Director, Position 7, At Large



### **ShaToyia Bentley**

Occupation: Executive Director, The Ebony Collective CDC, Mt. Hood Board of Education Board Member

#### **Occupational Background:**

Nonprofit Founder, Community Organizer, Metro Council Support, Housing Program Specialist

#### Educational Background:

Portland State University, Urban and Public Affairs, Bachleors of Science; Mt. Hood Community

College Business Management, Associates of Science

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Mt. Hood Board of Education Board Member, Southwest Corridor Equitable Development Strategy Project Oversight Committee

#### Dear Voters:

I am a lifelong Oregonian and a resident of East County. I have over a decade of experience working in nonprofits, government, and small businesses. I am running because I believe that everyone should have the ability to seek higher education at an affordable rate no matter their economic status or ethnicity.

I have a passion for knowledge and believe that every student should be supported throughout their educational journey. I believe Mt. Hood Community College is a pathway for workforce development and builds leaders. I am one of them. Many alumni like me, have gone to work at the college, in government, or created businesses and nonprofits.

As a Board of Education member, I will:

- work with businesses, nonprofits, and various government entities to support students' experience and success.
- continue to advocate for students to have a positive experience through policy, budget, and strategic plans.
- believe that students, faculty, and staff deserve a safe campus and equitable policies.

I look forward to continuing to serve the community college that started my career.

(This information furnished by Diane Noriega)

(This information furnished by ShaToyia Bentley)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet13

### Clackamas ESD Director, At Large



### Linda Brown

Occupation: Clackamas Education Service District Vicechair; member policy committee; Oregon Association ESD Chair; OAESD legislative policy committee; Lakewood Center for the Arts board, DEI committee chair, Rotary

Occupational Background: Various volunteer and education leadership positions, director Civic Outreach, dental associate

Educational Background: University of Colorado Boulder Humanities, University of Colorado Denver, Dental Associate, Certificate

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Lake Oswego School Board (2001-2013); School District Budget Chair; OSBA Board; NSBA Pre-K advisory committee; Teacher Standards Practices Commission; Tualatin Valley Television Board

Every child has innate, unique talents and abilities. Most children can learn how to express themselves, know about and understand their world given time and instruction with good teachers. There are children for whom a different kind of instruction, a different setting or special accommodations can better enable them to learn. Education service districts are designed to support those children.

During my service with Clackamas ESD our core mission, staff and services have been updated and refined to reflect challenges and changes our districts want and children need.

We repositioned to help districts achieve cost savings, especially in technology.

We delivered professional training in safety, security and inclusion.

We increased our focus on early child care and development, expanded our training in best practices, and provided more preschool age children with special learning needs the instruction necessary for their success in school.

We expanded and improved therapeutic settings for students with severe behavioral issues.

However, this work is not finished and with your vote I will continue working to ensure every child is equipped to unleash their unique potential, entering adulthood well educated and ready to take their place in society. Every child deserves nothing less.

### Clackamas ESD Director, Zone 2



### Leonard L Mills

Occupation: Director, Clackamas Education Service District (ESD) (unpaid); Volunteer, Portland Metro Arts

#### **Occupational Background:**

Teacher, Gifted and Talented program, Testing and Evaluation specialist; Reynolds School District; Evaluation Assistant: Portland Public Schools; Principal: Selkirk School District (WA)

Educational Background: Washington State University Elementary Education/Administration, Ph.D.; Seattle University, Curriculum Development/Administration, M.Ed.; Gonzaga University, English/Education, B.A.

#### Prior Governmental Experience: Director, Clackamas ESD

Clackamas Education Service District (ESD) provides services vital to our local public schools.

- Early childhood education (e.g., Head Start)
- Business, finance, and technology services
- Services for children with special needs
- Internet, network, and information services
- School and instruction improvement
- Accountability, school safety

Clackamas ESD facilitates collaboration among our 10 school districts, maximizing innovation, efficiency, expertise, and economy.

Clackamas ESD pioneers collaboration among neighboring ESDs to insure that students receive the greatest benefit in classrooms throughout the region.

CESD supports the most effective practices for Clackamas County schools. It has a State leadership role in reducing student absenteeism.

ESD board members provide the leadership and local control that earn our ESD respect throughout Oregon.

As a board member, I have a strong commitment to excellence and innovation in meeting the educational needs of our community. I bring experience and expertise in evaluation, instruction, curriculum, and administration. I also bring a local perspective. I have lived here more than thirty years and my children have attended our public schools.

Our public schools are well known for their excellence. The Clackamas ESD board of directors plays an important role in earning this reputation. It is my privilege to serve you on the Clackamas ESD Board of Directors.

If you have questions or comments, you may email me at: <u>lmills@clackesd.k12.or.us</u>

I would appreciate your vote in this election

Please vote Leonard L. Mills

For Clackamas ESD Board of Directors, Zone 2

(This information furnished by Linda Brown)

(This information furnished by Leonard L. Mills)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.14Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

### Multnomah ESD Director, Position 1, Zone 5



#### John Masterman

**Occupation:** Dad of 2, Small business owner

**Occupational Background:** Dealership parts and service, 25 years; Self employed transmission technician, 2019-present

Educational Background: Milwaukie High school, Diploma; Clackamas Community College, Auto Mechanics, AAS degree

Prior Governmental Experience: Precinct Committee Person 2022-present

#### Student success is what matters!

#### About John

I am a husband, dad, and lifelong Portland Metro resident. I would like to give back to my community by serving as an MESD board member. I believe in working with parents will benefit all.

#### **Personal connection**

My daughter has benefited from services through Multnomah Education Service District. Specialized assistance was available that helped right where it was needed. After seeing how she caught up using customized help, I had a strong desire to give back and help others have access to the support they need.

#### Unique individuals, unique needs

Every child deserves an opportunity to achieve success. Many thrive in the mainstream classroom, but not all. We are all individuals, and sometimes that means there are areas where we need additional help. All students deserve help where it is needed, and not determined by color, religion, or gender. Coming out of the pandemic, we have individuals of every persuasion that need some type of help.

#### Building toward the future

I want to see every student succeed! Each deserves a solid opportunity to grow, learn, and prepare to enter adult life. Becoming competent in fundamental areas is critically important to their, and our futures. If they're behind on achieving grade level milestones, we need to help them catch up. Let's teach and help our kids to learn!

#### Best use of resources

I have spent a lifetime making the most of the resources I had available to me. Efficient use of finances and time have always been strengths. I concentrate on the necessities first. There is no budget for inefficiency or waste.

#### Endorsed by:

Retired State Senator Chuck Thomsen Clackamas Fire District #1 Director Chris Hawes Former Damascus city councilor David Jothen

www.voteforjohnmasterman.com

### Multnomah ESD Director, Position 6, At Large



### Danny Cage

**Occupation:** Oregon Legislature-Representative Hoa Nguyen

#### Occupational Background:

Consultant, Participatory Budgeting Oregon; Oregon Legislature-Senator Akasha Lawrence Spence

Educational Background: Grant High School, General, NA

#### Prior Governmental Experience:

Oregon Environmental Justice Council 2022-Present; Policy Committee / Facilities and Operations Committee to the Portland Public Schools Board of Education 2021- 2023

I'm running for office because as a student who has participated in MESD programming, I know the value that these services bring to our community. Students must be at the decision-making table because we know what we need to be successful. We must invest in every student's success, regardless of their background. As your future MESD Board member I will advocate for every student to have access to quality education services that they deserve.

Priorities

- Ensure a quality education for all
- Increase our academic outcomes
- Maintain and expand essential services

#### Danny's supported by:

## Hoa Nguyen, State Representative and David Douglas School Board member

Travis Nelson, State Representative Maxine Dexter, State Representative Katrina Doughty, MESD School Board Candace Avalos, Community Leader Adah Crandal, Climate Organizer Cassie Wilson, Disability Advocate Gary Hollands, PPS School Board David Lynn, Centennial School Board Willamette Woman Democrats

Vist Dannyfororegon.com for more information.

(This information furnished by Friends of John Masterman)

(This information furnished by Friends of Danny)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet15



### **JooLin Rice**

Occupation: Stay-at-home Mom

Occupational Background: None

Educational Background: Brigham Young University Sociology/Psychology, BS; Oregon City HS, Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Dear Community Members,

Hello! My husband and I have four amazing kids. We moved to Canby 13 years ago, and we love the community. Going into the 2023-2024 school year, I will have high school, middle school, and elementary school kids in Canby.

As a candidate for the Canby School Board, I am committed to working with students, educators, staff, and the community to create a learning environment that encourages all to succeed and reach specific standards. I believe in our kids. I am ready to work together to bridge the gaps that have developed. Each party must find value in its role. I will invest the time needed to research and make the best choices for the students.

I am ready to be an independent voice to unite educational needs and the community. Our schools should be where every student feels valued, supported, and safe. To achieve this, we must prioritize our students. Family involvement and engagement are critical to the success of our students, with community involvement also having an important role. We can work together respectfully to ensure success.

As issues arise, my priorities for the school board include the following:

- Be open-minded, with our students and educators at the forefront of decisions.
- Work together respectfully.
- Promote social & emotional support, inclusion, educational goals, and respect.
- Foster community involvement in creating a supportive learning environment for our kids.
- Develop policies and procedures that will aid student success.

I am committed to hearing the needs and doing my best to ensure our schools provide the best possible learning environment so everyone feels supported. Let's work together to help our kids have the foundation they need to succeed.

I sincerely appreciate your consideration.

JooLin Rice

### Canby School District Director, Position 1



### **Katie Iverson**

Occupation: Stay-at-home Mom

Occupational Background: Middle School Science Teacher

Educational Background: Canby High School, Diploma; Oregon State University, BioEngineering and Education, Bachelor of Science; Western Oregon University, Education, Master of Science

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I believe in the value of a strong public education system.

Almost 20 years ago I graduated from Canby High School and currently I have young kids at 91 elementary. We are 3rd generation family farmers and determined to see a successful future for our family and our community. Before devoting the time to raise my family I taught middle school science for ten years.

As a parent I saw firsthand the struggle of navigating online education during COVID restrictions. I am thankful for the staff that worked through the challenges and created a safe, engaging learning environment for my children to thrive. There are learning deficits across all ages that need to be addressed from that time. It is an opportunity for growth and improvement in our schools. We need a voice on our school board that is open-minded and willing to collaborate. I can bring a moderate perspective to advocate for all students and families in our district and I will use my time in each school to understand the current needs of our students.

My unique experience allows me to understand multiple perspectives and help unite everyone behind the common goals of a quality, safe and well-rounded education for all our students. As a parent and experienced educator, I will bridge the gap between families and schools to help our students achieve success.

As your School Board Director, I will focus on:

- 1. Recovery from COVID shutdown learning deficits.
- Connecting families to schools to build positive relationships.
- 3. Student safety and mental well-being.

Endorsements: Andy Kahut, Kahut Waste Service Owner Greg Dinse, Former Principal, Canby High School Wayne Scott Jeff Scott, Canby Business Owner Canby Education Association Teresa Kinkaid, MASD School Board Director Brian and Laurie Field Scott and Teresa Sasse

(This information furnished by JooLin Rice)

(This information furnished by Katie Iverson)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.16Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet



### Lori Boatright

Occupation: Retired

**Occupational Background:** Automatic Data Processing

Educational Background: Columbia High School, Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I am a native Oregonian and resident of Canby for almost 30 years. I have been married for close to 39 years and have 2 children and 7 grandchildren.

My children graduated from Canby High School and I now have grandchildren in Canby Schools.

I recently retired from Automatic Data Processing after 38-years. During my career I worked in various roles including Service, Training, Technical Support, Team Lead, Project Management and Senior Client Experience Analyst. During this time, I supported multiple teams of associates and clients in resolutions for time sensitive processes.

Canby is my home and an incredible place to raise children. My hope is we can maintain that quality for future generations.

I will work for:

**TRANSPARENCY** – Open communications with parents and teachers is of utmost importance. Over the last few years, we have seen a decline in open communications on some heavy issues and this gap needs to be closed. Books need to continue to be reviewed to ensure age appropriate.

**FUNDAMENTALS** - We need more focus on reading, writing and math to ensure our children are equipped for life.

ODE Test Scores 2021-2022. 3rd Graders **NOT** at Grade level: READING 60% MATH 66%

> Baker Prairie Middle School **NOT** at grade level: READING 57% MATH 73%

OR-Smarter Assessment Consortia (12/12/2022 School Board Meeting) Grade 2-8 Students

READING - 53% **Below** Grade Level MATH-70% **Below** Grade Level

The numbers were not much better pre covid. A vote for me is a vote for our kids!

Endorsements:

James Hieb – House Representative

Women "Education Action Comm"

Brian Hodson - Mayor

James X Davis – Canby Fire Chief & Canby City Councilor Steve Thoroughman - Vice President Canby Fire Board David A Brown – Chair Newberg School Board Parents' Rights In Education Political Action Committee Colleen Hamilton – Co-chair E. Clackamas Co Fed of Rep

(This information furnished by Lori Boatright)

Voting Tips

## **Local Elections Count!**

Make sure your voice is heard by voting in the May 16, 2023 Special District Election.

## Make a plan to vote.

- Do you know where you will receive your ballot? Is your registration up-to-date?
- When will you vote? Ballots will be mailed to voters April 26 and are due Election Day, May 16, 2023 by 8:00 p.m.
- How will you return your ballot?

**By Mail** - Must be postmarked by Election Day. No stamp required.

**By Official Ballot Drop Box** -Must be deposited by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

## Don't forget to sign!

Your ballot cannot be counted if you don't sign the return envelope. Every signature is checked against the registration signature on file and the signature must match for the ballot to be verified and counted.

## **Questions?**

Contact Clackamas County Elections at 503.655.8510 or <u>elections@clackamas.us</u>



### **Dawn Depner**

**Occupation:** Financial Advisor, Water Tower Financial

**Occupational Background:** Water Tower Financial, Owner

Educational Background: Eastern Montana College, Business, No

Prior Governmental Experience: Board Director, Canby School District (2019-Present); Appointed to Aurora Fire July 2018 - April

2019; Board Director Canby Fire District July 2011 - May 2018

As a current board member of the Canby School District, I am a fierce and tireless advocate for the students and parents of Canby Schools.

During these past three and half years, I've been a consistent and unyielding voice for the safety and dignity of all Canby students, through some of the most tumultuous and unprecedented times in memory.

While the state imposed mandate after mandate, I fought for the rights of Canby kids to be students and not pawns in a political agenda. It was never easy, but I passionately believe that parents have the right to choose what their children are learning and should have an active role in curriculum. I have always, and will always, be an advocate for parents, students, and educators.

With 6 children all of whom have been in Canby's schools. I am committed to making our schools the best and safest places they can be for all of our kids and will not settle for the mediocre results we've seen.

Please re-elect Dawn Depner to continue the work our schools so desperately need.

Endorsed by:

Shawn Varwig - Canby City Councilor

Brian Hodson-Mayor

James Davis-Canby Fire Chief Canby City Councilor

Steve Thoroughman-Vice President Canby Fire Board

Parents Rights in Education Political Action Committee

James Hieb

Canby City Council President, Traci Hensley

Colleen Hamilton

David Brown

### Canby School District Director, Position 5



### Mark Bigej

**Occupation:** Co-Owner, COO Al's Garden and Home

Occupational Background: Business Owner and Community Volunteer

Educational Background: Canby High School, Graduated 1990; Iowa State University; Oregon State University, Horticulture, BS

Prior Governmental Experience: None

As a longtime Canby resident who was raised in this community, I am invested in the future successes of our education system that has served my family well for three generations. I am a father of five children, three graduates from Canby schools and two current CHS students. My connection to our schools runs deep.

With more than a dozen years as a youth sports coach, a decade serving on my church finance council, and 20 plus years on the Oregon Association of Nurseries Board, I bring a well-rounded and experienced perspective to the board. As an employer, I know first-hand the importance of an educated workforce. Canby students must be prepared to seamlessly transition to a job, training program, classroom, or entry to our armed services. The quality of education they receive is directly connected to their future success and the success of our community and country.

I am running for the school board because I am committed to working hard to promote academic success and student wellbeing. Through accountability, transparency, and cooperation, our community, teachers, and parents, together, can make informed decisions to ensure our schools thrive. I am committed to being part of the solution that supports our students and staff and creates a successful learning environment where everyone succeeds. Accomplishing this is only possible when leaders remain focused on the mission and work together. If elected, I will listen to and advocate for all of Canby's students, parents, educators, and leaders.

It would be an honor to serve our community and I respectfully ask for your vote.

Endorsed by: Christine Drazan Jorge Tro, Community Member Skylar Rodolph, Former K-8 Principal Ty Kraft, Former Canby School Board Director Paul Huggins, Teacher, Coach Canby School District Jennifer Gingerich, Educational Technology Professional Learning Consultant

(This information furnished by Dawn Depner)

(This information furnished by Mark Bigej)



### **Kelly Oliver**

Occupation: Retired Educator of 34 years

Occupational Background: Elementary Teacher in Canby and WLWV

**Educational Background:** Linfield College, BA; Western Oregon University, Master of Science in Education

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

Community Service: President, Canby Booster Club: classroom volunteer in the Canby School District; Canby Kids coach.

#### My Message to the Community:

It is an honor to run for a Director position for the Canby School District. I have lived in Canby for 38 years and know that the children and families of Canby have been well served by the School District. Canby has been a desirable community for families because of its schools, a source of pride for the community.

The mission of the Board is to support all the stakeholders: administrators, teachers, support staff, families, and, most importantly, the students, while adhering to state guidelines and operating in a fiscally responsible way. I am an educator, an independent thinker, and a voice of reason dedicated to advancing the goals of the District without creating chaos. Change and improvement doesn't have to be disruptive when all parties feel their experiences are honored.

#### **Goals For Moving Forward:**

- Improve systems to close gaps widened by the pandemic in order to serve ALL students.
- · Work with all stakeholders to develop a strategy for improving educational outcomes within a safe learning environment
- Advance protocols for all levels of educational oversight, while keeping in the forefront the needs of students and educators in the areas of curriculum, mental health, parental involvement and educator support systems.

If elected, I would be honored to serve the Canby community again. For more information: www.kellyoliverforcanby.com

#### Endorsements:

Joan Monen, Owner Wild Hare Andy Kahut, Owner Kahut Waste Management Jeff Scott, Small Business Owner Wavne Scott Troy and Julie Winklebleck Jane Stickney, Retired Deputy Superintendent from the WLWV School District Greg Dinse, Former Principal, Canby High School Scott and Teresa Sasse

### **Canby School District Director, Position 6**



### Stefani Carlson

Occupation: Self-Employed

**Occupational Background: Business Owner** 

Educational Background: George Fox University, Design, B.S.

Prior Governmental Experience: Canby School Board, 2019-Current

Dear Voters

Canby is my hometown! I want to give back by continuing to serve on the Canby School Board. I was born and raised just south of Canby, a short walk from 91 School. My family is actively involved in Canby, home to our small businesses.

I have two kids and care deeply about education. My diverse background includes experience in many sectors: public, private, and homeschooling. Therefore, I bring unique perspectives to the school board.

I will work for:

Fundamentals In Education: Almost 66% of our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are below grade average in reading. In 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades, 71% of students aren't proficient at basic grade-level math. Unacceptable! I will work hard to restore what is important in education: reading, writing, and math. Foundational subjects are crucial in developing students into productive members of society.

Cleaning up our libraries: I will continue working to remove inappropriate sexually explicit and obscene material. I do not believe in banning books; I believe in installing library resources that are appropriate and safe for all children.

Transparency: Parents and community stakeholders have a right to know what's being taught at any time. I will work to bring complete transparency in every aspect of the education system. I work for parents and taxpayers, not just unions and bureaucrats.

#### A vote for me is a vote against woke Portlandia ideologies. Let's keep Portland out of Canby.

Qualifications: Four years serving on the Canby School Board, Business Owner, Co-Director of Canby Dahlia Run, former Women's Self Defense Instructor.

Member: Canby Area Chamber of Commerce, and NFIB. Supporter of Canby Pregnancy Care Center, Compassion International, other worthy non-profits.

Endorsements:

Mayor Brian Hodson

Jim Davis, Canby Fire Chief/ City Councilor

Dave Brown, Chair Newberg School Board

**Representative James Hieb** 

Steve Thoroughman, VP Canby Fire Board

**Clackamas County Education Action Committee** 

Parents' Rights in Education Political Action Committee

(This information furnished by Kelly Oliver)

(This information furnished by Stefani Carlson)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county. The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county. Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet 19

### Estacada School District Director, Zone 3



### John R Walper

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Owner/Operator J&L Excavation, Purchasing Manager, Plant Manager and Materials Manager Stanley Hydraulic Tools, Materials Manager Ingersoll Rand Proto Tools Division, Materials Manager Servo Products, Senior Planner Xerox Electro Optical Systems

Educational Background:

Pepperdine University, Business Management, Bachelor Science; Pasadena Community College, Associate Arts, Degree; Pasadena High School, General, Diploma.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Current School Board Member Zone 3. U.S. Navy Veteran, Honorable discharge.

My Wife and I have lived here in the Estacada area for 41 years. We raised 3 daughters who have gone thru the Estacada Schools.

I am PROUD to say that I am a Christian, a Conservative and an American that believes that we need to continue our return to the basics within our schools. Our children have returned to full time in class learning and socializing with their peers. Children need to interact with each other. This is a part of their growth. They also need to learn to respect our flag and learn the TRUTH about our history as a nation and not just change it. We learn from our history what to do and not to do. Each child is a special gift with different needs and aspirations that need to be encouraged and directed by both teachers and parents so they can grow into well balanced adults.

With my experience in corporate management. I feel that I can be an asset in helping them achieve their goals.

I look forward to representing all Estacadians for Position #3, Parents, Teachers, and most of all our Children.

Thank You John R. Walper

### Estacada School District Director, Zone 3



### Helena Snyder

Occupation: Private Investigator

Occupational Background: Owner/Investigator, Pettus Investigations, LLC; 16 years

Educational Background: CFE; Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, BS Administration of Justice; Portland State University

Prior Governmental Experience: Budget Committee, Estacada School District; Private Security

& Investigator Policy Committee, Oregon DPSST; Private Investigator Sub Committee, Oregon DPSST; Board of Directors, Estacada School District

The Estacada School District has seen significant growth in many ways; from the number of students enrolling in our schools, to increased graduations rates, and being recognized as a Top Workplace by *The Oregonian* Top Workplaces.

Over the past couple of years, I have continued to be actively involved in the Estacada School District. This includes my involvement in several committees as well serving a one-year commitment as the Director for Zone 3.

One of those committees is the Long-Term Planning Committee. Our facilities are in desperate need of improvements, and our students deserve to receive their quality education in buildings that are safe and reliable. I have a vested interest in continuing this work to ensure students have a strong chance for success, and our teachers and administrators have the tools they need to be successful as well.

For over 30 years, I have volunteered in a variety of roles and organizations, with most of those years spent in supporting our youth; through youth sport organizations, parent club organizations, and time in the classroom.

As a parent of two Estacada graduates and one future graduate, I am invested in this community.

The Estacada School District's mission is to equip every student with the knowledge and skills necessary to be resourceful and successful, so that by 2030 we will be the premier school district in Oregon. Estacada is my home, and I hope that you will allow me to continue working towards that vision as your Director for Zone 3.

#### Local Volunteer Experience

Estacada Youth Soccer Club, President Long Term Planning Committee, Estacada School District Strategic Planning Committee, Estacada School District PAC Treasurer, School Bond Measure 3-565 Treasurer, River Mill Parent Club

(This information furnished by John Walper)

(This information furnished by Helena Snyder)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.20Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

### Estacada School District Director, Zone 6, At Large



### **Ben Wheeler**

Occupation: Self Employed -Home Builder/General Contractor

Occupational Background: N/A

Educational Background: Oregon State University, Business, Bach of Science; Estacada High School, Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: Estacada School Board Zone 6 (2015-Present), Estacada Planning Commission Appointed (2011-Present)

As this election approaches, it marks the end of my second term serving on the Estacada School Board. It's been an honor to serve in the same community that both my wife and I went to school and grew up in. Our three boys currently attend Clackamas River Elementary and Estacada Middle School in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades.

Both the Estacada School District and the Estacada community have seen our share of challenges over the last four years. With the collaboration of the school board, district administration and staff we have taken these challenges and turned them into opportunities that have allowed us to grow in ways we've never seen before.

We did this by investing in our students and staff, making sure that we supplied the technology and devices necessary to teach and learn in a modern era. We developed a best in class virtual school system that allowed the students to continue learning while in person learning wasn't an option. These are just two of the many contributing factors of why the high school graduation rate went from 76% in 2018 to the highest level ever at 90% last year, this is why our staff retention is over 90% and why our enrollment continues to climb.

I would be honored to serve another term on the Estacada School Board and if reelected I will continue to push the district in an upward trajectory of academic achievement, growth and opportunity. Please Vote for Ben Wheeler

### Estacada School District Director, Zone 7, At Large



### Ken Riedel

Occupation: Unitus Community Credit Union

Occupational Background: 27 years in Banking/Credit Union industry

Educational Background:

Estacada High School, General, High School Diploma; Portland State University, Music, Bachelor of Arts

**Prior Governmental Experience:** 8 years serving on the Estacada School Board

Being born and raised in Estacada, I have a deep understanding of where we come from and what is important to build into our future. I have two children that attend school in Estacada, along with a large list of family members that have already completed their educational journey in Estacada or are still attending our schools. Over the last 15 years I have been heavily involved in our district and community through coaching youth athletics, building sets for our Musical Theater department, announcing home boys and girls basketball games, announcing home football games, as well as countless other volunteer opportunities across our district and community at large.

It has been my privilege to serve the Estacada Community on the School Board for the last 8 years. During this time, we have seen on-time high school graduation rates grow to an all time high of 90%, increased individual student achievement to record levels, and the competitiveness of our high school sports and other extra-curricular activities continue to strengthen. The Estacada School District has been featured nationally for the work we did in 2020 and 2021 amidst incredible challenges like COVID and devastating wildfires and ice storms. Through all of this, I am incredibly proud of how our district continued to put the learning of our students first, while developing systems to keep our students at the core of everything we do.

I truly appreciate the trust you have given me to serve our district over the last 8 years, and I would be honored to continue that service and be elected for another term. Estacada is my home, and I am forever committed to giving my all to help make it the greatest community it can be. Thank you!

(This information furnished by Ben Wheeler)

(This information furnished by Ken Riedel)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet21



### **Steve Johnson**

**Occupation:** President, Western Systems, Inc.

Occupational Background: Project Management, Information Technologies Consulting, Computer Systems Engineering

Educational Background: Mt. Hood CC Electronic Engineering Tech., AS; Ketchikan HS, High School Diploma

Currently serving on the City of Gladstone Audit Committee

We need to concentrate on student education. That's what schools are supposed to be doing.

Our schools are the cornerstone of Gladstone. We need to work together, through our differences and focus on helping our students learn the important lessons that will follow them through their lifetimes.

Reading, writing, math, science, history and PE are all important topics to prepare students to be the best and most productive adults that they can be.

#### **Important Student Issues**

- Teach to a higher level. Make sure to use the best curriculums that have been carefully peer reviewed and teach widely accepted facts.
- Improve graduation rates. 87% is a really mediocre number. We need to do much better for our students.
- Plan for the next pandemic or calamity. Students were left behind during the pandemic school closures. We must work hard to overcome the problems these closures created and provide extra help for those students who need it.

#### **Fiscal Responsibility**

The expensive school construction bond, that we pay through our property taxes ends soon. With construction complete I will not vote to authorize a new one.

42% of our students are economically disadvantaged. Adding the additional tax burden of a new bond on their parents is not fair and should be avoided.

#### Gladstone is a Great Place to Call Home

I'm proud to say that I've lived in Gladstone for 32 years. As your school board member, I will work hard to provide the best education possible for your children and I'm asking for your vote.

www.electstevejohnson.com

### Gladstone School District Director, Position 3



### **Charlie Chu**

Occupation: Stay at home parent

Occupational Background: Comics publishing executive

#### Educational Background:

University of Southern California, Cinema/Television Critical Studies, BFA

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Gladstone School Board, June 2022 - present

I'm Charlie Chu, and I'm asking for your vote to continue on the Gladstone School Board.

Currently, I'm a stay at home father proudly supporting my son, an energetic 3rd grader, and my spouse, a certified nurse midwife. Previously, I've spent over a decade in comics as an editor and executive, helping to publish comic books and graphic novels for readers of all kinds.

Since joining board where I've had the opportunity to participate on both equity and budget committees, my experience has made me grateful for the teachers and administrators who have dedicated themselves to educating our children, and I share our common goal of growing great people.

Our district faces many challenges, and I'm excited to facilitate the ongoing collaboration between our schools and community by making sure all our families and students feel seen and are given the resources to live up to their full potential.

#### My priorities:

- The **safety and security** of our students and their education without danger, disruption, or distraction.
- Strengthening our district commitment to **equity and inclusion** with ongoing equity work and applying our equity lens to all board business.
- Balancing the goals of attendance and academic achievement with social-emotional learning and prioritizing mental health.

Our community is strongest when we can raise our students to become happy and productive citizens of the world, while allowing them to be rooted as their true individual, authentic selves.

Please join me in supporting the continued success of the Gladstone School District with your vote.

#### Endorsements:

Gladstone Teachers Association unanimously endorses Charlie Chu for Gladstone School Board Position 3. – Gladstone Teachers Association

**Oregon Education Association Political Action Committee** 

Michael Milch - Gladstone Mayor

Vanessa Huckaby - Gladstone City Council

Stacie Moncrief - Gladstone School Board, Chair

Donna Diggs – Gladstone School Board

Ginger Zimtbaum – Gladstone School Board

#### electcharliechu.com

(This information furnished by Steve Johnson)

(This information furnished by Charlie Chu)



### **Stacie Moncrief**

**Occupation:** Elementary School Principal (12 years) David Douglas School District

Occupational Background: I have been an educator for the last 26 years. I have worded as a teacher, instructional coach, grant coordinator, curriculum coordinator and administrator

Educational Background: George Fox University,

Educational Leadership, Initial and Continuing License; University of Portland, Masters of Education;

Linfield College, Elementary Education, Bachelor of Arts

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Gladstone School District Board of Directors 2019 to present (currently Chair)

As a parent and Gladstone resident, I am deeply invested in this community and it's schools. I am privileged to be currently serving as an appointed member of the Gladstone School Board. It is my hope and intention to continue this work.

I am a parent of two children in the district and am proud to have called Gladstone my home for the last 17 years. Education has been my profession and my passion my entire life. I am a person of integrity, strong work ethic, and loyalty to our kids and our community.

As a member of the Gladstone School Board I will continue to look for innovative ways to increase student achievement and ensure students have the opportunity for an outstanding education. I will advocate for our children and their families, our schools, and our educators.

I ask for your support and vote for position 4.

#### ENDORSEMENTS

Tracy Todd Theresa Schmidt Gladstone Mayor Michael Milch Gladstone City Councelor Luke Roberts Gladstone Board Members Ginger Zimtbaum, Charlie Chu, Erik Richter, Donna Diggs, Jeremy Shaw, and Tracey Grant Oregon Education Association

"Gladstone Teachers Association unanimously endorses Stacie Moncrief for Gladstone School Board Position 4." - Gladstone Teachers Association

## Go to the Source!



Find accurate and trusted information from Clackamas County Elections.

Visit www.clackamas.us/elections for:

- Voter information
- Official ballot drop sites
- Voter assistance
- Election results and returns
- Other election data

## **Extended Office Hours**

Clackamas County Elections will have extended hours for your convenience.

### **Voter Registration Deadline**

April 25, 2023 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### **Election Day**

May 16, 2023 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

(This information furnished by Stacie Moncrief)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county. Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet



### **Clark Wolfe**

Occupation: Plant Manager -Fought & Co

Occupational Background: Director of Operations -International non-profit (6 years), Department Manager - Precision Castparts (12 years)

Educational Background: Western Governors University, Business/Leadership, MBA; Warner Pacific University, Business Administration, BA;

Warner Pacific University, Organizational Dynamics, AA; Cleveland High School, HS Diploma

#### Prior Governmental Experience: NA

Hello Gladstone!

I'm Clark Wolfe, and I am asking for your vote to serve our community on the District Board of Directors.

I am seeking a position on the Board because I have a strong commitment to our Gladstone community and a desire to be a part of its continued success. As a proud parent of two students in our district, I have a vested interest in the success of our schools and would like to take a more active role to give back to the community that our family loves so much. I believe that every child has the right to a sound education, and as a member of our Board of Directors, I will strive to ensure that the children in our community continue to receive the best education possible. I am passionate about:

- Ensuring every student in our district is on path to graduation and equipped to take on life as an adult and fulfill their highest potential.
- Ensuring our educators and other school employees are compensated at an appropriate level based on their education and value.
- Promoting early childhood programs that build a foundation for our youngest students.
- Ensuring that every student, regardless of their background, is afforded the same educational opportunities in a way that helps them thrive.

If given this opportunity, I promise to utilize the skills that I have developed working with great people in various leadership positions, both professionally and as a volunteer, to work alongside my fellow board members and do the best job possible for our community.

Sincerely,

Clark Wolfe

#### Proudly endorsed by:

Lori Buchanan – Educator and Gladstone Resident

Amy Nickoliser-Marlia – Gladstone educator

Ginger Zimtbaum - Gladstone School Board Director, Position 2

### Gladstone School District Director, Position 5



#### **Krista Stevens**

Occupation: Mom of 5

Occupational Background: Caregiver, Army National Guard, Photographer. Volunteer at Gladstone Schools & Special Olympics

Educational Background: GHS, diploma; CBRN School, hazmat certified

Prior Governmental Experience: N/A

I am a Gladstone Alumni, an active community and a budget committee member.

Most importantly, I am a stay at home mother of 5! 4 of my children are presently within the Gladstone School District, 2 in which are neurodivergent kiddos. I enjoy allocating my time to volunteering within the school district, as well as being a volunteer for the Special Olympics. I am looking forward to bringing an added perspective that is inclusive and supportive of all neurodivergent and neurotypical children in our district.

(This information furnished by Clark Wolfe)

(This information furnished by Krista Stevens)



### Elsa Long

Occupation: Design Technology Specialist at IA Interior Architects

#### Occupational Background: Commercial Interior Designer, Migrant Education Teachers' Assistant/Translator, Children's Book Author. IIDA Western Regional and Oregon Student Design Charrette Coordinator, Team coordinator AFO Architects in Schools, Company-wide Student Day developer, UO and

OSU Career Fair presenter, UO Architectural/Interiors Thesis Reviewer, Art Institute Student Portfolio and Career Mentor, Art with Heart Art Buddy, Children's Church Caregiver.

Educational Background: University of Oregon, Interior Architecture / Architecture, Bachelor of Interior Architecture

**Prior Governmental Experience:** IIDA (International Interior Design Association) Oregon Chapter President 2016-2017, VP Communications, PR Chair

As Mother of two young children in Gladstone, I'm inspired to serve neighboring families. I believe whole-heartedly in the School District's motto of "Growing great people", and am running with the aspiration of making a long-lasting impact on Gladstone's education.

I'm a Homegrown Oregonian, from a family of many teachers, including two currently at GHS. My career includes mentoring students into professional careers, and leading a Volunteer Professional Association Board. I value creative curriculum as part of the academic whole, and world travel has cultivated my appreciation of all cultures and backgrounds.

I look forward to serving and humbly ask for your vote.

As a Gladstone Board Member, I pledge to:

Prioritize meeting students' educational and mental wellness needs on the long-term basis they deserve, including academic recuperation post distance-learning.

Encourage collaboration with ALL community stakeholders. Support opportunities for students in cutting-edge S.T.E.A.M. curriculum and extra-curriculars.

Support diversity, equity, and inclusion for ALL Gladstone residents.

Steward tax-payer dollars with fiscal responsibility. Advocate for Teachers and Educational Staff's well-being. Leverage architectural expertise in District facilities review. Strive together to provide every student the hope, confidence, and skills to fulfill their highest potential.

#### Endorsements:

Tracey Grant, Gladstone School Board Vice Chair Michael Milch

Gladstone City Councilors Vanessa Huckaby, Veronica Reichle, and Luke Roberts

April Kuther, Faerieland Daycare and Preschool

Kristen Mann, Teacher Springwater Environmental Sciences School

Shawn Price, Kraxberger Gearheads Robotics Club

#### (This information furnished by Elsa Long )



### WHAT IF I DID NOT RECEIVE A BALLOT?

If you do not receive a ballot by May 4, call Clackamas County Elections at 503-655-8510.

#### WHAT IF I NEED ASSISTANCE VOTING?

Voters with disabilities, or those needing assistance voting in a language other than English, may contact our office for voter assistance or interpretation services. Call Clackamas County Elections for further instructions at 503-655-8510. You may also email us at <u>elections@clackamas.us</u>.

## WHAT IF I MAKE A MISTAKE ON MY BALLOT?

You may simply cross out your mistake, write "not this," and circle the intended choice. You may review examples on the secrecy sleeve included with your ballot.

#### WHAT IF I CHANGE MY MIND AFTER I HAVE RETURNED MY BALLOT?

As soon as you deposit your ballot in a mailbox or at an official ballot drop box, your ballot has been cast. A new ballot cannot be issued.

## DOES MY BALLOT HAVE TO BE RETURNED BY MAIL?

No. You may return your ballot by mail or drop it off at any official ballot drop box in the state. Clackamas County official ballot drop sites are listed on page 4 of this pamphlet.

## DO I NEED A STAMP TO MAIL MY BALLOT ENVELOPE?

No, stamps are **NOT** required to mail your ballot back to Clackamas County Elections.

### WHEN MUST MY BALLOT BE RETURNED?

If you send your ballot through the US Mail, it must be postmarked by Election Day, Tuesday, May 16, 2023. No stamp required! Or, you can drop off your ballot at any official ballot drop box in Oregon by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

#### WHAT IF I SEAL MY RETURN ENVELOPE AND REALIZE I FORGOT THE SECRECY SLEEVE?

Forgot your optional secrecy sleeve? No problem! Election workers will preserve the privacy of your ballot if you forget to enclose the secrecy sleeve, and your ballot will still be counted.

#### WHAT ARE THE ELECTIONS DIVISION'S HOURS OF OPERATION ON ELECTION DAY?

On Election Day, Clackamas County Elections will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county. Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet



### **Jeanie Whitten**

**Occupation:** Community Development

Occupational Background: Higher Education & Youth Leadership Development

Educational Background: Warner Pacific University, B.S., M.A.; Franklin High School

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Counseling Advisory Committee, Portland Public Schools;

Neighborhood Leader for Clackamas County Democrats; Liaison to Neighborhood Associations, non-profits, and government agencies for youth and young adult civic engagement

As a born and raised Oregonian, an educator, a non-profit professional, a product of Oregon's public school systems, & a mother of high school and elementary age children, I know how crucial a quality education is. My career in higher education and youth leadership development has been dedicated to working with communities from all backgrounds and beliefs to create innovative, effective, and collaborative approaches to increasing access to quality education.

Our kids and families are relying on us to provide safe, inclusive, creative, sustainable, and effective educational environments with the necessary support for students from all backgrounds and circumstances. Our students and families are navigating social, emotional, cultural, financial, and mental health barriers like never before. Our educators are being pulled in ever-increasing directions, with increasing workloads and decreasing resources. Our children, families, & dedicated and skilled educators deserve an advocate. I would be honored to be that advocate.

#### Safe & Well-Equipped Facilities

As a mother of two, I believe that families and children deserve to feel and be safe in Gladstone schools.

#### **Inclusive & Creative Curriculum**

As an educator, I know that an equitable education is crucial for our children and our future.

#### Mental, Social, & Emotional Services

Our teenagers and children need our support now more than ever. I believe that a quality education requires supporting overall wellness.

#### Supporting Educators

Our educators deserve good pay, reasonable class sizes, and adequate resources for creative, effective education.

#### **Budget Priorities**

I am committed to investing responsibly in our children's future in alignment with our community's values.

Endorsements: Representative Annessa Hartman Michael Milch, Gladstone City Mayor Ginger Zimtbaum, Gladstone School Board Member Vanessa Huckaby, Gladstone City Councilor

### Gladstone School District Director, Position 6



### **Dain P Cason**

**Occupation:** Chiropractic Physician and Marine Corps Officer

#### Occupational Background:

Chiropractic Physician (11 years) Marine Corps, Officer (6 years) Marine Corps, Enlisted (13 years) Marine Corps Instructor of Water Survival (7 years)

#### Educational Background:

University of Western States Doctorate, Chiropractic; University of Western States, Masters of Science, Exercise and Sports Science; Oregon State University, Bachelors of Science, General Science; University of Western States, Bachelors of Science, Human Biology

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Appointed as Marine Corps Officer, Appointed as employee with the Veteran's Health Adminitstration, Elected as Student Body (ASB) President at Franklin High School, Worked with the Portland Public Schoold District Superintendent as a student advisor

My name is Dain Cason, and I am running for the Gladstone school board position 6. Our children face many challenges in, and outside of the learning environment of public schools. Parents in our district look to Gladstone schools to provide not only a scholastic curriculum but to teach critical thinking skills that will assist them in the future to formulate their own ideas and explore creativity. If elected, I would help ensure these same principles will be encouraged and fostered by the district. I am resolute in a process that puts our children first.

My wife has worked in education for many years. Being present and witnessing what she has worked hard to instill in our district's students I believe gives me a perspective of exposure to the work necessary to help children grow: elements of love, support, and safety. I have a fervor for the success of all students in Gladstone. I advocate community involvement, discussion, and consensus for the best learning solutions. I am dedicated to a supportive, safe, and quality learning environment for the students and staff members of the Gladstone school district.

We have 2 children (a 6th-grade daughter and a 3rd-grade son) in the Gladstone School district, and nothing is more important than to offer the quality of a didactic experience for them. Our family has lived in Gladstone since 2013 and my wife spent the first 20 years of her life in the Gladstone School district. We are passionate about our community and the impact that every choice can have. I have experience working with the government both in the military and non-military environments. I understand each child is not a number, but an individual who will learn within the system that we maintain. We have an obligation not only to the taxpayers but to the children who will be impacted by the efforts our school board promotes to help students flourish. We are endorsed by Charlie Chu.

(This information furnished by Jeanie Whitten)

(This information furnished by Dain P. Cason)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.26Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

### Gresham-Barlow School District **Director, Position 1, Zone 1**



### **Cherice P Roth**

Occupation: Mom, Veterinarian, Children's book Author

Occupational Background: Veterinarian, Mom, Author, Biochemist

#### Educational Background: Howard Payne University, Biology/ Biochemistry, BS; UNT Health Science Center, Biochemistry/ Molecular Biology, MS; Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine,

Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine

#### Prior Governmental Experience: NONE

I am a Doctor, Mother and Children's book author. I started off as a reduced/free lunch kid and a first-generation college student. Outside of working on access to veterinary care, you can find me in Boring with my farm animals, husband and sons who are Gresham Barlow School District students. In my free time, I participate in Boxer, Doberman and Dachshund organizations.

STEM AND CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTEC) Students deserve to have career days that include welders, plumbers, electricians and mechanics celebrated - not just doctors engineers and lawyers.

I'll advocate for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and career and technical programs (CTEC); Our economy and lifestyle need these important professions.

It takes ALL of us to build a community we love.

#### **REPRESENTATION & EQUITY**

Students and school staff deserve to see themselves in positions that heavily impact their daily lives. I'm committed to the success of all students.

#### NEW LEADERSHIP/NEW VIEWS

I am a supporter of our public schools. I'll bring new views to the school board and focus on listening to families who haven't been adequately represented.

#### **ENDORSEMENTS**

- Gresham-Barlow Education Association
- State Representative Ricki Ruiz (D)
- East County Rising PAC ٠
- Gresham City Council President Eddy Morales ٠
- Stand for Children
- United Food and Commercial Workers/(UFCW) Local 555

### Gresham-Barlow School District **Director, Position 1, Zone 1**



**Shawn Farrens** 

Occupation: Principal/Director of HR, Baker Charter Schools

Occupational Background: Special Education Teacher, Gresham-Barlow School District

Educational Background: Walden University, Administrator Leadership, EdD; University of Portland, SPED Endorsement and Administrator License: Concordia University-Portland, Elementary Education, MAT, Hope

International University, Youth Ministry, BA

Prior Governmental Experience: Director, Gresham-Barlow School Board, MESD Budget Committee Member, U.S. Army

Our students, families, and teachers need more support than ever, and they deserve both an advocate who understands their experiences and an engaged and proven educational leader who can serve them. As a dad and long-time community member, I understand the challenges our students and families are facing. As a professional educator, I understand how to meet those challenges with collaborative solutions.

I have dedicated my professional life to creating opportunities for all kids to succeed in education: from my time as an educational assistant, school bus driver, to my work as a special education classroom teacher, as a school administrator, and as a director on the Gresham-Barlow School Board.

In my short time on the board, I have been proud to be part of:

- Overseeing the full return of students to their classrooms out of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Approving the construction of a Student Health Center that can meet the needs of our most vulnerable students
- Expanding student and family educational choice within the district

And I look forward to leading the district to:

- Enhanced extra- and co-curricular activity for our students
- Expanding Career and Technical Education options
- Closing the achievement gap, especially the gap that was created due to the learning loss during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Dr. Farrens is an engaged, thoughtful, and effective leader. He is exactly the director we need to lead the district forward." - Blake Petersen GBSD Board

#### Endorsements:

Bess R. Wills, Business Owner Craig Spinks, Owner Craig Spinks Nursery Greg Eisenzimmer, Cascade Athletic Clubs Tom Johnson, Barlow Boys Basketball Cathy Keathley, GBSD Board Holly Riegelmann, GBSD Board Blake Petersen, GBSD Board

(This information furnished by Dr. Cherice Roth)

(This information furnished by Shawn Farrens for Gresham-Barlow School Board)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county. The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county. Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet 27

# Join our team!

Temporary Election workers are **trusted members of the community** that play an essential role in Elections and Democracy.

All Election work is team based, with workers of different political affiliations working together to ensure integrity and impartiality.

Clackamas County Elections is looking for help during each election cycle.

Open positions:

### **Ballot Route Pick-Up Driver-**

Work as a team of two to pick up ballots from official ballot drop boxes.

### **Drop Site Closer-**

Work as a team of two to close and secure official ballot drop boxes at 8:00 p.m. on election night.

### **Election Board Worker-**

Work as a team of two to four to inspect and prepare ballots for counting.

\$14.75 - \$16.74/hour plus mileage for drivers.

## Interested? Apply at Clackamas County Elections in Oregon City.

More information available at: <u>www.clackamas.us/elections/temporary-workers</u>

### Gresham-Barlow School District Director, Position 2, Zone 3



### **Kris Howatt**

Occupation: Owner (10 years) - Feather Your Nest Quilt Store (Gresham OR)

#### Occupational Background: PGE (Oregon) - Office, Line Department, Meter Reader, Computer Specialist, Contract Administrator, Facilities Coordinator - 1979-1994

Educational Background: Sam Barlow HS, General Studies, HS Honors Diploma; Mt Hood CC, Technology, Certificate; Mt Hood CC, Social Science, In Progress

Prior Governmental Experience: GBSD BOD - 2000-2023, OSBA BOD - 2006-2023 (President 2012)

When I made the decision to be a part of the Gresham Barlow Board of Education, it was with the goal to provide the best service to our students. That meant ongoing professional development, collaboration with my peers, and time spent using my knowledge. As a member of OSBA, I have participated in continuous board training around governance, equity, finance, and policy review, ultimately receiving "Platinum Level" status.

During my many years of service to the students of Gresham Barlow, I have held leadership roles as Chair/Vice Chair and have been a member of the successful Bargaining Teams for the Licensed & Classified employee contracts.

I have been part of hiring/evaluating several superintendents for our District and was involved in two successful Capital Improvement Bond campaigns.

Additionally, I've spent time in our schools, and support a variety of academic and co-curricular opportunies for our students.

My success in being an education leader is built on the variety of experiences I have had, forward thinking, and a readiness to serve. Thank you for your vote to continue this effort.

Despite my many years of service, I still find excitement in encouraging the growth and success of our students. Each student is unique and is deserving of the best possible educational opportunies we can provide.

My Goal: Supporting Every Student, Every Day.

Pleased to be endorsed by:

- Stand for Children
- OSEA Chapter 8 (Classified Employees)

(This information furnished by Kris Howatt)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county. Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

### **Gresham-Barlow School District Director, Position 4, At Large**



### **Holly Riegelmann**

Occupation: Bookkeeper, **Riegelmann's Appliance** Occupational Background:

Receptionist, Adventist Medical Center

Educational Background: Sam **Barlow High School** 

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Director, Gresham-Barlow School Board

Two years ago, I was elected to the board with a mission to bring our kids and staff safely back to our classrooms. My process was not political, but personal. I simply listened to fellow parents, students, and staff, sought collaborative solutions to our problems, and pushed back against unnecessary restrictions that put more barriers between our kids and their bright futures. Even though we tackled that challenge, the ones in front of us are greater than ever. I look forward to continuing my work together with you to:

- Increase academic and co-curricular opportunities for all students
- Prioritize student and staff safety in our schools •
- Close achievement gaps
- Advance career and technical education opportunities
- Support our teachers by bringing critical support to our classrooms.
- And elevate the Gresham-Barlow School District to a place of pride and achievement once again.

Our community needs and deserves great schools, schools that they can feel proud of and find a sense of belonging in. As a mother, neighbor and member of the local business community I will not stop advocating for our students, staff and families and would appreciate your vote.

#### Proudly endorsed by:

Bess Wills, Business Owner Shelley Burns-Giusto, Business Owner & GBSD Parent Tom Johnson, Teacher & Barlow Men's Basketball Coach Cathy Keathley, Gresham-Barlow Director

Blake Petersen, Gresham-Barlow Director & GBSD Parent

### **Gresham-Barlow School District Director, Position 4, At Large**



### **Julie Frediani**

Occupation: Teacher

Occupational Background: Education; Retail service

Educational Background: BAE in Education, Pacific Lutheran University; ESOL coursework, Lewis and Clark College

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Community advocate

Community Service: OHSU ED; Gresham Art Walk; Gresham Outdoor Public Art Board

"I have watched Julie champion the efforts of young children at the shelter, as a teacher, and a mother for over a decade. I cannot think of a person who is more dedicated to making sure children thrive." - Dina DiNucci, Gresham City Councilor

#### JULIE FREDIANI FOR OUR SCHOOLS

#### Dear Neighbors,

I am running for our GBSD School Board because I bring a unique perspective to the board, including 30+ years of service to children and families. After my retirement, the teacher shortage brought on by the pandemic compelled me to continue serving our community: during COVID, I returned to the classroom both online and in person.

I have the knowledge and experience to make a difference on our school board. Some of my priorities are:

- Make sure ALL families/students feel they are safe and • belong within their school community.
- Provide adequate support staff for the primary grades and • those students with learning differences.
- Continue to support and provide additional services for the • behavioral and mental health needs of our students.
- Encourage a balanced education where art, music and • learning through play empowers students to be creative and engaged learners.

I have personal and professional experience working with those who struggle with mental illness, gender identity, and racism. Our children deserve someone with real educational experience, who is passionate about equity in education and who understands what should be priorities for our schools. I am that person.

Thank you for your vote. -Julie Frediani

#### **Endorsements:**

Gresham-Barlow Education Association United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555 State Legislators: Zach Hudson, State Legislators: Ricki Ruiz (D) Shoshonna Roberts, Maggie Mae's Children's Bookshop owner Judy Han, Owner: Sunny Han's Wok & Grill Community Leaders: Dave Dyk, Debbie Phillips

#### Join JULIE FREDIANI to support students and families!

#### More info: julie4gbsd.org

(This information furnished by Hollyriegelmann4gbsd)

(This information furnished by Julie Frediani)

### **Gresham-Barlow School District Director, Position 7, At Large**



### **Stefanie Craft**

**Occupation:** Special Project Manager, Ad-Tek

Occupational Background: Home daycare provider for 15 years, Nanny

Educational Background: Clatsop C.C.

Prior Governmental Experience: N/A

#### Community Involvement:

Board positions:

- Founder and current treasurer of Barlow VIPS (choir and theatre) - 8 years
- Current treasurer of Barlow Booster Club (Senior All Night Party) 2 years
- Deep Creek/Damascus Boosters/Parent Teacher Organization - 10 years
- Valley Premier Futbol Club (and photographer) 10 years

Other Volunteer Activities:

- Campaign Manager for successful 2016 GBSD bond
- Barlow boys soccer team manager/photographer/fundraiser
   4 years

Thirty-three years ago, my husband and I decided to plant our roots in Damascus. We raised our three sons, all of whom are products of the GBSD, along with countless other children I had the privilege to care for at my daycare. I understand the critical role a quality education can have on the trajectory of our youths' lives, which is why I have devoted my life to serving our children.

I have a proven track record of advocating, fundraising and managing programs to benefit our educators, students and community. I am asking for your vote, so that I can take that commitment and experience to serve families district wide. As your next GBSD Board Member for Position 7, I will be a champion for:

- Prioritizing school safety
- Improving students' mental health
- Addressing students' needs academically and socially post-Covid
- Expanding CTE and STEAM curriculum for all ages

I will always fight for a better future for all of our students. My commitment to you is to work tirelessly to provide the resources and support necessary for our schools to thrive.

#### **Endorsements:**

UFCW 555 Stand for Children State Representative Ricki Ruiz Multnomah County Commissioner Lori Stegmann Former Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick Jim Schlachter, retired GBSD superintendent Neal Bridgnell, GBSD Educator Shaari Cohen, GBSD Educator Jeff and Amber Schroeder, GBSD Educators Jeffery Gehrig, Classroom teacher, Gresham/Barlow School District Kelly Deatherage, GBSD Teacher ROG3RS REALTY INC Tom Fetters, Veterans Counselor/ U.S. Navy Veteran (This information furnished by Stefanie Craft)

### **Gresham-Barlow School District Director, Position 7, At Large**



### **David Ligatich**

Occupation: Small business owner

**Occupational Background:** Business, Marketing and Administration

Educational Background: Mt. Hood Community College

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Gresham Community Development and Housing Committee, board member

"As a business owner and parent, I bring a unique set of experiences and qualifications to the Gresham Barlow School Board. I serve as the Chief Financial Officer of my own company, which has given me valuable experience in finance and strategic planning. Additionally, as a parent of two boys, I understand the importance of education and the challenges facing our schools. I am committed to improving education standards and focusing on academics, ensuring transparency and parental involvement, and using my business and leadership skills and experience to make important decisions that will benefit our students and community."

#### Back to basics:

In our district, less than 38% of students are proficient in reading and only 21% are proficient in math. We need to focus on the basics of reading, writing and math. I will collaborate with administrators to create effective solutions to help catch our kids up on learning loss and make sure each student has the tools they need to succeed.

#### Transparency in curriculum:

Transparency in curriculum is crucial in our schools. It helps enhance student learning, increase accountability, and fosters trust and confidence between the school and parents. I will work to make curriculum available online for maximum transparency, and to improve communication with students and families.

#### Parental involvement:

As a parent, I'm very aware of the vital role that parents play in their child's education. I will work to create a culture of open communication and collaboration between parents, educators, and the school board, and I will actively encourage parental involvement in all aspects of their child's education.

#### Community endorsements:

Diane Noriega, MHCC Board Bob Mcdonald, Retired School Principal Cathy Keathley, Gresham Barlow School Board Member Sue Piazza, Gresham Council President Ed Chin, Local Business Owner Bess Wills, Local Business Owner Logan Benfield, Local Teacher Oregon Moms Union

#### DavidLigatichForSchools.com

(This information furnished by David Ligatich for Schools)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.30Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

### Lake Oswego School District **Director, Position 1**



### **John Wallin**

Occupation: Manager, Technical Publications

Occupational Background: Computer Software

Educational Background: : Stanford University, Psychology/ Anthropology, BA

Prior Governmental Experience: LO School Board, 8 years, 1 as chair: LO Schools Foundation 7 years, 2 as VP

Education is a defining value for me. My wife Ruth is a fifth grade public school teacher and we are parents to three LOSD graduates. Prior to my election to the school board, I served on the Schools Foundation board, school levy campaigns, and as a classroom volunteer

#### During my time on the LOSD board, I'm proud that we've:

- Built supports for student mental health and academic success
- Expanded STEM and career/technical education for all • grades
- Realigned reading curriculum with current neuroscience about how children learn to read
- Passed two school bonds to update and rebuild our schools, providing safe, modern places for learning, all within budget

#### I ask for your vote for re-election to move our community and schools forward:

- Ensure all students feel welcome in school •
- Focus on academic success for everyone
- Prioritize student safety and health •
- Deliver bond projects on time and within budget
- Reach towards 100% graduation rate

"John brings continuity, leadership, and expertise to our school board. He listens and builds consensus to keep our district moving forward for all students." - Neelam Gupta, LO School Board chair

#### Please join local leaders in supporting John

LO School Board Kirsten Aird, Brian Bills, Neelam Gupta, Liz Hartman

Former School Board members Bob Barman, Sarah Howell, Sara Pocklington

Lake Oswego City Council Mayor Joe Buck City Councilors Ali Afghan, Trudy Corrigan, Massene Mboup, Rachel Verdick, John Wendland

Andrea Salinas, US Representative Rob Wagner, State Senator and Senate President Daniel Nguyen, State Representative Martha Schrader, Clackamas County Commissioner

Student and Community Leaders Katy Barman, Mark Birge, Duke Castle, Jan Castle, Courtney Clements, Mary Ann Kunkel, Alicia Li, Katherine Lupton, Kira Wehn, Mini Zhang, Emily Zou

Democratic Party of Clackamas County Lake Oswego School Employees Association Stand For Children Willamette Women Democrats

www.wallinforlosd.com

### (This information furnished by John Wallin)

### Lake Oswego School District **Director, Position 5**



### **Kirsten Aird**

Occupation: Director of Operations, Public Health Division-Oregon Health Authority

#### Occupational Background:

Oregon Health Authority (2003- present); American Lung Association of Oregon, Oregon Health Sciences University-Genetics Lab

Educational Background: : Emory University, MPH-Health Policy, Linfield University, Biology/ Chemistry B.S.

Prior Governmental Experience: Lake Oswego School Board Director (2019-present)

Other Volunteer Experience: Lake Oswego Schools Foundation; Board President, Chelsea Hicks Foundation

Lake Oswego schools have set the standard for public schools in Oregon for decades. I am running for a second term on the school board because I share our community's expectation of excellence in education. Achieving 100% graduation is our goal. How we get there matters. Students in our care should leave our district with educational and social experiences that not only challenge them, but that also inspire them, make them stronger, builds empathy and encourages them to question and explore the world

As your board member I will continue to:

- · Amplify the voices of our students, families, teachers and staff. I will read about and listen to your ideas and questions.
- I will share my points of view openly and not shy away from • hard topics, and I will continue to invite open dialog.

Please join me in furthering our excellence in Lake Oswego by celebrating our successes and leaning into our opportunities for growth. We are Lake Oswego; and we all belong.

Endorsements: Stand with Children Willamette Women Democrats Democratic Party of Clackamas County Lake Oswego School Employees Association Rob Wagner, State Senator Joe Buck, Mayor-Lake Oswego John Wendland, Massene Mboup, Ali Afghan, Trudy Corrigan, Lake Oswego City Councilors Neelam Gupta, Brian Bills, Liz Hartman, John Wallin, Lake Oswego School Board Directors Bob Barman, Sara Pocklington, Sarah Howell, former LO School Board Members

Additional endorsements and candidate information: www. aird4lakeoswego.com

(This information furnished by Kirsten Aird)

### Molalla River School District Director, Position 1



### Linda J Eskridge

Occupation: Nurse Supervisor (Retired)

Occupational Background: R.N. Supervisor, Plus ER, ICU, MICU, ICU, Telemetry, Recovery & Surgery

Educational Background: Boise State University, Nursing, B.S.N.; College of the Sequoias, Nursing, A.S.N.; Boise High School, Diploma

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Molalla River School District Board, Position 1 (elected 2011, 2015 & 2019), served as chair and vice chair; OSBA Legislative Policy Committee 2011-2013; Captain, U.S. Army National Guard Medivac, Ret.

Our children should have the same or better learning opportunities than we had. Our education system should be about education. And we must assure that all funds go toward that in order to ensure our kids' ability to succeed.

My priorities are our students and families, not petty partisan politics. I am humbled that voters have ensured that I have not lost a school board election. I believe that's because I value building relationships, not tearing them down. I value finding commons-sense solutions for our community, not pushing my own personal agenda.

I have experience working with all interested parties in the district to build consensus. My goal ALWAYS is to make our schools better for the next generation.

#### Education, honors and awards:

- Army Medal of Achievement, Medivac (helicopter transport)
- Oregon School Boards Association Platinum Award
- Advanced OSBA training
- Advanced Life Support
- Intensive-Care Certified

#### Activities, other state and local community services:

- Mobilized volunteers on successful ballot measures and served as treasurer.
- Work on Abigail Adams project to inform voters about candidates and issues.
- Work with voter integrity groups.
- Campaigned for many representatives in office today, in addition to 5 new school board members and 3 new county commissioners.

#### Hobbies/special interests: Swimming History

Swimming Walking Dog training Gardening Biking Dog sledding Skiing

VISIT LindaForKids.com to learn more.

Reading

Knitting

Sailing

### Molalla River School District Director, Position 2



### **Rob Cummings**

Occupation: Small business owner, DJ, and Pro Audio Engineer

Occupational Background: DJ, Graphic and Web Designer, Electronics Technician

Educational Background: Molalla Union High School – 1987-1991, ITT Technical Institute – Electronics Engineering Technologies – 1994-1997

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Community Involvement: Molalla Christian Church Molalla Kiwanis Club Molalla Farmer's Market

I'm a 46 year resident of Molalla and completed my K-12 education in Molalla Schools. I love this community and the families who live here. After witnessing the meteoric decline of our schools nationwide, I feel compelled to be a voice for the students and families in our district.

If elected, I will: Make high quality education a priority again End CRT and Identity Politics Agendas Promote Student Safety and Security Find solutions for necessary building improvements Ensure Fiscal Responsibility Work towards a homelessness solution that doesn't adversely impact the school locations.

Schools should focus on academic subjects like reading, writing and mathematics. They should provide opportunities for vocational training and valuable extracurricular activities.

Recently, it seems schools wish to focus more on novel social engineering projects than necessary life skills. This is unacceptable. Oregon schools are rated among the lowest in the nation, yet they continue spending money on issues like 'equity and diversity' while student test scores plummet. We need a return to utility and sanity.

Together, we can make a positive impact in the lives of our students. I appreciate your vote for MRSD Board Director.

Endorsements: Mayor Scott Keyser Molalla ORegon Tim Friesen, Former MHS Choral Director of 29 Yrs. Canby City Council President, Traci Hensley Dr. Bob Laver Pastor Molalla Christian Church Tom Sawtell Molalla Farmers Market

www.djrob4mrsd.com

(This information furnished by Linda J. Eskridge)

(This information furnished by Rob Cummings)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.32Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

### Molalla River School District Director, Position 2



### **Mitche Graf**

Occupation: -DADDY-OF-3 -OWNER OF 4 BUSINESSES -10-TIME AUTHOR - ORGANIZER TED MOLALLA - NATIONALLY-SYNDICATED RADIO SHOW HOST - MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER - LOVER OF GUITAR, CRIBBAGE, GARDENING, AND RED WINE.

Occupational Background: -MOLALLA HIGH SCHOOL - TRACK & FIELD SPRINT COACH (2023-PRESENT) -

YOUTH SPORTS COACH FOR NORTH MARION & MOLALLA (2013-PRESENT) - CUB SCOUT PACKMASTER (2 YEARS) -KING OF THE "SKY DRAGONS" WITH MY 8-YEAR OLD

Educational Background: STEAMBOAT SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL, GENERAL, GRADUATED 1980; COLORADO STATE UNIV., BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE-ANATOMICAL SCIENCE, 3 1/2 YEARS SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS, 1962-PRESENT, PhD

Prior Governmental Experience: MOLALLA RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT - SCHOOL BOARD (2023-PRESENT); MOLALLA RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT- BUDGET COMMITTEE (2022); MOLALLA RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL - SITE COUNCIL (2020-PRESENT)

I have passion that oozes out of my pours in everything I do regarding my kids! I believe that my professional experience is truly unique, and have been called a "doer" for most of my career. I feel my skill sets would be a great benefit in helping craft the vision and preparing for a successful school bond, amongst all the other important duties that the School Board has. I have a servant heart and a servant mentality...2 things that are needed for a position like this.

I am also a big believer in the value of compromise and have found that's usually the most efficient way of getting things done when working with a group. Being in business for most of my life has taught me the value of the 40,000 ft. view, whether it be in business, or in life. Having an understanding on what the overarching issues are makes it much easier to carve a path forward.

Creating a positive level of mutual respect, building momentum for a successful school bond, bringing the many different community voices together for a common goal, and of course constantly working every day to improve the quality of our children's lives.

What unites us is much greater than what divides us!

### Molalla River School District Director, Position 4

Photo not submitted	Neal Lucht
	Occupation: Farmer, business manager
	Occupational Background: N/A
	<b>Educational Background:</b> Molalla Union high Sch, Diploma; OSU, Horticultural Science, BS
	<b>Prior Governmental Experience:</b> Director East Valley Water district, Director Molalla Aquatic District, Diretor Position 4 Molalla River

School District

I am proud to have been serving on the Molalla River School Board for the past 10 years. These are exciting times for our district as we are continuing to plan strategically to make our public schools a successful model for others to follow. It is an honor to currently serve with a group of directors that not only consider and solve the challenges facing public education, but also look to the future and support investments in new student opportunities and education ideas.

Although budgets are always challenged, we are working hard with the community to provide a vision for the future of education in Molalla. I believe that our schools are poised for greatness, as we further the goal of providing every student a vision of success for their future. I also believe that I have been a strategic and stable voice to the board of education and would be proud to continue this important work. The task of "Growing Exceptional Futures" for our children is our mission in Molalla. I would appreciate your support in involving our community in this work.

Thank You, for your support!

Neal Lucht

(This information furnished by Mitche Graf)

(This information furnished by Neal Lucht)

# **Return Your Ballot**

by May 16, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

**Mail:** Stamps are **NOT** required! Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received by Clackamas County Elections within 7 days after Election Day to be counted.



Official Ballot Drop Site: 24-Hour outdoor official ballot drop boxes for convenient and secure deposits. Available April 26 through Election Day, May 16, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

Official ballot drop boxes are listed on page 4 of this pamphlet.



# Your voted ballot may be dropped off at any official ballot drop box in the State.

The Secretary of State's official ballot drop box locator is: <u>www.oregonvotes.gov/dropbox</u>

Please contact our office with any questions. Clackamas County Elections 503-655-8510

### Molalla River School District Director, Position 7



### **Craig Loughridge**

Occupation: Emergency Services Manager

Occupational Background: Project Manager; Web Designer; Real Estate Broker; News Reporter; U.S. Navy Veteran

#### Educational Background:

Marylhurst University, Management, M.B.A.; University of Oregon, Journalism, B.A.; Defense Language Institute, Russian, Certificate

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Molalla River School District Board of Directors; Clackamas County Emergency Medical Services Council; Clarkes-Highland Community Planning Organization; Molalla River School District ad hoc committee on school use

**Commitment –** I first ran for election to the school board because I have a long-running passion to make sure everyone's voice is represented in our schools. This continues to be what motivates me today, and every day.

My love for our community and its people is borne out by the many years of service I have given.

#### History of Service -

- School Board Member
- Bear Creek Byway Project Manager
- Ford Institute Leadership Program
- GROW Healthy Kids & Communities
- Volunteer Firefighter & EMT
- Ambulance Driver
- Youth Leader
- Grange Officer

#### School District Priorities -

- Promote sensible, well-crafted policies that enhance the lives of students, staff, and district patrons.
- Keep students in classrooms, and provide transparency for parents and families.
- Provide common sense solutions to keep our kids safe.
- Fight continuing efforts of the state and special interest groups to take more control from local school boards.

I am honored by the trust that voters have put in me in previous elections, and I ask that you join other concerned voters of the Molalla River School District, and vote "Craig Loughridge" to continue making our schools better. Please do it for our kids.

**Personal –** My wife, Suzanne, and I have lived more than 25 years in the Molalla area. We brought up our children through Molalla public schools, and understand the triumphs and challenges that kids and parents face in our community. We're grateful for the wonderful school staff we have, but hopeful to improve our programs and facilities.

VISIT **CraigForSchools.org** to learn more, and see my views on other school issues and candidates.

(This information furnished by Craig Loughridge)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county. Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

### North Clackamas School District Director, Position 1



### **Tara Nelson**

Occupation: Customer Service

Occupational Background: Banking

Educational Background: Portland State University, Psychology, Bachelor of Science

**Prior Governmental Experience:** PTA Vice President, Senior Graduation Night President

#### LOCAL MOM - READY TO SERVE

As a long-time Clackamas resident, and parent volunteer in our schools, I've had the unique perspective of working inside the NCSD. I've seen both great things that happen with our children's learning, but also the struggles students, parents, staff and administrators face daily. As our next NCSD board member, my approach will be to lead and inspire through transparency, integrity, and collaboration. I am excited to bring fresh energy, and creativity to our school district board.

#### PARENT COLLABORATION

Our children's education is a shared responsibility. By collaborating with parents, we'll create a superb learning environment conducive for excellence in education and the highest achievements of our students. Our role is to affirm families and to honor the relationship between parents and children. Ensuring parent participation is one of my top priorities.

#### FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Every taxpayer dollar that goes into the public system should be managed carefully and used efficiently. The district has a fiduciary responsibility to deploy your tax dollars appropriately. We have a duty to every community resident to manage tax dollars effectively and efficiently towards achieving student outcomes.

#### **FUNDAMENTALS**

Curriculum is the backbone of education. It's time to evaluate content and restore fundamentals in core educational literacy in reading, writing, science, and math. These foundational subjects are incredibly important for life skills necessary to develop students into productive members of society.

For too long, student needs have gone unmet. Instead.....

## Let's hold students to higher standards by expecting more for them.

#### Let's raise academic bars for all students.

#### Let's discover each student's unique contributions.

By working together, we can help our schools get back to where they need to be. I'm committed to bring positive strength of character, truth, and integrity to represent you as a board Director.

#### I'd be honored by your vote!

www.TaraNelson.org

(This information furnished by Tara Nelson)

# North Clackamas School District Director, Position 1



### **Paul Kemp**

**Occupation:** Senior Mechanical Designer

**Occupational Background:** 32 years of industrial and government facility consulting engineering; 16 years as part-owner of an Oregon engineering firm.

**Educational Background:** BS in Manufacturing Engineering, Western Michigan University

Prior Governmental Experience: None

**Volunteer Experience:** Union Gospel Mission, Habitat for Humanity, Big Brother mentor, Camp Namanu, Trauma Intervention Program, Gun Owners for Responsible Ownership.

My Priorities for Better Schools:

#### EXPAND HANDS-ON LEARNING FOR ALL STUDENTS

Working on construction sites as I do, I see the shortages of engineers and skilled tradespeople every day. Career and Technical Education prepares our students to succeed in the workforce.

#### MAKE SURE OUR SCHOOLS ARE SAFE

We need to make sure all students are welcome, safe and violence-free.

#### ACCOUNTABILITY FOR OUR TAX DOLLARS

Managing budgets carefully is the first job of the school board. I will work to ensure our investments pay off in the classroom.

Leah Tucker, North Clackamas Schools parent "Paul is dedicated to children's safety and welfare with an unwavering commitment to improving the educational environment for students."

<u>Matt Utterback, Retired District Superintendent</u> "Our District is facing dynamic issues that require a unique skill set of strong education advocacy and collaborative leadership for public schools. I trust Paul to ensure our district meets its commitment to equity, responsible fiscal management and growth."

Debi Stromberg, Community Youth Advocate "I've known Paul for 25 years. He listens to people, respects different points of view and puts in the time to work with all sides. I trust him to strengthen and improve our local schools."

#### ENDORSEMENTS

- North Clackamas Education Association (NCEA)
- Oregon Education Association PAC
- Stand for Children
- Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon
- Retired NCSD Superintendent Matt Utterback
- Retired NCSD Superintendent Ron Naso
- Mitzi Bauer, Chair, NCSD School Board
- Libra Forde, NCSD School Board
   Orlando Perez, NCSD School Board
- Orlando Perez, NCSD School Board
   Vivian Scott Linda Moraga, former NCSI
- Vivian Scott, Linda Moraga, former NCSD School Board
   Milwaukie City Council President Desi Nicodemus
- Milwaukie City Council President Desi Nicodemus
- Representative Mark GambaRepresentative Janelle Bynum
- Jeanne Magmer, Milwaukie retired community leader

#### Find out more at:

www.friendsofpaulkemp.com

(This information furnished by Paul Kemp)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet35

### North Clackamas School District **Director, Position 2**



### **Courtneigh Swerzbin**

Occupation: Owner, Styles by

Occupational Background: Hospitality and Marketing Industries

Educational Background: Portland Community College General Business, Associates Dearee

**Prior Governmental Experience:** I've never run for political office

#### Family

My husband and I have lived in Clackamas county for over six years with our two children ages 7 and 12.

#### Community

Clackamas Youth Football - Fundraising Chairwoman and a volunteer as several local non-profits.

"I'm running for school board because we need to focus on what really matters: education, not politics. Let's reinstate minimum standards for graduation, promote true inclusiveness, and hold everyone accountable for the success of our students." -Courtneigh

#### Platform

**Kids NOT politics:** The troubling trend among administrators and some educators to push their personal politics in the classroom must end. Schools should be a place where kids go to learn, they should not be bombarded with political rhetoric.

True Inclusiveness: Schools and educators should promote an environment that is welcoming, open, and full of love for each other. We should be teaching our children that character is paramount to who you are, not the actions of your ancestors and the color of your skin! Inclusiveness is not segregation, it is not victimhood, it is not shaming to create false guilt in someone.

Accountability: School Board meetings should be in person and parents and members of the community should have every opportunity to share their voice, even if it's criticism of board decisions or policy. In-person meetings allow for greater engagement between members and community, allowing for more productive conversations, more accurate information sharing, and more meaningful connections between the board and community. I also believe that accountability for students means accountability for teachers, so we must reinstate minimum standards for graduation.

#### **Endorsements**

Edward Wilkins, Current Teacher Kori Haynes, North Clackamas Parent & Small Business Owner Elizbeth Hale, Tree City Real Estate

### North Clackamas School District **Director, Position 2**



#### Jena Benologa

Occupation: Academic Program Administrator

Occupational Background: Home Preschool, Principal, Instructor with NTSI

Educational Background: David Douglas HS, Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: North Clackamas School Board Vice Chair, Budget Committee

Volunteer Service: Parent and Community Leadership Alliance, PTA Past President, classroom and school volunteer

A committed advocate for the success of EVERY student

#### As a daycare provider to special needs kids

I worked with the district, Clackamas ESD, and service providers. I know first-hand the support system that is crucial for ensuring every student's success.

#### As a school district volunteer

I've worked with administration, teachers, parents, and community members to support our students and vital programs.

#### As a School Board Member

I work hard to elevate every student through policy and actions.

I am running for re-election to continue serving all students and families. I have volunteered in the district for 23 years to improve our schools, invest in teachers and strengthen our community. I'm an advocate for our district and am inspired by the support our community provides when kids need it most.

As the Mom to two biracial kids, I've seen firsthand how so many of my children's peers had to work extra hard to access school resources. My own family's experience makes me deeply committed to underserved communities.

I am focused on advocating for all students and giving back to the school community that supported our family.

I would appreciate your vote.

#### Endorsements:

North Clackamas Education Association (NCEA) Oregon Education Association Political Action Committee Stand for Children Democratic Party of Clackamas County Black Caucus Sen. Mark Meek Rep. Janelle Bynum Rep. Mark Gamba Milwaukie Mayor Lisa Batey Milwaukie City Council President Desi Nicodemus,

Milwaukie City Councilors Robert Massey, Adam Khosroabadi Former Superintendents Matt Utterback, Ron Naso

NCSD School Board Members Orlando Perez, Tory McVay, Libra Forde, Mitzi Bauer Former School Board Members Vivian Scott, Linda Moraga

> Jilian McSweeney-Nicodemus, teacher Blanca Johnson, Happy Valley Parent Erin Lee, Milwaukie Parent Jeanne Magmer, community member

#### www.ReelectJena.com

(This information furnished by Courtneigh Swerzbin)

(This information furnished by Jena Benologa)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county. The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county. 36 Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet
# North Clackamas School District Director, Position 3



### **Glenn W Wachter**

Occupation: CEO of Providence's pharmacy company--Credena Health

Occupational Background: 25 years as healthcare executive Board Chair, Parrott Creek Child & Family Services

Educational Background: Linfield University, BS; Portland State University, Government Administration, MPA; American

Intercontinental University, MBA

**Prior Governmental Experience:** City of Happy Valley, Budget & Parks Advisory Committees

I was raised by hard working Portland Public School teachers. My grandparents were deeply involved in my life--emigrants from Canada's wheat fields—who as children themselves supported their families, so couldn't complete elementary school. They instilled two values: <u>Education is transformative</u> and <u>always help</u> your neighbor.

As Board Chair at Parrott Creek I ensure they have the resources needed to provide critical services to at-risk youth and families. My four kids attended North Clackamas Schools. Now, I want to make sure ALL North Clackamas' kids succeed.

### My priorities for each student:

- 1. SAFETY at school
- 2. Achieve LITERACY goals by 3rd grade
- 3. Access basic HEALTH resources that support learning

<u>Clackamas County District Attorney, John Wentworth</u> "Glenn is smart, energetic and has demonstrated a commitment to improving the lives of kids. As District Attorney, I am proud to enthusiastically support him for NCSD School Board."

#### North Clackamas School District Superintendent (Retired), Matt Utterback

As a former NCSD Superintendent, I have come to appreciate the demanding role that School Board members play in the effective operation of the school district. Glenn's heart for our community's youth and proven leadership talent make him the right pick for Position 3.

#### More Endorsements

Oregon Education Association Political Action Committee North Clackamas Education Association (NCEA) Stand for Children Happy Valley City Council President David Emami Milwaukie City Council President Desi Nicodemus State Senator Mark Meek House Representatives: Janelle Bynum, Hoa Nguyen, Mark Gamba Milwaukie Mayor Lisa Batey Milwaukie City Councilor Robert Massey Happy Valley City Councilor Brett Sherman NCEF President (Retired), Jeanne Magmer NCSD Board Members: Mitzi Bauer, Libra Forde, Orlando Perez

Supported by <u>educational organizations</u> and <u>our community's</u> <u>leaders</u> I'm respectfully asking for YOUR vote.

#### www.glenn4oregon.com

# North Clackamas School District Director, Position 3



### **Aimee Reiner**

**Occupation:** Customer Mgmt Account Manager for a Fortune 50 Company

**Occupational Background:** Business, Marketing, Sales and Project Management

Educational Background:

Masters Business Administration, emphasis in Global Management, University of the Redlands; Bachelor Liberal Arts -Communication Studies, minor in Journalism, Marshall University

Prior Governmental Experience: Army Reserves

"My personal experience as a parent with a special needs child has given me unique insight into the challenges students and educators face every day. It's time to bring parents back into the decision making process and unite all affiliated groups together."

#### Give parents a voice

As a parent involved in attending school board meetings and advocating for my special needs child, I have seen first hand how parents' concerns are disregarded by our district. When less than 45% of students can read at grade level and less than 32% can do math at grade level, we need parental engagement now more than ever. We need to get parents involved to help catch kids up on the basics of reading, writing and math. I will ensure parent's feedback is heard and acted upon.

#### Education equity for all students

All students, including those with special needs, should receive the resources and support they need to succeed.We must work to decrease class sizes to improve student-teacher interaction, provide teachers the tools they need to work with behavioral problems, and allow parents to take a larger role in their children's education.

#### Transparency in curriculum

No matter how you feel about the curriculum being taught in our local schools, parents deserve to know what's happening. We need to increase transparency and communication around curriculum and classroom activities. A good start is to make curriculum and instructional materials available online for parents to access anytime.

I believe together, we can make North Clackamas School District an even better place for students and families.

### **Endorsements**

Ben West, Clackamas County Commissioner Kori Haynes, Special needs parent Sharon Ritter, Parent in NCSD Linda Neace Former Gladstone City Councilor Oregon Moms Union

(This information furnished by Committee to Elect Glenn Wachter)

(This information furnished by Aimee Reiner and Friends)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet37

# North Clackamas School District Director, Position 7



## **Angela Pederson**

**Occupation:** Tutor and Substitute Teacher

Occupational Background: Over 20 Years in Education: Former NCSD Elementary Teacher; Web Academy Instructor/Advisor; Home Instructor for Students With Special Needs; Substitute Teacher k-12; Tutor

#### Educational Background: Humboldt State University, Liberal Studies/Multiple Subjects, BA and

Teaching Credential; Clackamas High School, 1986.

### Prior Governmental Experience: None

### My Commitment to Excellence In Education

As a teacher and parent I will bring balance to our district. My fifteen years of volunteer experience in NCSD has given me invaluable insight. I have deep roots in our community as my husband and I, and our three children graduated from Clackamas High School.

\* I'm passionate about maintaining **academic rigor and individualized instruction** as a top priority. Every student must have their unique talents and needs recognized to help them achieve their personal best. We must raise literacy rates and mathematical competency.

\* I will promote a district culture that **authentically embraces diversity**. We must always seek understanding of diverse perspectives to promote educated citizens that think critically.

\* I'm devoted to making sure our **teachers feel empowered** to meet the growing demands of today's classroom. Teacher's voices must be elevated, so they can obtain the support needed to better serve our students.

#### \* Collaboration with parents is essential to student success.

\* I'm committed to **strengthening our Career Technical Center** to prepare more students for the trades.

\* We must keep our children safe. School security is a top priority.

\* As a school board member I will earn the community's trust with transparent, objective and fiscally responsible leadership.

It would be an honor to serve you and the children of North Clackamas!

### Endorsements

Lori Chavez-DeRemer, Oregon Congresswoman

Ben West, Clackamas Co. Commissioner

Paul Savas, Clackamas Co. Commissioner

Shanin Prusia, NCSD Parent and former HV City Planning Board

#### President

Fred Douglas, Pastor and Retired Executive Director of Portland

#### and NCSD YFC/Campus

Mary Beirwagon, Elementary School Teacher

Bruce Sussman, NCSD Parent and Former News/Weather Anchor

#### Visit: angelaforncsd.com

(This information furnished by Angela Pederson)

# North Clackamas School District Director, Position 7



### **April Dobson**

**Occupation:** Mother and Community Organizer

Occupational Background: Nonprofit Program Coordinator

Educational Background: University of Oregon, Bachelor of Arts, 1997; Scappoose High School, Diploma, 1994

Prior Governmental Experience: North Clackamas School District Budget Committee, Clackamas Charter Alliance Board

**Other Volunteer Experience:** Parent Community Leadership Alliance Legislative and Funding Committee Chair, Adrienne Nelson High School PTSA Vice President, Cannady Elementary reading and literacy volunteer

### Our Children, Our Community, Our Future.

Oregon's public schools face serious challenges: chronic underfunding by the state, a shortage of educators, pandemic learning loss, and exhausted parents who are doing their best to hold it all together.

But we can overcome these challenges by working together. I believe in robust and equitable public education, where every child feels safe, supported, encouraged, and engaged.

As an advocate, volunteer, and parent of three children attending North Clackamas schools, I am deeply committed to student success, fiscal responsibility, and community collaboration.

"April Dobson is a smart, bold, and compassionate leader. She will be a tireless advocate for the success of every child in North Clackamas."

#### - Jamie Martin, NCSD parent and teacher

#### In these challenging times for public schools, NCSD must:

- Build a culture of trust and transparency with students and families
- Help students overcome pandemic learning loss
- Increase student access to career and technical education
- Responsibly manage the District budget to meet short and long term goals
- Support professional development for educators

#### List of Supporters

### **NCSD School District Leaders**

Mitzi Bauer, Board Chair Tory McVay, Board Director Libra Forde, Board Director Orlando Perez, Board Director

### Community Leaders

Deborah Barnes, Sabin-Schellenberg Instructor Erin Lee, Parent Community Leadership Alliance Matthew Utterback, Former NCSD Superintendent

#### Elected Officials & Organizations

Oregon State Representatives Janelle Bynum, Hoa Nguyen, Annessa Hartman and Mark Gamba Desi Nicodemus, City of Milwaukie Tracey Grant, Gladstone School Board Vice Chair North Clackamas Education Association (NCEA) Oregon Education Association Political Action Committee Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon Stand for Children Learn more:

Louin moro.

https://www.aprildobson.com/ (This information furnished by April Dobson)

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

 38
 Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet



## **Alex Halpern**

**Occupation:** Research Director, Network of Care

Occupational Background: Coach; Library Advocate; National Novel Writing Month Associate Board; Holcomb Elementary PTA

Educational Background: Drew University, Political Science, BA; Emporia State, Library and Information Science, MLS

### Prior Governmental Experience:

Oregon City School Board Budget Committee

I'm a dad, a coach, and a PTA volunteer. I'm an advocate for education, a human services professional, and a librarian. My kids will spend the next fifteen years in the Oregon City Schools, and I am dedicated to ensuring that they, and every single kid in the district, have the tools and support they need to succeed.

It is critical that our teachers and staff stay here in Oregon City and that we can recruit the best people to join them, because all our students deserve access to the best academic programs, extra-curriculars, and facilities. I will champion college and career initiatives, to make sure that every student has a path to a successful future, whatever that path may be.

Strong schools require solid partnerships between families, communities, and educators. I will create more opportunities for families to be involved in their schools and ensure their voices are heard. I will stand up and never back down to people who seek to push agendas and play political games with our kids and their futures, and I pledge to model the behavior we expect to see from our kids.

It is essential that every single student and every single family in our district knows that they are welcome, safe, and supported here. A community is only ever as good as its schools, and with your vote, I will work to make Oregon City schools the best in our state.

### Endorsements

- Denyse McGriff, Oregon City Mayor
- Oregon City Education Association
- Anna Farmer, Oregon City School Board
- Steven Soll, Oregon City School Board
- Betty Reynolds, Former President, Oregon School Boards
   Association
- Oregon Education Association Political Action Committee
- Stand for Children
- Mark Meek, State Senator

# Oregon City School District Director, Position 2



### **Jacqueline Arn**

**Occupation:** Co-Founder/VP Dynepic Inc.

### **Occupational Background:**

Mt. Hood Community College Teacher/Home Visitor, Instructor for Portland Community College and Oregon City High School-Moss Campus

**Educational Background:** Oregon State University, B.S. Vocational Home Economics

Education; Portland State University, Education; Parents as Teachers National Center, Certification (20 years)

Prior Governmental Experience: None

### Elect Jacqueline Arn for Oregon City School Board

I will ensure that our children receive the best possible foundation to launch their career aspirations.

If elected, I will advocate for:

- An educational experience that is inclusive for parents, students, and teachers
- Providing resources and tools to support academic excellence for STREAM-which is- Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, and Math
- All students are equal with equal opportunities
- Improving nutrition for students in need
- Fiscal transparency
- Keeping ALL politics out of schools
- Open communication between the School Board and parents, students and teachers
- Support for parents for an "Opt-in Option" for geopolitical curriculum

I have been involved in the education of children of all ages and adults as a teacher/home visitor. My position was to assist parents to be an ADVOCATE and the primary EDUCATOR of their child. I completed more than 5,000 home visits with families. Some of the families were homeless and/or had special needs and came from a wide variety of cultural backgrounds.

• Go to **Jacqueline Arn Linkedin** to see my credentials as an educator and current involvement with education.

I want to continue to be an advocate for parents, guardians and students. I will work together with school instructors and staff to improve our national test scores so our students graduate with a solid foundation for their future endeavors.

As a community we can **ALL** work together with Oregon City educators and staff to **Promote Our PIONEER SPIRIT!** 

Endorsed by:

Oregon Right to Life PAC

Clackamas County Education Action Committee

**Obria Medical Clinics Oregon** 

### Thank You for Your VOTE

(This information furnished by Alex Halpern)

(This information furnished by Jacqueline Arn)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet39



# Katie Wilson

**Occupation:** Strategic communications and community engagement consultant

#### Occupational Background:

I worked for over 20 years as a public employee. As a strategic communications and community engagement professional, I have worked for various public agencies to support inclusive and transparent communication and public participation opportunities to ensure projects, programming

and services reflect community needs and values.

Educational Background: Western Oregon University; Pacific Lutheran University; West Linn High School

### Prior Governmental Experience: Preschool Board Member

This is very personal for me. I am a parent of a kindergarten student in the ¡Todos Unidos! Immersion Program at Candy Lane Elementary School who will spend the next twelve years learning in the Oregon City School District. She, and every other student in the district, deserve to attend schools that welcome and support them and prepare them for their bright future. I have lived in this area my whole life and my husband and I chose this community to raise our family. We love it, believe in it, and want to be good stewards of it—to leave it even better for future generations.

The past few years have been exhausting in so many ways. Our community has been divided, and we must ensure this does not impact our students. As a parent and long-time community member, I understand the need to listen to differing viewpoints and help find solutions that work for everyone. Our schools can only be as strong as our community. Imagine what we can do if we work together! With hard work and cooperation, we can make Oregon City Schools as welcoming, safe, and successful as we all know our community can be—and hopefully, we can have some fun along the way!

Key Priorities:

- Dual language learning support
- Student achievement
- Smaller class sizes

#### Endorsements:

- Mark Meek, State Senator
- Anna Farmer, OC School Board
- Steven Soll, OC School Board
- Oregon City Education Association
- Betty Reynolds, Past President, Oregon School Boards
   Association
- Stand For Children
- Oregon Education Association Political Action Committee

www.KatieWilson4ocSchoolBoard.com

# Oregon City School District Director, Position 5



Owner Public Relations Company, Program Director Emergency Homeless Shelter. Masone & Associates Event Production Artist Management & Media Company. Newspaper Columnist-Author

**Educational Background:** Lane Community College, History, AA-AAOT; Oregon State University,

Philosophy, Still Attend; American Military University, Sociology, Still Attend

**Prior Governmental Experience:** US Army Selected Leadership (SLPP) Pgm, National Commission on Law Enforcement and Social Justice, Partnership with VA creating a "Veterans Homeless Emergency Shelter'

"Our Special Education Services are understaffed and overwhelmed..Our children are being left behind. Mental Health, teen suicide, fentanyl overdose deaths will be a major focus as well as bullying. I will work very hard to help save our children from substance abuse as well." ~Steve Masone

(<u>OPB headline, 1/5/2023</u>: "Students with disabilities face setbacks, safety risks as Oregon special education systems struggle.") <u>Disability rights in schools are civil rights too!</u>

Steve has been involved with special education since 1990. He is a member of National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI) where he trained for Certification as a Peer Support Specialist (PSS) Traditional Health Worker and Adult Mental Health Worker. Steve was trained in PTSD counseling at the National Center for PTSD.Steve began working with the disabled after his Artist Management Company provided entertainment for United Cerebral Palsy annual National Telethon after being discharged honorably from the U.S.Army in 1975. A parent of an autistic child, Steve has been a tireless advocate for the disabled and mentally ill. He also serves on the Board of the Lane PTSD Taskforce.Steve started the School of Blues, a non-profit for music & drama therapy in 2017. In 1976, Steve worked to pass a law banning mental patients from being forced against their will from electro- convulsive therapy (ECT).Today, 17 other states have also banned the practice. Steve Masone knows how to get things done! For further info -: (541) 517-5224 stevemasone@gmail.com

(This information furnished by Katie Wilson)

(This information furnished by Steve Masone)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.40Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet



## Steve Riehl

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: Client Relationship/Client Service

Educational Background: UofPHX Masters HR/Org Mgmt; EOU, BS Psychology

Prior Governmental Experience: None

As a parent, uncle, and cousin of children in this school district, the direction our schools are headed is of paramount importance. It is essential to have an environment where every child can grow, succeed, and strive for more, but recently, we have seen the focus shift away from this. Disruptions teachers are unable to control are prevalent in many classrooms, inhibiting students from performing at their best. Politics have been brought into the classroom while accountability and responsibility have been put on the back burner. Distractions around seeming trivial items have consumed time and energy taking away from education time.

As a School Board Director, my focus will be:

- Children & Education First: Make classroom time matter by reducing distractions and allowing those who want to learn the environment to easily do so.
- Keep politics out of the classroom: Education should be nonpartisan.
- Voice of the parents & children Your Voices Matter !!
- Accountability: Holding people accountable for their own actions and following through with appropriate consequences.
- District Transparency

Working with concerned parents & family members, listening to your needs and the needs of your children, being your advocate, and bringing these issues to light are just a starting point. Partnering with the Board, teachers, coaches, families, and more, we can make a strong impact and affect positive change. Fifteen years in the Client Relationship world has taught me that establishing partnerships, building relationships, and growing networking is essential for making things happen.

I am not a career politician. I am not running to enhance my resume for future jobs or offices. I am simply a concerned parent wanting more for my child and every child in the district. If you feel the same, I humbly ask for your support so we can continue working toward a better learning environment for our children.

# Oregon City School District Director, Position 6



### Heidi Blackwell

**Occupation:** 2021- present Mary Rose Foundation, Director of Educaiton

# Occupational Background:

1993-1998 U.S. Army- Voice Interceptor, Spanish Linguist; 2000-2006 Chicago Public Schools, Resource Teacher; 2006-2012 Champaign-Urbana Public Schools, Special Education Teacher and Reading Specialist; 2012-2020 Springwater

Environmental Sciences School, Learning Specialist and School Administrator

Educational Background: Libby Senior High School, High School, College Prep; Northeastern IL University, Special Educaiton/ECE, Bachelor and Masters of Arts; Eastern ILUniversity, Education Administration, Masters of Science; George Fox University, Education Leadership, Doctorate of Educaiton

**Prior Governmental Experience:** OC 2040 Project Advisory Team OCSD Equity Committee-Appointed, Oregon City Public Library Board, OCHS Site Council-Appointed, City of Oregon City Equity Task Force

Hello, my name is Heidi Blackwell, and I am running for Oregon City School District Director, Position 6. As a parent, educator, and active community member, I am committed to ensuring that every child in our district reaches their full potential.

With over twenty years of experience in education as a publicschool teacher and administrator, I have a strong understanding of the challenges facing our schools and the innovative solutions needed to address them. I believe in a collaborative approach to problem-solving where parents, staff, and students work together to create successful learning environments.

If elected, I will prioritize extra-curricular activities, community involvement and additional supports and resources available for staff and families in our schools. I will work to ensure that our schools and are safe and welcoming spaces for all students, regardless of backgrounds or abilities.

Thank you for considering me as your school board member. I am committed to serving our community with integrity, empathy, and a deep dedication. I am proud to have the endorsement of Oregon City Education Association (OCEA) and Oregon Education Association Political Action Committee.

(This information furnished by Steve Riehl)

(This information furnished by Heidi Blackwell)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet41



### Andy Holthouse

Occupation: RETIRED

Occupational Background: N/A

Educational Background: WILL ROGERS H/S, TULSA, OKLAHOMA, YES; MT. HOOD COMM COL., ELECTRONICS ENGIN., NO

Prior Governmental Experience: N/A

Since children are our future, let's have our schools work on reading, writing, math, science and PE. "LET KIDS BE KIDS AGAIN"

Growing up can be difficult and our children do not need the schools teaching every social and emotional problem and/or situation that affects this world. Therefore, **I am against:** 

- Comprehensive Sex Education which does not teach ageappropriate sex.
- Gay Straight Alliance Clubs at schools
- Critical Race Theory, that divides our children into skin color groups (CRT)
- Transgender Ideology that promotes questioning gender assigned at birth by our creator
- Political Flags in Schools
- · Changing our U.S. History

#### I am for:

Sex Education being part of human anatomy basics and not offered until junior high school.

• No sex-based clubs allowed at schools. The LGBTQ+ clubs can find places other than school facilities to meet.

• All children are considered equal no matter the shade of their skin or their ancestral heritage. It is the quality of our character, spoken so beautifully by Dr. Martin Luther King, that determines who we are.

- Equality which is not the same as Equity.
- Not allowing promotion of Transgender Ideology to children.

• The flag of the United States and the Oregon state flag should be the only flags allowed in schools as per Oregon Statue ORS 339.875. Political flags, banners and signs have no place on public school property.

• Teaching U.S. History with all it's good and bad aspects in a truthful manner based upon facts and not emotions.

• Free breakfast for children in need.

A vote for Andy Holthouse is a vote for kids!

# Oregon City School District Director, Position 7



### **Pamela White**

Occupation: Consultant: Nonprofit Fundraising, Communications, Management Substitute Teacher Clackamas ESD

Occupational Background: 25+years Nonprofit Fundraising, Communications, Management

Educational Background: Crater High School; Diploma; Marylhurst University BA Social Science; Indiana University School of

Philanthropy, Fundraising Certificate

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Canby Elementary District School Board 1991-1995, Oregon City School District School Board 2019-2023

### **Outstanding Education and Safe Schools**

I believe that public education, at its ideal, allows every child the opportunity to learn how to participate in their community and empowers them to exercise, through personal success, their constitutional rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

I believe our school district must offer a safe and inclusive environment with outstanding educational opportunities. Whether a student chooses to go on to college or pursues technical training, every student should graduate ready to pursue those goals.

Therefore, as a school board member I am committed to enacting policy and making decisions based on what is best for our students. I think that the actions of a good board member must include and I am committed to:

- Putting student best interest at the center of all decision making
- Doing extra research and spending time in public discussion with board colleagues;
- · Listening to all sides and examining personal biases;
- Remembering that the role of the board is to direct values, vision, mission, and then to enact policy that reflects this direction;
- Empowering the administration to make sure each school also reflects this direction.

My priorities include:

- Supporting our staff's ability to meet the ambitious goals set forth in the new strategic plan;
- Working with our administration to provide state-of-the art facilities where kids can safely learn and thrive;
- Advocating for funding solutions that allow OCSD to offer every child an exceptional educational opportunity, supportive/safe learning environment; and diverse extracurricular activities, as well as providing competitive employee compensation and benefit packages.

#### Pamela White - Oregon City School Board

Endorsed by: Stand For Children, Oregon Education Association Political Action Committee, Oregon City Education Association, Democratic Party of Clackamas County

(This information furnished by Andy D. Holthouse)

(This information furnished by Pamela White)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.42Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

# Oregon Trail School District Director, Zone 2



# **Marie Teune**

**Occupation:** Princpal Real Estate Broker with John L Scott Sandy Teune Real Estate Group, LLC

Occupational Background: Self Employed

Educational Background: Newberg High School, General, Diploma

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Oregon Trail School District Board Directors; Oregon Trail School District Budget Committee;

Oregon Trail Education Foundation Chair; Oregon Trail Career Education Committee; Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce Board; Sandy Area Buyer's Pool Board; Sandy Tackle Football Board; Mt. Hood Community College Board of Directors; Parent/ Teacher organizations at Naas Elemenary School; Boring Middle School; Sandy High School; Trauma Intervention Program Volunteer

Boring, Oregon, is in the heart of the Oregon Trail School District, where we live and raised our family.

I was the only one of five children to graduate from high school. When I became a parent, my husband and I knew that education would be a priority for our family. The best way to ensure that was to be involved in the schools they attended. Thus, classroom volunteering and parent-teacher club involvement became the norm for me. I learned early on that other parents who worked full time depended on us parent volunteers to also be there for their kids when they couldn't be. For 29 years I have been involved in the district at many levels and also served my community. Not long after our youngest graduated, I served my first term on the Board of Directors.

I have years of experience in the corporate world with customer service, administrative work, and 17 years servicing clients, families, and friends as their Realtor. Working closely with individuals and groups has given me vast experience in communications, negotiations, compassion, insight, and perspective about quality public education for the children in our community.

I continue to value the partnerships between parents, our community, and our schools, and I hope to continue to be an advocate for students and their families in the Oregon Trail School District.

# Oregon Trail School District Director, Zone 4



## **Jeff Michael**

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Retired Project Manager / Design Engineer

Educational Background: BS Mechanical Engineering, Oregon State University; Mt. Hood Community College; Sandy Union High School; Sandy Grade School

Prior Governmental Experience: OUS Navy Veteran

I am forever grateful for my daughter's experience in the IEP program at Oregon Trail School District. If elected, I will be happy to serve the parents and children of my community.

(This information furnished by Marie Teune)

(This information furnished by Jeff Michael)

# Oregon Trail School District Director, Zone 6, At Large



## **Jeffery Grandi**

Occupation: Hair stylist

Occupational Background: Hilton corp.

Educational Background: Gresham Highschool, basic, Diploma; cosmetology Careers, Hair Design, Certificate

**Prior Governmental Experience:** N/A

A citizen who wishes to serve his community

# Portland School District Director, Zone 1



### **Andrew Scott**

Occupation: Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Metro

Occupational Background: Budget Director and Financial Planning Manager, City of Portland; Health Policy Analyst, White House Office of Management and Budget

Educational Background: Bachelor's, Political Science and Economics, Drew University; Master's, Public Policy, Georgetown University

Prior Governmental Experience: 25+ years federal/local government experience

# COVID tested our resilience, now it's time to grow thriving schools

Since 2019, I've worked with board and community members to ensure Portland Public Schools become more racially equitable, financially stable, and academically excellent. We have achieved remarkable outcomes:

- Passed a \$1.2 billion bond to renovate Jefferson High School. Provided \$60m for the Center for Black Student Excellence. Allocated hundreds of millions for health and safety improvements
- Implemented new math curriculum with promising early results
- Saw continued increases in graduation rates across all demographic groups. PPS now has some of the highest graduation rates state-wide
- Adopted comprehensive Climate Crisis Response policy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and further climate education

My "to-do" list centers equity, transparency, and accountability:

- Advocating for adequate state funding that allows our schools and students to flourish
- Strengthening the relationships between PPS, Multnomah County, and the City of Portland to provide wrap around services for vulnerable schools and families, create job pipelines, and vocational training opportunities
- Growing a PPS culture of appreciation and accountability – appreciation for the amazing teaching and learning that happens every day and accountability to ensure that every student achieves their full potential
- Providing for our children's mental, social, and emotional needs, allowing them to grow academically

#### Supported by:

**Portland Association of Teachers Oregon Education Association Political Action Committee UFCW-555** Stand for Children Michelle DePass, PPS Board Member Herman Greene, PPS Board Member Gary Hollands, PPS Board Member Amy Kohnstamm, PPS Board Member Eilidh Lowery, PPS Board Member Lynn Peterson, Metro President Dan Ryan, Portland City Commissioner **Representative Mark Gamba Representative Hoa Nguyen** Ana Del Rocio, Executive Director for Oregon Futures Lab Derrick Petersen, Multnomah County Sheriff Eddie Wang, PPS Board Candidate

### www.andrewforpps.com

(This information furnished by Jeffery Grandi-Hoover)

(This information furnished by Friends of Andrew Scott)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.44Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

# Portland School District Director, Zone 2



# Michelle DePass

**Occupation:** Senior Advisor - Constituent Relations and Strategic Partnerships, Office of Commissioner Rubio

Occupational Background: Program Management, Evaluation, Energy Efficiency, Construction Management

Educational Background: Portland Public Schools, Portland State University, Bainbridge Graduate Institute

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Director Portland Public Schools; City of Portland Planning and Sustainability and Housing Budget Advisory Committees

**Community Service:** PTA, Williams Avenue Safety Project, Native American Chamber, Interstate Firehouse Community Center, OPAL Environmental Justice, Community Energy Project

### Dear Voters,

I'm running for Portland School Board because I believe every child can succeed. As the mother of PPS students and a PPS graduate with experience in budgeting, equity and climate policies, I will work with you to close the achievement gap.

I'm not satisfied that so many of our Black and brown students are not proficient at reading and math, and I will work to ensure our marginalized students thrive.

When all students succeed, our community wins.

PPS faces many challenges. What I offer you:

- · Respecting all stakeholders; prioritizing kids
- Construction oversight, budgeting, audits, program evaluation experience
- Two decades volunteering in public schools, four generations of teachers

### SAFE AND HEALTHY SCHOOLS

"Michelle knows Portland Schools inside and out. She is a PPS grad, a PPS mom and from a family of four generations of teachers. She knows what makes a great school and she'll work for that."– Senator Margaret Carter

### CLOSE THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP

"From her very first day on the school board, Michelle's fought for a Portland Public Schools community where every one of our students has what they need to thrive. Her voice makes a difference for our kids." - Angela Uherbelau, PPS parent and literacy advocate 161

### WE SUPPORT MICHELLE

Senators Lew Frederick, Margaret Carter, Avel Gordly State Representative Travis Nelson State Representative Rob Nosse Metro Councilor Ashton Simpson PPS Board Directors Gary Hollands, Herman Greene, Chair Andrew Scott Angela Uherbelau, Parent Advocate Portland Association of Teachers PAC Oregon Education Association Political Action Committee Stand for Children Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon Next Up Action Fund

### www. DePassforPPS .com

(This information furnished by Friends of Michelle DePass)

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

### Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

# **Voter Registration**

To Vote in Oregon, you must be registered in your county of residence.

To register, you must be:

- A US Citizen
- A resident of Oregon
- At least 16 years of age\*

\*You will not receive a ballot to vote until the election on/after your 18th birthday. You must be registered before the registration deadline to be eligible.

### How to Register

- 1. Online at oregonvotes.gov
- 2. Mail/Deliver a registration form to: Clackamas County Elections 1710 Red Soils Court, Suite 100 Oregon City, OR 97045

Registration forms are available:

- -Online at oregonvotes.gov
- -Any county elections office
- -Post offices
- -Libraries
- -DMV locations

New Registrations must be postmarked 21 days before 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



# Sherwood School District Director, Position 1



### **Harmony Carson**

**Occupation:** Athletics Assistant, Lakeridge HS, 2022 - Present

Occupational Background: Asst. Athletic Director and Interim Athletic Director, Riverdale SD 51J, 2015-2021; Executive Assistant, Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA), 2005-2008

Educational Background: Oregon State University, B.S. in Business Management, 2004; Sherwood HS, 1999

Prior Governmental Experience: Sherwood School Board (Appointed Oct. 2022 - Current)

#### SHERWOOD EXPERIENCE ALUMNI, K-12, Class of 1999

COACH, Sherwood HS Dance Team, 2006-08 PARENT VOLUNTEER: 2014 - Current SSD Transformation & Visioning Committee – Ridges Campus, 2018

SSD Building Design Committee – Ridges Campus, 2019

As a current, appointed member of the Sherwood School Board since October 2022, I am asking for your vote to continue the dedicated work necessary to help the Sherwood School District succeed, thrive and do what's best for kids. I'm dedicated to representing the Sherwood community fairly and impartially and working together to ensure our school board remains non-partisan.

I can offer a unique perspective above other candidates: I'm the only candidate running unopposed and am a product and graduate of this beloved district and have a vested interest to see all our children receive an exceptional education and to be a part of the same great traditions that I experienced as a member of the **BOWMEN FAMILY**.

ALL KIDS deserve a high level of education and need good stewards who are dedicated to ensuring that quality education and fiscal responsibility and transparency continues from year to year. With your vote, I will continue to use my knowledge, diligence and 20 years of experience in athletics and education to be a voice for our community, kids and educators as we overcome our current challenges and navigate the road ahead for the future.

### ENDORSEMENTS:

Abby Hawkins – Sherwood School Board, Chair Krista Thorne – Sherwood School Board, Vice Chair Jessica Adamson – Sherwood School Board, Director Dan Jamison – Superintendent, Sherwood SD (2005-2010 Retired) Kevin Barton – District Attorney, Washington County Tim Rosener – Mayor, City of Sherwood

# Sherwood School District Director, Position 4



### **Hans S Moller**

Occupation: Orthopedic surgeon Providence Medical Group (part-time), International Geriatric Fracture Society Board member

### Occupational Background:

Partner, Orthopedic and Fracture Specialists 1984-2020, Regional Medical Director Orthopedic Institute, Providence Health Services 2004-2020

### Educational Background:

Denison University, Granville Oh. 1970-1974 BA chemistry; Medical College of Ohio at Toledo 1974-1977 MD; American board of orthopedic surgery 1986-current

Prior Governmental Experience: USNR, LtCdr. 1977-1984

As a resident of Sherwood for the past 13 years and a father of two girls in our school system, I have been committed to and involved in advancing education and the student experience.

My interest in the school board began several years ago as I observed the ever-increasing expectations of our community and state and federal-mandated policies required of the public school system and our district. These demands placed considerable stress on our schools and community. Balancing, prioritizing, and creating a cooperative and sustainable future requires a school board with a diverse yet collaborative vision. This will require creativity, cooperative efforts, and curious questioning, always remembering our student's best interests.

My wife and I have volunteered in our girl's preschool and again at Archer Glen as a teacher's reading and math instructor, supported the fundraising at the Fun Run, and I was "Eddy the Eagle" at the carnivals. At SMS, we improved the greenspaces and created an "orthopedic science" day for 6th-grade science. I have coached Sherwood recreational soccer for many years and consulted on many sports injuries! I continue to be dedicated to the Sherwood educational experience and the community.

I am formally trained as an orthopedic surgeon and worked for 37 years with Orthopedic & Fracture Specialists. After two months of retirement, I was asked to return to the Providence system and continue supporting our Oregon community hospitals part-time.

In my spare time, our family enjoys our small farm while continuing to accumulate rescue animals!

To learn more about me, visit my website at: www.hansmoller.com

(This information furnished by Harmony Carson)

(This information furnished by Hans Moller)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.46Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

# Sherwood School District Director, Position 5



## **Matt Thornton**

**Occupation:** Senior Software Developer

Occupational Background: Math and Science Teacher (17 years): Sherwood, Hillsboro, and Wahluke, WA; CEO and Founder Ed Tech startup company

Educational Background: Portland State Univ.: MBA (Intern'I Business Specialization); Central Wash. Univ.: Graduate Teacher Certifications (Math and

Science Education), Bachelor of Arts (Music and Education)

### Prior Governmental Experience: None

### As a Former Sherwood Teacher, My Priorities are:

- All Students Belong. Maintain an environment where ALL students feel safe and welcome, and have what they need to be ready to learn.

- **Ensure Good Governance.** Focus on the business of the Board, not political activism or cultural issues.

- **Expand our Financial Stability.** Support needed reforms to make sure we manage both revenue and spending to avoid future imbalances and unnecessary cuts.

- **Support and Develop Our Teaching Staff.** Attract and retain the best staff by equipping them for the increasing challenges of post-pandemic education.

- **Expand Our Technical Programs.** Prepare students for jobs that don't yet exist by giving them a wide range of skills and opportunities.

As a former Sherwood teacher and a parent of current Sherwood students, I know Sherwood is at its best when we work to build a strong community partnership with our families, students, schools, businesses, police, and city government.

I would be honored to serve in this role. I ask for your vote.

"Matt is a great dad and former teacher who is ready to look out for all Sherwood kids. I trust Matt to make fair and informed decisions on behalf of Sherwood families."

 Courtney Neron, OR State Representative for Sherwood (posted 3/13/23; <u>www.friendsofmattthornton.com</u>)

#### Endorsements

- Courtney Neron OR State Representative for Sherwood
- Aaron Woods OR State Senator for Sherwood
- Stand for Children
- Oregon Cares
- Willamette Women Democrats
- UFCW 555
- The Democratic Party of Washington County
- Democratic Party of Clackamas County

Please visit: https://www.friendsofmattthornton.com

(This information furnished by

Matt Thornton, Friends of Matt Thornton)

# Silver Falls School District Director, Zone 1



### **Phil Wiesner**

**Occupation:** Farmer, retired educator

Occupational Background: I was a classroom teacher with the majority of my years at the middle school level. I taught at Bethany Elementary and was there I also served as Supt/Princ. From Bethany I went to Mt. Angel Middle School and taught 7/8 grades for 23 years. For many years I have worked for area farmers in various

capacities while also running a small farm of my

Educational Background: Silverton Union High School graduated. Oregon State University, Education, Bachelor of Science; Western Oregon University, Education, Standard Secondary Certificate

**Prior Governmental Experience:** 2003 to present board of directors, Mt. Angel Fire District; 4 years budget committee, Mt. Angel Fire District year Policy and Editorial Advisory Board, WOSC/TSPC Licensure Redesign

Education has not only been my career it is my passion and my love. As a teacher and a coach I took my responsibility to my students and players very seriously, they are our future and I wanted them as best prepared as possible for it. Utilizing my occupational background, government experience, life long Silverton area residency knowledge, and desire to serve I want to be a contributing part of the Silver Falls School District. Board members serve as a connection piece between the district's citizens and the district administration working to best provide the facilitation of our community's kids evolution into productive quality well educated adults, while also keeping a watchful eye on the limited resources schools have at their disposal. I'm a life long resident of this community and my wife Gerry, formerly the secretary at Central Howell School for 20+ years, chose to live here and raise our three children.

This is my community and has been since birth. Silver Falls School District is a collection of OUR schools and they along with the children in them deserve the best education we can provide them.

Silverton Proud!

#### (This information furnished by Phil Wiesner)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county. The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county. Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet 47

## Silver Falls School District Director, Zone 3



### **Derrick Foxworth Jr**

**Occupation:** Law Enforcement 2003-Present

Occupational Background: None

### Educational Background:

Portland State University, Public Administration, Master's Degree; University of Portland, Business Administration/Political Science Bachelor's Degree; Centennial High School, Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: None

As a father with children in the district, I am grateful to call Silver Falls home. We have dedicated teachers and a supportive community. Silver Falls consistently ranks as one of the top districts in the state. Unfortunately, the State of Oregon consistently ranks in the bottom half for K-12 education in the country. This tells me there is room for improvement and work to be done!

We need a renewed focus ensuring our children can master core competencies. Core competencies including reading comprehension at grade level, ability to write at grade level, able to solve mathematic equations at grade level and science. Additionally providing creative development through the arts and team building through athletic opportunities is essential to developing well rounded students.

Our students have different learning styles and abilities. As a district we need to ensure that we have resources to challenge high performing students, continue to develop those students at grade level, and support those students who need a little extra help.

My role as your board member is first to listen, second to learn, and third to lead. I am a lifelong Oregonian who has dedicated the last twenty years to public service. I have a vision for Silver Falls School District to be one of the top districts in the country. What would it take for us to achieve that and what would it look like?

We must continue to retain and hire exceptional teachers and provide professional development opportunities to continue to enhance their ability to teach. We must be pragmatic financial stewards and maximize every dollar. We should collaborate with the highest performing districts in nation to identify methods to increase student achievement locally.

www.electderrickfoxworthjr.com

# Silver Falls School District Director, Zone 3



### **Dixon H Bledsoe**

Occupation: Principal Broker, Real Estate, BST Realty LLC

Occupational Background: Executive Director, Silverton Area Community Aid, Silverton, OR; Clinic Operations Manager, NW Human Services' West Salem Medical Clinics (Salem); Vice President and C.O.O., Western Medical Consultants (Portland); Assistant Director, Resource Development, Washington Dept. of Labor and Industries; Social

Service Supervisor and Child Protective Services, Oregon Children's Services Division; United States Air Force, Human Resources Supervisor

Educational Background: Willamette University Business Administration/Management, Master of Business Administration; Western Oregon University, Sociology/Political Science, Bachelor's of Science, Social Science; Oregon State University, Social Science, None

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Silverton Fire District Board of Directors (Current - Elected); City Councillor, City of Silverton (Elected); Planning Commissioner, City of Silverton (Appointed); Willamette Educational Service District (WESD) (Appointed); Oregon Governor's Commission on Yourth (Intern-Appointed).

My favorite quote, attributed to Abraham Lincoln, is embedded in my heart and my actions. "No Man Stands So Tall as When He Stoops to Help a Child."

School boards are nonpartisan. They are not about personal politics, name-calling and outarguing one another. School boards should be guided by two questions – How do we help every child reach their full potential through quality education, and how do we achieve this efficiently and responsibly using taxpayer dollars and other funding sources? The time for civil discourse is now. Adults need to put kids first and walk out of the room with a good plan – not always perfect, but one they all can and do support. Kids deserve no less than that – adults doing things to the best of their ability, so our children can do the same.

(This information furnished by Derrick Foxworth)

(This information furnished by Dixon H Bledsoe)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.48Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

# Silver Falls School District Director, Zone 6

# Silver Falls School District Director, Zone 6



# Eliza Torlyn

**Occupation:** Self Employed, Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: None

Educational Background: UC Santa Cruz, Fine Art, BA

Prior Governmental Experience: SFSD Bond Advisory Committee, Superintendent Listening Session Workgroup, Long Range Facility Planning Committee, Butte Creek PTT President

I began my work in our schools as a parent volunteer in our school garden, to help kids learn the journey from seed to food. I have also provided many classes with art lessons throughout the years. Fundraising, leading our non-profit Parent Teacher Team, and coordinating the installation of a new playground, are all ways I've directly supported our school.

I am the mother of two children, a junior in high school and a fifth grader at Butte Creek. My niece and nephew recently graduated from SFSD. They all have thrived in their school experience here.

My calendar has been filled with every school board meeting for seven years. I have consistently offered my perspective at the meetings and on the committees in which I've participated. I am passionate about the essential value of education for our society.

I value the tradition that our schools offer. I support our deeply committed teachers, because raising happy, engaged young people will ultimately strengthen our community.

When elected I will:

-Listen to our parents and students.

- -Support our educators.
- -Protect our minority and vulnerable voices.
- -Promote diverse educational pathways.
- -Work toward a well-educated future.
- -Encourage learning through action and play.

I care deeply about the reality our district faces of managing limited funds while continuing to provide optimal opportunities for our future. I appreciate that this district has options for many modes of learning. I believe my perspective can support more.

When I am elected to our School Board, I promise to bring the perspective of my personal integrity to keep the needs of students at the center of my decision making.



## Josh Ort

Occupation: Chiropractor and owner of Ort Chiropractic Clinic

Occupational Background: Chiropractor since 2011. Started Ort Chiropractic in Silverton, OR in 2017

Educational Background: Parker University, Doctorate, Chirporactic; Linfield University, BS, Exercise Science; Silverton High School, Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I am honored to announce my candidacy for the Silver Falls School Board. As a parent and a born and raised resident of this community, I understand the importance of providing a quality education for our children of which I was a recipient of.

I am dedicated to being fair and honest in my actions, and passionate about ensuring every student feels loved and valued. I believe that a strong community starts with our children, and I am eager to collaborate with the school board and staff to create a positive school environment.

Silverton is more than just a city to me. It's a region. It is Silver Falls, Crooked Finger, Drift Creek, Rosewood, Sunnyview, and Abiqua Falls. It's the First Fridays in town and sunsets on the combine in the country. It's our community of people that make Silverton so special. I believe in involving the entire community in decision-making and will work to maintain open communication and transparency.

I am confident that we can create a supportive school community that offers the best education to our children. I would be honored to have your support in making this a reality.

Thank you for considering my candidacy.

(This information furnished by Eliza Torlyn)

(This information furnished by Joshua Ort)

# Silver Falls School District Director, Zone 7



## **Tom Buchholz**

**Occupation:** Owner- Evergreen Christmas Tree Equipment and Buchholz-Schmitz Farms

Occupational Background: Tooling Engineer at Boeing. Farming since I was 10. Designing and manufacturing Christmas tree equipment since 2005.

#### Educational Background: Monitor Elementary, Silverton Union High, Oregon Institute of

Technology, Manufacturing Engineering, Bachelors

Prior Governmental Experience: Silver Falls School District, Zone 7

I was born and raised in the Silverton/Mt Angel area. Graduated Silverton Union High School before attending OIT. After 2 years engineering for Boeing, I returned home.

Barb and I live in Scotts Mills. We own Evergreen Christmas Tree Equipment and Buchholz-Schmitz Farms. We have 4 employees and hire high school seasonal help. Barb teaches in our schools.

Our three children went to Scotts Mills elementary, graduated Silverton High and are in college. One at University of San Francisco taking International Studies and working as an instructional aide at Rosa Parks elementary. Another at University of Hawaii studying Agriculture and working at the college farm learning sustainable farming practices. Finally, our youngest is studying Agricultural Engineering at Montana State and working early mornings shoveling snow off sidewalks.

Our communities' children are well served. All schools work together to prepare them for graduation with the skills for a successful adulthood. We have an ever-increasing graduation rate, currently 93%! (State average is 81%). New initiatives have been started to take that number closer to 100%. In particular we are targeting reading comprehension in the K-3 grades. Lack of early reading is the greatest barrier to a successful education. Please read stories to your kids.

Other important District work is developing a balanced, responsible bond that builds a permanent school for the students and staff of Silverton Middle School and substantial upgrades for our rural buildings. I've been on this Board 12 years, and I am the best candidate to help our communities navigate this topic. I ask for your vote.

Thank you for your trust in the past, read to little kids and Go Foxes!!

# Tigard-Tualatin School District Director, Position 4



# **Gregory A Horner**

Occupation: Engineer

Occupational Background: Engineer, Wireless Radio Technician

Educational Background: Bachelor of Science Electrical Engineering

Prior Governmental Experience: N/A

A school's success is not measured with standardized test. A school's success is measured by the accomplishments of the graduates. Our k-12 schools have a unique responsibility to each student: To equip them with the tools, knowledge, and practical skills they will carry throughout their lives. Below are 11 policy ideas that I will pursue while on the Board of Directors.

- 1. Teach the fundamentals: Reading, writing, and arithmetic.
- 2. Allow each student time to obtain competency in a subject.
- 3. Let students advance when they've shown mastery of a subject.
- 4. Recenter critical thinking in the curriculum.
- 5. Teach our common principles and foster our unity.
- 6. Prepare students for meaningful work or a career by providing them practical skills.
- 7. Allow students to cultivate their character and personal responsibility.
- 8. Life isn't one size fits all, neither should our schools be.
- 9. Enable students to seek out their academic curiosities.
- 10. Empower the district to obtain the best talent for the classroom.
- 11. Advance parental rights in school policies.

Please join me in making the difference in education.

(This information furnished by Tom Buchholz)

(This information furnished by Gregory A. Horner)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.50Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

# Tigard-Tualatin School District Director, Position 4



### Jill Zurschmeide

Occupation: Tigard-Tualatin School Board Director; school volunteer

Occupational Background: Board development specialist, Oregon School Boards Association; technical editor

Educational Background: Grinnell College, BA; University of Minnesota, MA

Prior Governmental Experience:

Tigard-Tualatin School Board Director since 2007

### Re-Elect Jill Z!

I am a veteran school board member, running to serve my community for a fifth term. I have a proven record of putting students' needs first.

### **Our Accomplishments**

I am proud of our work in this district during my time on the board:

- Our graduation rates are among the highest in the state.
- We decreased class sizes, added health room staff, and navigated the troubled times of the pandemic.
- Our Spanish-language immersion program expanded to include all grade levels, kindergarten through high school. Students can now graduate with an Oregon Seal of Biliteracy.
- We increased career and technical course offerings to include more auto shop, medical training, and culinary arts, and we also grew our arts and music programs. At the same time, we eliminated "pay-to-play" fees for all sports.

### **My Priorities**

I will continue to:

- Advocate for appropriate and stable funding for education.
- Fight for a rigorous academic curriculum so that all students graduate ready for whatever they choose in their future.
- Prioritize students' physical, social, and emotional health so that every student feels safe, valued, included, and heard in our schools.

### Experience

On July 1, the Tigard-Tualatin School District will have at least four out of five board members in their first term. I'm looking forward to the new voices and new ideas they bring, but TTSD also needs a board member with experience. That board member must be me: no other candidate has the understanding of the district's systems and the history of meeting students' needs that I have. I ask you give me your vote again.

### Facebook.com/Jill Zurschmeide For Tigard-Tualatin School Board

# Tigard-Tualatin School District Director, Position 5



### **Crystal Weston**

**Occupation:** Health Systems Operations

#### Occupational Background: Data Management Lead - Oregon Health Authority; Cooperative Development Portfolio Manager-Community and Shelter Assistance; Director of Resource Development - FosterClub; Consultant/Owner - Frog Consulting LLC

Educational Background: Master's Public Administration -University of Oregon; B.S. Psychology - University of California

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Tigard-Tualatin School Board; Employed with Oregon State Fire Marshal, Oregon Health Authority - Environmental and Public Health

Volunteer Experience: Site Council - Templeton Elementary; Coastal Family Health Center - Board Member; Warrenton Trails Association - Board Member

I grew up in a union family that worked hard and played by the rules. I am Latina and White and have always had a foot in both worlds and I know that education can deliver for everyone. I attended a public university on a full academic scholarship, then met my husband, a Navy SEAL veteran, while pursuing an advanced degree at the University of Oregon. We now have three children currently attending TTSD schools. My family's hard-won success came from strong public schools, and this has instilled in me a responsibility to safeguard such opportunities for others.

I believe in the inherent potential of young people, quality education, and using data to make informed decisions. I will look through these lenses as I consider policies which will impact the futures of our students. My priorities include top notch evidence-based curriculum, teachers and staff who feel supported, and a learning environment that prepares young people to participate in our diverse and dynamic society.

I am eager to continue serving the community of the Tigard-Tualatin School District as a board member.

### Endorsed by:

Stand for Children Next Up Action Fund Courtney Neron, State Representative Ben Bowman, State Representative/ TTSD Director Margaret Doherty, former State Representative Heidi Lueb, Tigard Mayor Ken Gibson, former King City Mayor Yi-Kang Hu, Tigard Council President Maureen Wolf, Tigard Councilor Joshua Drake, City Councilor of Durham, Oregon Chi Nguyen-Joyner, Governor's Racial Justice Council Member

For a full list of endorsements, visit www.crystalweston.org.

(This information furnished by Jill Zurschmeide)

(This information furnished by Friends of Crystal Weston)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet51

# West Linn-Wilsonville School District Director, Position 2



# Rob Zundel

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Software Developer; Engineer; BYU Engineering Instructor

Educational Background: Brigham Young University Civil Engineering BS/MS

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I have lived in Wilsonville since 1990. I've been a rec-league coach, TAG class teacher, and classroom volunteer. My four children attended WLWV schools, and five of my eleven grandchildren live in the district. I have additional insight into the schools via my wife, who was an assistant TAG coordinator, and a daughter, who taught at Rosemont and Wood middle schools. I have no future political ambitions. My sole reason to serve on the board is to improve the district schools.

**Respectful Behavior.** I'm concerned about reports of disruptive behavior that threatens the safety and function of our schools. Other schools have integrated training based on the books "No-Drama Discipline" and "The Whole-Brain Child," and the results have been transformational beyond just achieving better behavior. I will advocate for approaches like these to improve the safety and order in our schools.

**Inclusivity.** Placing children with special needs into regular classrooms without adequate support or accommodations simply increases the workload and stress on teachers. That isn't fair to the teachers or to the other students. It's also doubtful whether it achieves its intended goal. (What I've seen work in another school district that my grandson with Asperger's attends was a one-on-one aid to avert and handle outbursts, extra training for staff, and physical facilities modifications. By fifth grade, he no longer needed those accommodations.) I will work with our administrators to implement inclusivity effectively to meet the needs of **all** students.

**Optimal Learning.** There are students who struggle at times, and students who learn faster than their classmates. There is a lot we can do to better leverage both technology and teachers' human interactions to enable students to progress more at their own pace and with higher levels of mastery.

# West Linn-Wilsonville School District Director, Position 2



### Ajax Moody

**Occupation:** Construction Management

Occupational Background: Business, Finance, Project Management and Administration

Educational Background: : Oregon State University; BS Business Administration; Canby Union High School

Prior Governmental Experience: None

"As a father and volunteer coach, I have a passion for helping children achieve their potential. My background and work experience have instilled in me a sense of accountability and fiscal responsibility, which will serve me well as a school board member. I'm committed to academics, parental involvement, and student safety, and I believe that by working together we can ensure that our schools provide the best education possible."

### FOCUS ON ACADEMICS

West Linn Wilsonville has a long-standing reputation for providing a high quality education to our students, and we need to maintain and strengthen that reputation. However, there's still more than 40% of students who can't read at grade level. I'm committed to putting academics first and ensuring our students have access to the resources and support they need. This includes investing in teachers and administrators and ensuring that our curriculum is up to date and top of the line. Let's work together to create student-centered schools, teaching our students the basics in order to prepare them for the real world.

### PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

I strongly believe in the importance of parental involvement. Parents play a critical role in their children's education, and we need to do more to engage and empower them. This means creating more opportunities for parents to volunteer, providing regular communication and updates on their children's progress, and listening to parent feedback.

### STUDENT SAFETY

We need to take a proactive approach with student safety to ensure that our schools are safe and secure. This means implementing policies and procedures that protect against bullying, harassment, and violence. It also means investing in resources like mental health services and campus security measures.

### ENDORSEMENTS

Kelly Sloop, WLWV School Board Member Christy Thompson, WLWV School Board Member Eddie and Becky Dierickx, long time West Linn Residents

(This information furnished by Rob Zundel)

(This information furnished by Ajax Moody and Friends)

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

 52
 Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

# West Linn-Wilsonville School District Director, Position 2



## Maegan Vidal

**Occupation:** Physician Outreach and Engagement Advisor, Legacy Health

Occupational Background: Public engagement and community outreach

Educational Background: : Portland State University, MPA; Willamette University, BA, Politics; Oregon City High School

Prior Governmental Experience: Wilsonville Library Foundation Board, Multnomah County Library Board

Other Volunteer Experience: Lowrie Primary PTA; Make-A-Wish Oregon, Walk for Wishes Planning Committee; Children's Cancer Association, Ambassador Board Member

### **RESILIENT LEADERSHIP FOR CHANGING TIMES**

As a mother and child advocate in pediatric healthcare, our children's diverse educational needs demand our attention if our students are to reach their full potential.

"Maegan will bring a dedicated public health lens at a pivotal time when health impacts are being felt across the district."

- Ann Tseng, MD

### Our district's foundation is strong let's work to:

- Champion Inclusivity and Access to enhance learning opportunities for all students
- Achieve Academic Excellence for workforce ready graduates and college bound graduates
- Enhance Community Relationships
- Improve Mental Health Access
- Build Transparency into Funding and Budget processes

"Maegan is an ideal school board candidate. She has a child in the district, she has a strong budget background, and dedicates her free time to improving her community."

### - Christine Garcia

WLWV School Board

Chelsea King, Chair WLWV School Board Kirsten Wyatt, WLWV School Board Betty Reynolds, Former WLWV School Board Member

### Community Leaders

Charlotte Lehan, Robert Renfro Susan C. Hanson, Hilly Alexander Dick Spence, Mary Elizabeth Harper, Brook Gore

### Elected Officials & Organizations

Rob Wagner, Oregon State Senator Courtney Neron, Oregon State Representative Jules Walters, Oregon State Representative Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor of Wilsonville Tim Knapp, Former Wilsonville Mayor Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon Oregon Working Families Party Democratic Party of Clackamas County Black Caucus - Clackamas County Democrats Oregon Education Association Political Action Committee Willamette Women Democrats Stand for Children UFCW LOCAL 555 Next Up Action Fund

### www.ElectVidal.com

(This information furnished by Friends of Maegan Vidal)

Find accurate and trusted information from Clackamas County Elections.

Visit www.clackamas.us/elections for:

- Voter information
- Official ballot drop sites
- Voter assistance
- Election results and returns
- Other election data

# **Extended Office Hours**

Clackamas County Elections will have extended hours for your convenience.

# **Voter Registration Deadline**

April 25, 2023 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

# **Election Day**

May 16, 2023 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county. Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

# Go to the Source!

# West Linn-Wilsonville School District Director, Position 4



### **Dan Schumaker**

Occupation: Retired WLWV principal, math teacher; university new-teacher mentor

**Occupational Background:** 30+ years K-12 education

Educational Background: : Lewis & Clark, Master's Educational Leadership; PSU, Master's Mathematics for Teachers; UO, BS Psychology

Prior Governmental Experience:

WLWV School District Budget Committee; West Linn-Wilsonville, Beaverton & Estacada School Districts

Other Volunteer Experience: CASA Clackamas County; youth sports; Math Counts

### Passionate About Education and Knows Our District

I have lived and worked 23+ years in our district as teacher and administrator.

WLWV families have a long history of supporting our schools. It is a great act of faith for parents to send their children off to school, entrusting their care to others. They want to know their children's growth will be nurtured. As a school board member, I will never lose sight of this.

"Dan is a person of integrity and professionalism. I have admired Dan's care in working with people; his analytical and thinking skills; and his willingness to consider various perspectives when making decisions."

### Dennis Burke, Wilsonville Educator

# Priorities Focus on Students – Keep student learning at the forefront

- Budget Responsibly Match resources to learning
- value Diversity Appreciate that diversity improves creativity and thinking
- Lead Responsively Elevate parent and student voices

"Dan is thoughtful, pragmatic, collaborative, and knows education inside and out. I am confident he will advance our district's excellence and drive student success."

# Todd Jones, Former City Councilor and West Linn High School Teacher

### ENDORSEMENTS

<u>WLWV School Board Members</u> Current: Chelsea King (Chair), Louis Taylor, Kirsten Wyatt Former: Rob Fernandez, Greg McKenzie, Betty Reynolds

> Community Leaders William R. Rhoades, D. Ed.; CJ Koll, Christine Lewis, Jay Schauer, Tonja Wiley

Elected Officials & Organizations Rob Wagner, State Senator Courtney Neron & Jules Walters, State Representatives Julie Fitzgerald, Wilsonville Mayor Stand for Children

#### www.Dan4WLWV.com

# West Linn-Wilsonville School District Director, Position 4



### **Amy Nichols**

**Occupation:** Small business owner

**Occupational Background:** Business, finance, management, marketing and administration

Educational Background: Clark Community College Associate Degree, Accounting

Prior Governmental Experience: None

"As a parent and business owner, I am qualified to make positive changes in our schools. With over 24 years of experience running a business, I know how to manage budgets, negotiate, and lead teams. I believe that every student has the potential to succeed, and it is our responsibility to provide them with the resources and support they need."

### Listening to parents

As a parent, I understand how important it is for parents to feel heard and to have their concerns addressed. Too often I have watched as parents from both sides have advocated for their children to the school board and left feeling unheard. This is unacceptable. I am committed to creating an environment where parents can be involved.

### Prioritizing the basics

When 42% of kids can't read at grade level and 54% can't do math at grade level, now is not the time for distractions in classrooms. We must get back to the basics, by prioritizing reading, writing, and math. I believe that every student has the right to a quality education, and I am dedicated to working with teachers and administrators to provide the resources necessary for students.

### Increasing transparency in curriculum

Whether you support the curriculum being taught or not, parents deserve a right to know what's happening in our schools. Parents should have a clear understanding of what their children are learning and how the curriculum is developed. Curriculum should be posted online and easily accessible for parents. It shouldn't take a pandemic for parents to learn what's happening in our schools. I believe that by working together with parents and considering their input, we can create a more transparent and accountable system.

### Endorsements

Ben West, Clackamas County Commissioner Kelly Sloop, WLWV School Board Carley Martin, Retired PSU Basketball Coach

(This information furnished by Friends of Dan Schumaker)

(This information furnished by Friends of Amy Nichols)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.54Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

# Canby Fire District Director, Zone 2

	Buner O Ellis III
Photo not submitted	Occupation: FOREMAN - WILSON & SONS CONSTRUCTION 2019 - PRESENT
	Occupational Background: EQUIPMENT OPERATOR FOR VARIOUS EMPLOYERS WHO ARE SIGNATORY WITH IUOE LOCAL 701 1995 - PRESENT
	Educational Background: LAKE OSWEGO HIGH SCHOOL, GED

Prior Governmental Experience: CANBY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR SINCE JUNE 2011

# Canby Fire District Director, Zone 3

Ron	Swor

**Occupation:** Pastor at Canby Foursquare church

# Photo not submitted

### Occupational Background: Pastor at Portland Foursquare church, District Supervisor Northwest Foursquare, Board member for International Foursquare church, leadership coach

### Educational Background:

Life Pacific University, Pastoral Theology, Standard Diploma; Warner Pacific College, Education/ Admin

Prior Governmental Experience: Canby fire directory, Zone 3

(This information furnished by Buner O Ellis III)

(This information furnished by Ron Swor)

# Canby Fire District Director, Zone 5

	Shawn Carroll
	Occupation: Retired
Photo not submitted	<b>Occupational Background:</b> 43 years of banking experience including management and lending.
	<b>Educational Background:</b> Canby Union High School, General Studies, Diploma; Blue Mountain Comm. College, Radio Broadcasting, Associates Degree
	Prior Governmental Experience:

4 year as a Board Member with Canby Fire District. 4 years as a City Councilor with the City Of Canby. 2 years as Mayor with the City of Canby.

I have also served on many non profit organizations as a member and a board member.

# Clackamas County Fire District Director, Position 1



### **Gregg Ramirez**

Occupation: I am currently the Emergency Manager for Shriners Children's Hospital. I have been working in the field of Emergency Management for 11 years (10 of those years were with Clackamas Fire District #1) I am an active member of several Emergency Management working groups and committees.

Occupational Background: Clackamas Fire District #1 -Emergency Manager, Oregon Weapons of Mass Destruction

National Guard (full-time) 102 Weapons of Mass Destruction CST - Medical Officer, Oregon National Guard (part-time) Various positions wilh the Oregon Medical Command - Major Affiliations, Clackamas Community College - EMT Advisory Board, Oregon Board of Midwifery - Legend Drug Devises Committee

**Educational Background:** Northern Arizona University, Secondary Education/ Business BSGS; Oregon Health & Science University, Advanced Paramedica Education, Paramedic

#### Prior Governmental Experience: None

I am proud to announce my candidacy for the Clackamas Fire District #1 Board of Directors. Although I am no longer with the District, I still very much believe in the mission and people of CFD#1. I will bring valuable knowledge, insight and experience to the position.

The Board of Directors is charged with the awesome responsibility of stewarding the organization in difficult times. Expanding service areas, fiscal constraints and globalclimate-change, will challenge the ability of the District to meet the mission of the organization. My 20 years of service a commissioned Officer in the Oregon National Guard and my 15 years of experience in the Fire Service make me the right person for this position.

I will make myself available to the District's citizens, employees and stakeholders. My intent is to ensure these groups have a voice and an advocate, when it comes to the business of operating a world-class Fire Department.

I look forward to serving the citizens of Clackamas Fire District #1.

Please never to hesitate to reach out to me. I greatly appreciate your support.

Gregg Ramirez

(This information furnished by Shawn P Carroll)

(This information furnished by Committee to Elect Gregg D. Ramirez to the Clackamas Fire District #1 Board of Directors)

# Clackamas County Fire District Director, Position 1



### Thomas T Joseph

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Plaid Pantry Markets 1978-1983; Thomas Joseph Personalized Dry Cleaning Owner-1983 to 2019;

Educational Background: K E College Kerala, India-2 years Under Graduate completed

Prior Governmental Experience: Clackamas County Fire District-Director, May 2010-present

### Re-Elect Thomas Joseph Clackamas County Fire District #1 Board of Directors

I am proud to be a Director for Clackamas Fire District #1 (CFD#1). The district is a well-run and well-governed organization that provides excellent service, is staffed by dedicated professionals, and assisted by well-trained volunteers. Having lived and worked in this community for over 30 years, I believe in and understand the necessity of making safety a top priority. With the slowed economic growth in our region, it is vital that CFD#1 continues to be committed to quality care, premier training programs, fire prevention education and excellent customer service.

This past year, I served on the Oversight/Interagency and Regional Emergency Management Group committees. I worked to adopt clear and understandable policies with the best interests of the fire district and taxpayers as a goal. I am also committed to continuing ongoing conversations with other governmental agencies to ensure efficient and effective services so that we can continue to provide the best service and care. As a fire district board member and as a business leader in our community, I want to ensure that CCFD#1 continues its high standard of commitment that our community needs.

As part of my personal commitment to ensure the safety and well being of our community, I have helped install over 2000 smoke alarms in mobile home parks in CFD#1 service area. I also commit to the purpose, mission and vision we have at Clackamas Fire to serve you. This is the reason I am endorsing the Emergency Services Levy that focuses on better services for you.

Thank you for your support and I ask for your vote.

# Clackamas County Fire District Director, Position 3



### **Marilyn Wall**

Occupation: retired lawyer

Occupational Background:

Lawyer in private practice for over 40 years

Educational Background:

University of Oregon, Law, Juris Doctorate; University of Portland, history/philosophy, Bachelor Arts

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Currently an elected Director on the Board of Clackamas Fire District #1, position #3; previously

served on the civil service commission for the former Oak Lodge Fire Protection District before its merger with Clackamas Fire; appointed to several governmental task forces and committees in the past.

### **RE-ELECT MARILYN WALL**

As a long time resident of Clackamas Fire District, it is my privilege to currently serve as a Clackamas Fire District #1 Director.

I want to continue to serve the District's people as a Director.

Many changes have occurred in the District including: population growth which brings increasing demands for services; increasing risks of wild land fires; and cooperative agreements with other fire districts/departments. The District has many challenges ahead of it: financial stability issues; a changing workforce; and increasing demand for services including emergency medical and fire suppression. I can knowledgeably address the issues facing the District today and those that will arise in the future. I will also continue to work with and support the career and volunteer personnel of the District to provide the best services to you.

My top priorities are to: maintain high service levels; help the District to continue to meet its mission to be there for you when you need assistance and to have the right tools and personnel to meet those needs; use all tax dollars wisely; advocate for the safety of our personnel; educate our public to provide a more safe environment for everyone; and work collaboratively with other fire districts and departments for your protection.

I want to be re-elected so I can continue to be a strong advocate for providing you the best life saving and property protection services for the taxes you pay.

(This information furnished by Thomas T Joseph)

(This information furnished by Marilyn Wall)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet57

# Clackamas County Fire District Director, Position 5



### **Jim Syring**

**Occupation:** Retired, Deputy Fire Chief, Clackamas County Fire Dist #1. Retired 2015

Occupational Background: 30 years career service for Clackamas Fire District.

Educational Background: Eastern Oregon University, Fire Administration, Bachelors Degree; National Fire Academy, Executive Fire Officer, Graduate

Prior Governmental Experience: Current Clackamas Fire Board Director serving 2015 - Present.

#### Re-Elect Jim Syring Clackamas County Fire District #1 Board of Directors

It has been my honor to serve as a Clackamas Fire District #1 Director for the last eight years.

Long Time Resident. I have been a resident of the communities served by Clackamas County Fire District for 60 years and understand the history and unique challenges of providing service to our community.

**Fire Service Experience.** I retired in 2015 with 30 years fire service experience serving the residents of Clackamas Fire District. I have been proud to serve you, the citizens, and pledge to continue to serve you as a Director, if reelected.

The career and volunteer personnel of Clackamas Fire are dedicated and are the best in the business. I pledge to continue to support our personnel, their interests, and their families.

**Priorities.** The Strategic partnerships of the district are important and I will pledge to continue collaboration with neighboring agencies but also holding them accountable for helping to pay the costs of Clackamas Fire providing specialty units, personnel, and apparatus to other agencies, which is currently for free.

Our Fire District serves many cities and communities in Clackamas County that all work together to share regional fire protection. I endorse a **YES Vote of M3-594** which will help to provide better staffing of our fire stations, including those in our rural communities.

**I pledge to represent you,** the people, to the best of my ability and ask for your vote on May 16th. Thank You.

# Estacada Fire District Director, Position 5



### John McAdoo

Occupation: Assistant Fire Chief Retired, Estacada Rural Fire District #69

Occupational Background: 3.5 years serving in the U.S. Navy with training in structural and shipboard firefighting, honorably discharged. Over 40 years in the fire service starting as a volunteer firefighter advancing as a career firefighter, EMT, training officer, assistant chief, fire chief and

fire district director. Volunteering many years for the Estacada Community Center. Former member of the Estacada Lion's Club, member of The American Legion Carl Douglas Post. Former precinct committee person.

Educational Background: Clackamas Community College, degree in fire science. Eastern Oregon State College, certificate in fire service management

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Board of Directors Estacada Rural Fire District #69 18 years, Past Board member of the Estacada Community/Senior Center, Clackamas County Dispute Resolution Center, volunteer mediator. Volunteer as a Chaplain for Colton and Estacada fire districts. Current member of Special Districts Association of Oregon.

I have resided in the Estacada Fire District for over 40 years. I have a passion and a commitment to our fire district. I fully support our firefighters in their commitment to serve the citizens of our community. We have a great organization and I will continue to work with our other directors to ensure that we have the resources needed to respond to the many emergency calls in our district.

Working with elected officials in our legislature I was instrumental in securing over a million dollar grant that has provided new wild land firefighting apparatus including a new water tender for our district.

Our fire department is a community fire department and I will continue to support this. I was the only board member who consistently voted in opposition of merging our fire department into a larger fire district which if this had succeeded, our community fire department would have no longer existed.

If reelected, I will continue to ensure fiscal responsibility and that we will be prepared to respond to the growth that is taking place in our fire district.

Terry Emmert, Sean Drinkwine, Stephen Bates, Linda Flore-Gordon, Paul Savas, Steve Abel, James A Moriarty, Alan Lashbrook, Brandy Litkie, Joel Litkie

(This information furnished by Jim Syring)

(This information furnished by John R McAdoo)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.58Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

# Hoodland Fire District Director, Position 1



# John W Drake Jr

Occupation: Retired Firefighter/ Fire Inspector

### Occupational Background:

Sergeant US Air Force, Multnomah County Fire District #10 nine years as Fire Fighter/ Engineer/ Trainer/ EMT, Portland Fire Bureau seventeen years as Fire Fighter/ Engineer/ Trainer/ Fire Inspector/ EMT

Educational Background: Centennial Union High School,

General, Diploma; Portland Community College, Fire Science, Associates Degree; National Fire Academy, Fire Service Information Management, Certificate; National Fire Academy, Principles of Fire Protection, Certificate; National Fire Academy, Fire Protection Structure and Systems, Certificate; National Fire Academy, Chemistry of Hazardous Materials, Certificates

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Sergeant US Air Force, Multnomah County Fire District #10 nine years as Fire Fighter/ Engineer/ Trainer/ EMT, Portland Fire Bureau seventeen years as Fire Fighter/ Engineer/ Trainer/ Fire Inspector/ EMT

After 26 year career in the fire service, obtaining a degree in Fire Science and as an alumni of the National Fire academy, I operate under a proactive management style taking the needs of district residents very seriously. My strengths include:

- Analyze financial resources and expenditures to ensure taxpayer dollars are allocated to promote the highest quality fire service.
- Engage with the community to foster and address the resident's safety and well-being
- Ensure all firefighters have the proper equipment and training that will benefit and serve the community of Hoodland Dist. #74
- Provide leadership and oversight to achieve the district's goals and mission to carry out fire protection and rescue programs within the district.

### Board of Directors Experience

- North American MGA Registrar 2003 2012
- Greater Portland United States Bowling Congress
  2016 2020

Portland Fire Fighter Union Local #43

# Hoodland Fire District Director, Position 1

## **Jacob Rackley**

Occupation: Paramedic with Multnomah County AMR, Paramedic with Federal Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) OR-2

### Photo not submitted

Occupational Background:

EMT-Basic with Clackamas County AMR (6 years), EMT-Intermediate with Clackamas County AMR (8 years), Volunteer Firefighter EMT and Apparatus operator with Hoodland

Fire District (17 years), member of FEMA disaster teams for Hurricanes Michael, Gustav, Katrina, Rita, and Wilma

Educational Background: NCTI, Paramedicine, Applied Sciences - Paramedicine

**Prior Governmental Experience:** 4 years as Position 1 with Hoodland Fire District Board of Directors

(This information furnished by John W Drake Jr)

(This information furnished by Jacob Rackley)

# Hoodland Fire District Director, Position 2

	Shirley Dueber
Photo not submitted	Occupation: Actively Retired
	Occupational Background: Business Owner, Welches, 25 years
	Educational Background: Washington High School, General Diploma; Pacific Business College, Certificates in Administration
	<b>Prior Governmental Experience:</b> Civil Service Board; Interview and placement of Firefighters, hiring of

Fire Chiefs, Clackamas County; Hoodland Fire District #74; Board Chairperson, Board Member, Budget Committee Member, since first joining in the mid-70's, I have served in every position on the board; early Founding member, the Villages at Mt. Hood; original committee member for establishment of the Mountain Express.

I've dedicated over 45 years contributing to the Hoodland Community:

- 34 years Hoodland Fire Board Chairperson and Board Member
- 3 years Hoodland Fire Budget Committee Member
- 4 years Civil Service Board associated with Hoodland Fire and Clackamas County
- 30 years Spook Alley as President and Treasurer
- 22 years Established HEART (Hoodland Emergency Action Response Team) Emergency Preparedness following 1996 floods, now known as CERT
- 2 ½ terms, Mt. Hood Lions Club
- Former President, Mt. Hood Chamber of Commerce

I have applied my skills at fiscal responsibility and prudent expense management ever since I first served on the Fire Board, back in the days when we had only one employee (fire chief) and one fire truck (and lots of volunteers). Since those days, I've been devoted to making certain that the Fire Chiefs, firefighters, medical responders, volunteers and members of the community knew I was their voice at the table to defend their interests.

Over the years, I have learned many valuable insights into how to keep our community on a responsible and even budgetary keel. I am grateful to live in this community and have devoted my time and energy to try to make it better. I'd be proud to serve you for another term and be honored to have your vote.

# Molalla Fire District Director, Position 1



# **Mike D Towner**

**Occupation:** Retired Chief Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue

#### Occupational Background: Student/Volunteer Firefighter, Black Butte Fire Protection District; Career Firefighter, Black Butte Fire Protection District, Grants Pass City Fire Department

Educational Background: Central Oregon Community College Structural Fire Science, Associates Degree

Prior Governmental Experience: Molalla River School District Budget Committee, Molalla Rural Fire Protection District Budget Committee, Currently Board Member, Molalla Rural Fire Protection District

I have worked in the fire service for over 35 years. I started as a volunteer Firefighter at a small Fire Department and recently retired as a Chief from a large local Fire District. During this time I obtained my Paramedic certification. Having worked as a Firefighter and Paramedic, I understand the stresses and challenges of the job. This experience has also allowed me to understand the challenges associated with a small rural Fire District. From funding, staffing, limited resources and neighboring agency relationships, these are all issues that I am familiar navigating.

As a resident of Molalla for over 20 years and a life long Oregonian, I have witnessed the growth and changes within our community. Along with growth, the demand for service from our community based Fire Department has increased exponentially. Having worked with these professionals and even utilizing their services, I am so proud of the service that these men and women of the Fire District provide. As a Board Member, I strive to insure that our Fire Department maintains its exceptional service to the community while working through the ongoing financial and staffing demands of a smaller Fire District

(This information furnished by Shirley Dueber)

(This information furnished by Mike Towner)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.60Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

# Sandy Fire District Director, Position 1



### **Andrew Brian**

**Occupation:** Fire Lieutenant/ Paramedic - paid

Occupational Background: Clackamas Fire District - Firefighter/Paramedic 2008-present, City of Salem -Firefighter/Paramedic 2005-2008, Sandy Fire District - Volunteer Firefighter 2001-2005

Educational Background: OHSU, Paramedic, AAS 2003; MHCC, General Studies, AGS

2002; Sandy High, General, Diploma 1999

Prior Governmental Experience: Sandy Fire District Board of Directors 2007-present

I am seeking re-election to Sandy Fire District's (SFD) Board of Directors. I was born and raised in Sandy and my wife and I are proud to raise our three children in the community we love. After beginning my career as a Sandy Volunteer Firefighter, I knew that I wanted to continue my service. After 18 years as a professional firefighter/paramedic, 16 of those as a Sandy Fire Board Director, I still have passion to serve my community in this role. As a SFD Director I have one goal, to ensure the most effective and qualified emergency response force is available for our families.

Sandy Fire has a rich history in our community, but we must also innovate and evolve with our community's growth and needs. During my time as a board director, we have ended the need for annual debt spending, doubled our firefighter force to meet service demands, replaced an aging fleet of fire apparatus, and retrofitted our main fire station in the event of a natural disaster. In recent years, we have partnered with an adjoining fire agency to expand our capabilities and provide enhanced service to the Eagle Creek area. Starting in July, we will be expanding our partnership even greater by adding two more firefighters, per day, at the main station. It has been a pleasure to serve the last 16 years as a SF director and I ask for your vote to continue to serve the community I live and love.

#### Proudly Endorsed

Sandy Fire Board Chair Sue Hein Sandy Fire Board Director Ron Lesowski Sandy Fire Board Director Mark Maunder Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County

# Sandy Fire District Director, Position 2



### Sue Hein

Occupation: SMALL BUSINESS OWNER, 1992 TO PRESENT

Occupational Background: VOLUNTARY SERVICE ON BOARDS OF PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS

Educational Background: LINFIELD COLLEGE, BUSINESS MGMT, BS

Prior Governmental Experience: SANDY FIRE BOARD MEMBER 2015 TO PRESENT, SANDY FIRE

BUDGET COMMITTEE, COMMUNITY ROAD FUND ADVISORY COMM.

I have had the privilege of serving on the Sandy Fire Department Board of Directors for the last 8 years. During my tenure, we have overseen the seismic upgrade and remodel of the Main Station. We have upgraded apparatus and added personnel to best serve our community.

Over the last few years, we entered into intergovernmental agreements with Clackamas Fire to provide some services more economically. This year we are entering into a Full Operational IGA Contract with Clackamas Fire. This agreement is the best way to provide the service that our expanding community needs.

I would like to help ensure a smooth transition over the next years and ask for your vote to remain on the Sandy Fire Board of Directors.

(This information furnished by Andrew Brian)

(This information furnished by Sue Hein)

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

 Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet
 61

# Did you make a mistake?

Don't tear up your ballot. You can fix it!

Please do NOT use corrective tape or white out.

Make your choice obvious so election officials can count it correctly. Please review the examples of acceptable corrections.



For further assistance, contact Clackamas County Elections at 503-655-8510.

# Forgot your optional secrecy sleeve?



# No Problem!

Election workers will preserve the privacy of your ballot if you forget to enclose the secrecy sleeve and your ballot will still count.

# Sandy Fire District Director, Position 3



### **Ron Lesowski**

Occupation: OWNER -TOLLGATE INN RESTUARANT & BAKERY, SANDY, OR

Occupational Background: TOLLGATE INN RESTAYRANT & BAKERY - SANDY, OR; INFOMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER - NIKE - BEAVERTON, OR.; PROGRAMMER - US FOREST SERVICE - EUGENE, OR.; CASHIER - FRED MEYERS -SPRINGFIELD, OR

Educational Background: BENSON POLYTECHNIC HIGH SCHOOL, GENERAL STUDIES/COLLEGE PREP, HS DIPLOMA 1977; UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, COMPUTER SCIENCE/ BUSINESS, BS DIPLOMA 1981

Prior Governmental Experience: PLANNING COMMISSIONER - CITY OF SANDY - 2010 to 2021, BOARD MEMBER- SANDY FIRE DISTRICT 72 - 2018 TO PRESENT

Sandy is both my home and place of work. For the past five years I have had the privilege of serving as one of your Sandy Fire Board Members. I believe in giving back to a community that has given so much to me.

The rapid growth within the Sandy Fire District has enabled us to form a strategic partnership with Clackamas Fire District. This alliance will give the best coverage to the citizens of Sandy Fire District. It will also allow our personnel to explore greater career opportunities. We will also continue collaborating with other agencies to maintain the best levels of service.

It is my objective to help the District provide the best service possible to protect lives and property while using your tax dollars wisely. I pledge to represent you to the best of my ability and ask you for your vote.

(This information furnished by Ron Lesowski)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county. Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

# Sandy Fire District Director, Position 4



### **Nick Walden Poublon**

**Occupation:** Drug and Alcohol Prevention Specialist with AntFarm Youth Services in Sandy Oregon.

Occupational Background: Chair of the Clackamas County Prevention Coalition

Educational Background: Portland State University, History, BA; Portland State University, History, MA

Prior Governmental Experience: N/A

The number and severity of wildfires across the NW have grown every year for as many years as I can remember, a few right here in our backyard. The best chance we have at keeping a wildfire from devastating our community is to start preventing fires now.

The Sandy Fire District No. 72 protects 25,000 people living in an area of 77 square miles but presents unique challenges due to our terrain, weather, and growing rural population.

I am running for this position because of the deep respect I have for firefighters and emergency workers. I want to recognize their hard work and ensure that they always have the best resources and technology available to do their job.

This matter is deeply personal to me as I've built my life here over the past 15 years, my family having been here living on the same street for generations. I'm ready to serve the local community and on an issue that came to my own doorstep just a couple of summers ago, our whole family packing up our vehicles with our most precious possessions and then abandoning our homes. I think about that every single day.

I know that we can preserve the community's connection to our local fire department while also being a good economic steward of our resources. I ask for your vote so that we can try to do both together.

I have been endorsed by the Democratic Party of Clackamas County

# Sandy Fire District Director, Position 4



# **Ryan C. Fox**

**Occupation:** Portland Fire and Rescue, Battalion Chief

Occupational Background: Over the last 30 years I have worked through the ranks from Volunteer Firefighter to Battalion Chief.

#### **Educational Background:**

Central Oregon Community College, Fire Science, Associates degree; Eastern Oregon University, Fire Administration,

Bachelor of Sciencein Fire Administration

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Current Sandy FIre Board Director Position #4

I am seeking election to the Sandy Fire District's Board of Directors. My wife and I have lived in Sandy for 20 years and raised two children in this community. Now that both children are grown and out of the house, I would like to take this opportunity to give back to our community. I have been involved in the fire service for the last 30 years, and as I near retirement, I would like to continue to serve my community and the local government in a new role. I believe that as our community continues to grow and change, so must our public services. As a board member, I will support change while ensuring that decisions are based on what is best for our community. I have extensive experience in fire department operations and management. I hold a bachelor's degree in Fire Administration and have held many different positions in the fire service. As a long-time resident of Sandy, I feel that am in a unique position to participate in providing the Sandy community with the best fire and emergency services possible, while remaining fiscally responsible to the residents and stakeholders in the Sandy Fire District.

### Proudly Endorsed

Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County Sandy Fire Board Director Mark Maunder Sandy Fire Board Director Ron Lesowski

(This information furnished by Nick Walden Poublon)

(This information furnished by Ryan C. Fox)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet63

# Silverton Fire District Director, Position 1



### **Stacy Palmer**

Occupation: Executive Director, Silverton Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center

**Occupational Background:** Over 20 years of working with the Silverton Community as well as 10 years in the Automotive Industry and Human Resource field.

Educational Background: Silverton High School, Diploma; Chemeketa Community College; Business, US Chamber,

Association Mgmt., Institute of Organizational Management; Society of Human Resource Management, HR Practices, PHR -Professional in Human Resources

**Prior Governmental Experience:** I've served 3 years as a Fire Board Director, and various community committees such as the Transportation and Urban Renewal Advisory Committees and the Downtown Revitalization Task Force. I also served on the Oregon State Chamber Board of Directors

After serving one term on the Silverton Fire Board, I'm more committed to sharing my 25 years of experience with boards and team development. I believe my experience in board policy, budgeting, procedures and team dynamics will continue to be an asset to the Fire District.

As the methods of doing business or providing services in rural areas change, so too must the district be willing to embrace those challenges. I also think having someone outside the Fire Service brings a fresh approach, perspective and an unbiased opinion to the board. While I think the Silverton Fire District is performing well - I think it could be better and I'd like to continue to be part of that journey. I'd like to see the number of active volunteers grow and I'd like to maintain an environment that is safe, supportive and fiscally responsible. If you feel the same, I'd appreciate your vote.

# Silverton Fire District Director, Position 5

# **Robert C Mengucci**

Occupation: Career Firefighter/ Paramedic / Engineer (2001 – Present)

### Photo not submitted

Occupational Background: Real property rental business owner (2007 – present), Volunteer Firefighter – Silverton Fire Department (1995 – 2004), EMT/Paramedic - Pacific West Ambulance and Metro West Ambulance (1998 – 2001), US Marine Corp. (1990 – 1997)

Educational Background: Chemeketa Community College Paramedicine, AAS Degree; Chemeketa Community College, Fire Science, AAS Degree; Kennedy High School, Diploma, High School Diploma

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Silverton Fire District Board of Directors, Position No. 5 (2019 - current)

I have lived in the Silverton/ Mt. Angel area most of my life. My wife, Kim, grew up in Silverton and has worked in town for more than 20 years. We have three children that are students at Silver Falls School District, and one Silverton High School graduate. I have been active in public service since 1990, was a volunteer at Silverton Fire Department for nine years and am currently serving on the Silverton Fire Board. My extensive background in the fire service, my experience as a business owner and serving as a Director for the last four years brings multiple levels of knowledge to this position. I am happy to volunteer my time as a Silverton Fire Board Director, and it would be an honor and privilege to continue serving my community in this capacity.

(This information furnished by Stacy Palmer 4 Fire Board)

(This information furnished by Robert C Mengucci)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.64Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

# **Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue District Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue District Director, Position 4**



### **Randy Lauer**

Occupation: Vice President of **Operations**, American Medical Response (AMR); Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Board of Directors Position #4. 2011-present. Board President since 2020

**Occupational Background:** Buck Medical Services/American Medical Response 1981-present as Paramedic, trainer, and manager. U.S. Coast Guard for 32 years, active and reserve, heavy

weather rescue boat operator, maritime law enforcement, retired Master Chief

Educational Background: OHSU, Advanced Paramedic Training; Portland State University

Prior Governmental Experience: TVF&R Budget Committee, 2010-2011

### **RE-ELECT RANDY LAUER!**

For twelve years, I'm proud to have volunteered on the Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Board of Directors, and I'd be honored to keep serving you!

### FAST AND EFFECTIVE SERVICE

As your neighbor, my goal is ensuring when you're in a crisis, or your loved one needs an immediate response, TVF&R is there with fast. effective service. I've worked to keep our low tax rate, without sacrificing service quality. As a 30-year, former paramedic, I know it's critical to have highly trained first responders with modern equipment to keep our community safe.

### **COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP**

Working collaboratively with government officials, healthcare providers, and community leaders, I've helped TVF&R be a leader in delivering emergency medical services. I use my skills as a former first responder to support our Fire Chief and protect firefighters on the front line. I use my business experience to effectively manage our tax dollars.

### CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT

I share TVF&R's belief that we can be better tomorrow than we are today, and to that end we continually look for improvement. High standards and diversity recruitment are making us better every day. Our fire stations and infrastructure are on track to be fully efficient and sustainable for decades to come, thanks to your approval of our recent bond.

### Proudly Endorsed By:

**Tualatin Valley Firefighters, IAFF Local 1160** 

# **Director, Position 5**



### **Justin Dillingham**

Occupation: Small business owner

#### **Occupational Background:**

Licensed paramedic with 25+ years of experience. Former Chief Operating Officer, Chief Customer Officer, and Flight Paramedic at Life Flight Network. Former volunteer firefighter, Assistant professor at the OHSU / OIT Paramedic Education Program, and Subject Matter Expert and

consultant on several emergency medical services projects. Extensive experience caring for patients as an EMT and Paramedic in urban and rural settings and via ground and air response.

Educational Background: Portland State University, Master of Public Administration, Labor Relations and Human Resource Mgmt; Portland State University, Bachelor of Science, Management, Human Resource Mgmt; Oregon Health & Science University, Associate of Applied Science, Course of Study: Paramedic Education Background, Other: Graduate of several courses at the National Fire Academy and Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, MD.

Prior Governmental Experience: I am completing the first term as Director, Position 5 of Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue. I currently serve as the Vice President and previously as the Secretary of the Board of Directors. I am on the legislative subcommittee and previously worked on the labor relations subcommittee of the Board.

Endorsed by the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1660.

(This information furnished by Randy Lauer)

(This information furnished by Justin Dillingham)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county. The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county. Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet 65

# Clackamas River Water District Commissioner, Position 2



## **Naomi Angier**

Occupation: Retired librarian

Occupational Background: Librarian for Multnomah County Library for 28 years

Educational Background: University of Oregon, Library Science, M.L.S.; SUNY at Stony Brook, Anthropology, BA

Prior Governmental Experience: Clackamas River Water board 2015-present

### **RE-ELECT NAOMI ANGIER**

Responsible Civil Leadership

For the last two terms I have had the honor of serving on the Clackamas River Water Board with my fellow board members who have shown responsible civil leadership.

We have had many achievements as a board and as a water district and have been able to deliver good clean water to our customers in spite of the challenges of a two year pandemic, ice storms and wildfires.

Some of those achievements include:

- Developing a Water Plan that finances our infrastructure and maintenance of our water lines within our budget, testing and keeping our water safe, continuing to work on our emergency planning and a strong conservation plan.
- Developing a plan for our Water Treatment plant so that we can continue to provide good, clean water in the years to come while staying within our budget.
- Continuing our good board governance that gave us an excellent rating on our insurance and the ability to get the board work done in an efficient manner.

### Naomi Angier

Clackamas River Water Board Commissioner

# Clackamas River Water District Commissioner, Position 5



### **Bob Rubitschun**

**Occupation:** Clackamas River Water Commissioner

#### Occupational Background: Supply Chain Management, Cost Management, Case Management, Software, Manufacturing, Executive Leadership, Project Management, Business Development, Equity Business Owner

### **Educational Background:**

Marylhurst College, MBA; Oregon

State University, MS; Michigan State University, BS

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Clackamas River Water, Commissioner; Clackamas River Water, District Representative on Budget Committee; Vendor working with State Agencies to implement Vocational Rehabilitation Case Management Software; Vendor working with all branches of the military to implement Cost Management Software; Vendor working with federal, state, county and city agencies to implement Cost Management Software

### Relevant Experience:

### 40+ YEARS BUSIESS EXPERIENCE

- Helped organizations use technology for improved decisionmaking
- Helped organizations understand their cost-drivers for improved financial performance
- Helped customers adopt data-driven decision-making
- Built high-performance teams serving the needs of customers

### BOARD LEVEL EXPERIENCE

- Member of the Clackamas River Water Board of Commissioners
- Provided insights to Board of Commissioners as part of the Clackamas River Water Budget Committee
- Presented to board of directors as part of the senior leadership team
- Reviewed business unit's financial performance with board of directors

### **GIVING BACK**

- District representative on the Clackamas River Water Budget Committee
- Volunteered to help Oregon City High School raise funds for student trips and club equipment
- Participated in fundraiser to pay for medical expenses for a single mom
- Team participant for Athletes in Action fundraiser in the Portland Marathon
- Member on neighborhood CC&R oversight committee

### FINAL THOUGHTS

• As a customer in the Clackamas River Water District since 1986, I want what you want: "High-quality, safe drinking water at affordable rates". Trust me with your vote and I will fight for these goals every day. Thank you!

(This information furnished by Naomi Angier)

(This information furnished by Bob Rubitschun)

# Colton Water District Commissioner, Position 4

# Oak Lodge Water Services Authority Director, Position 4



### Alan Gross

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Director of Purchasing, Greer Steel; Sourcing Manager, Oregon Tool [Blount International]; Planning & Purchasing, Carlton Saw Chain; Manager Information Systems, Spellman High Voltage Electronics.

Educational Background: University of Oregon, Biology, MS; Queens College, Physics, BS.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Colton Water District, Board of Commissioners, 2019-present, Secretary/Treasurer

I am a long-time Oregon resident and I've lived in Colton for seven years. I was a manager of purchasing and planning departments, focusing on cost savings and cost reduction while ensuring on-time delivery.

The Colton Water District water treatment plant, which started operation in 1979, is aging and needs upgrading. The treatment plant building should also be upgraded for seismic resilience, to prevent collapse in the event of an earthquake. Some water transmission lines need to be replaced. It is important to apply for state and federal loans and grants to fund these improvements, since our water revenue cannot cover all the needed projects. My professional experience will be useful in applying for grants from outside agencies to make this process less expensive for our community. I am committed to making good financial decisions and keeping expenses down for these big projects.

In some recent hot summers with reduced stream flow, we have been put on water restrictions. We need to make changes so that the new plant will not be put on water restrictions in the future.

The Colton Water District supplied 3,000,000 gallons of water to the Colton Fire District for fighting the September 2020 fires. This overwhelmed our water treatment system and allowed untreated water into the transmission lines. We had to boil water for the first few days when we returned to our homes after the evacuation. We have already made several improvements to keep the water treatment plant functioning in an emergency. We are forming a partnership between the Colton Water District and the Colton Fire District to apply for grants to make even more improvements in Colton's water infrastructure for firefighting.



## Susan D Keil

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: City of Portland: Transportation Director, Wastewater, Stormwater and Solid Waste Manager, Personnel Director, Chief of Staff for Mayor Frank Ivancie; First Interstate Bank Loan Officer; Bell System Manager

Educational Background: Portland State University, Modern Languages, BA; Portland State University, Business, MBA

Prior Governmental Experience: Oak Lodge Water Services Authority Chair and Director, Oak Lodge Water Services District President and Director, Oak Lodge Sanitary District Director, Clackamas County Coordinating Committee Alternate Representative, Transportation Funding Task Force Clackamas County

Thank you for your support in allowing me to serve my community. In addition to my occupational and governmental experience, I bring broad background from the private, public and non-profit sectors. I am currently:

Chair of Oak Lodge Water Services Authority Board Pioneer Courthouse Square Board Member Chair of Portland Mall Management, Inc Board

I have previously chaired the boards of:

Oregon Symphony Salvation Army Community Foundation for Southwest Washington OMSI YWCA

I have also served on the boards of:

United Way Portland Art Museum

Lutheran Family Services

Emanuel Hospital Foundation

Oregon Council on Economic Education

I am pleased to serve as Chair of the OLWS Authority Board. During my tenure we have accomplished much in improving the effectiveness and reliability of all of our systems and evaluating condition and performance of our water and wastewater assets. In addition to maintenance on aging infrastructure, we have some large regulatorily required wastewater capital projects before us, including a third level of filtration at the treatment plant.

While the Board is aggressively pursuing grants and low interest loans, to help reduce the cost impact of these improvements, rate increases for all of us will necessarily be part of the funding package.

I commit to continuing to provide clear, honest communication about the capital requirements, our search for additional funding and opportunities for customers to discuss these matters and rates.

Thank you for your confidence in the OLWS Authority Board.

(This information furnished by Alan Gross)

(This information furnished by Susan D. Keil)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet67

# Oak Lodge Water Services Authority Director, Position 5



# Selena Haney

**Occupation:** Homemaker in Oak Grove

Occupational Background: Previous Medical Teams International volunteer for mobile dental van with concentrated focus on community health needs and advocacy

Educational Background: THECESHOP, OREGON REAL ESTATE BROKER, CERTIFICATE

Prior Governmental Experience: NONE

As an Oak Lodge Water Service Authority; Director, I aim to gain hands-on experience in the community. I will spend the next four years on my toes to keep up with the changing needs of our district. Our community deserves the peace of mind that our water and sewer system is of the highest quality. Our water systems must be safe and sustainable for decades with continued integrity and honesty to support all choices made for our community. As a mom of two and an aunt to many, I understand the importance of this position and look forward to the chance to help make a difference.

# Oak Lodge Water Services Authority Director, Position 5

Heidi Bullock

Program Manager

**Business Unit Manager** 

Occupation: Port of Portland -

**Occupational Background:** 

Environmental Program Manager

1. Port of Portland Environmental

2. Environmental Engineering Firm

3. Environmental Scientist - Idaho

National Engineering Laboratory

**Educational Background:** 



University of Idaho, Hydrology, Master of Science; Utah State University, Applied Biology/Chemistry, Bachelor of Science

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Oak Lodge Water Services Director - April 2022 to present, Oak Lodge Water Services Budget Committee - Spring 2022, Portland Utility Board Member (2018-2021); Co-Chair for two years

### VOTE Heidi Bullock for Director

#### Oak Lodge Water Services

The Oak Lodge Water Services (OLWS) provides three critical services to its customers: 1) delivering safe and reliable drinking water from the Clackamas River; 2) collecting and treating wastewater before discharging to the Willamette River; and 3) protecting the water quality of our local streams and river. The OLWS commitments are to protect public health, provide excellent customer service, make smart investments and work to keep rates affordable and keep local streams and rivers clean.

OLWS has some very important work ahead in updating its aging water systems infrastructure and meeting water quality standards, while also trying to keep rates affordable to our community. As a resident and active community member in the Oak Lodge Water Services area, I will work to ensure that these commitments are fully supported and attained. I have the skills, education, and experience necessary to oversee the OLWS very important work. I have worked in the environmental industry for over twenty years serving in a variety of technical and management roles. As a scientist I have experience with site investigations, studies, design, operations, and laboratory analysis work as well as experience managing both projects and staff.

I believe that everyone has the right to clean air and water and I value the work in protecting and preserving those resources.

VOTE Heidi Bullock - OLWS Director

(This information furnished by Selena Haney)

(This information furnished by Heidi Bullock)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.68Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

# **Rivergrove Water District Commissioner, Position 4**



### Lawrence Magura

**Occupation:** 36 years as a consulting water resources engineer, employed by various regional and national engineering firms. Specializing in water resources projects (i.e., water system design, flood control, stream and lake rehabilitation, and stormwater infrastructure design and construction.

Occupational Background: Registered professional engineer (civil): OR, WA, CA

Educational Background: University of CA, Berkeley Civil Engineering, MS; University of CA, Berkeley, Watershed Management, MS; University of CA, Davis, Renewable Nat. Res., BS

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Elected Commissioner, Rivergrove Water District, 2019-2023 Appointed Commissioner, City of Lake Oswego Development Review Commission, 1994-1999



# Postmarks Count! No stamps needed!

Your ballot can be accepted if your mailed ballot envelope is:

- Signed,
- Postmarked on or before Election Day,
- Received at the Clackamas County Elections office within 7 days of the election

Ballots may still be dropped in offical ballot drop boxes until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Please make sure your ballot envelope is signed.

(Locations listed on page 4)

(This information furnished by Lawrence Magura)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county. Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

## Sunrise Water Authority Director, Zone 1

	Kevin Bailey
	<b>Occupation:</b> Oregon Department of Agriculture
	Occupational Background: None
Photo not submitted	<b>Educational Background:</b> Rio Salado College Police Science, AAS; University of Phoenix, Business Administration, BS
	<b>Prior Governmental Experience:</b> Sunrise Water Authority, Secretary, 2015 - Present; North Clackamas County Water Commission,
	Member, 2016 - Present

Thank you for allowing me to represent you for the past 4 years as the Zone 1 Director to Sunrise Water Authority. I am asking that you allow me continue to do so for the next 4 years.

Some of the major projects that we have completed over the past few years.

- Reservoir 11-3 Million Gallon Tank to service Zone 1, Completed December 2020
- Partnership with CRW to construct a 6 million gallon on 152nd Ave, Completed June 2020
- 20 Year Bond service has been completed. This will remove more \$1.7M of annual debt service from the agency's liabilities and marks a very important milestone in the future of Sunrise and its goal to create a truly sustainable public utility.

Projects that we are currently working on and planned for the future.

- New administration building being built on our property 172nd/Hwy 212. As a growing utility the agency has outgrown the current facility which is located in the heart of residential zoning. The new facility will be more centrally located with room for future expansion. It will also be built with backup power generation and seismic resiliency. The building is being built with no additional costs to the customer.
- Continue replacing aging iron ductile main lines with new Class 52 ductile pipe.
- Refurbish the Authority's ASR (Aquifer Storage and Recovery) well to provide additional storage for times of shortages and emergencies. Also locate sites for additional ASR wells sites.
- Continue to retrofit and harden assets to weather natural disasters.

As a board, we have a unified vision that is able "pay as you go" for projects, keeping rates and fees low and providing the best water quality in Oregon.

I ask for your vote in my reappointment and thank you for your support.

# Sunrise Water Authority Director, Zone 2

## **Gary Barth**

**Occupation:** Principal/Owner Barth Consultants LLC

### Photo not submitted

Occupational Background: Director of Business & Community Services, Clackamas County (11 years); 30+ years in the financial services industry in senior management positions with US Bancorp, KeyCorp, Visa International among others

Educational Background: Springfield High School, General,

HS Diploma; Portland State University, Business/Finance, BS Business Administration; University of Portland, Business, Master of Business Admin (MBA)

Prior Governmental Experience: Appointed: North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District Advisory Board, Clackamas County Economic Development Commission, Sellwood Bridge Replacement Project Advisory Committee, Chair - Regional Partners for Economic Development, North Clackamas School District Budget Committee

(This information furnished by Kevin Bailey)

(This information furnished by Gary Barth)

# Molalla Aquatic District Director



### **Hendy Appleton**

**Occupation:** Director of Education Services for Hazelcast, Inc.

**Occupational Background:** 30 years creating training for technical audiences.

Educational Background: Santa Clara University, Communication, BA

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Board member, Molalla Aquatic District, since 2021

I'm a lifelong swimmer and chronic volunteer - including volunteering as a lifeguard at the Aquatic Center, and as an appointed member of the Aquatic District board (2021).

My job on the board is to represent the interests of the district taxpayers - to make sure your money is spent responsibly and ethically, and that the programs offered by the Aquatic District meet the wants and needs of the community. As the Aquatic District looks toward expanding our facility and offerings, I will continue to work to ensure that the voices of the community are represented.

# Molalla Aquatic District Director

# **Richard (Rick) Gano**

Photo not submitted

Occupation: Richard (Rick) Gano has lived in the Molalla/Canby area since 1972 when he and his wife, Levonne (Mitts), moved to Oregon after Rick's release from active duty after nine years with the air force. Levonne's father was a local farmer and her mother was a teacher in the area. Levonne found a job teaching and Rick went back to college. After college, Rick was a teacher in the Canby school district while also continuing his air

force career as a reservist. Rick retired from Canby HS in 2000 as a counselor and from the air force reserve in 2004 as a group commander with the rank of colonel. Rick swam competively in HS and has continued swimming since the opening of the Molalla Aquatic Center. Besides serving on the pool board, Rick is a volunteer lifeguard. Swimming is a way of life with Rick. He was raised in swimming pools as his father worked all his life with oil companies in Venezuela and Indonesia. Rick's primary goal as a board member is to help make the Molalla Aquatic Center the best in the area.

Occupational Background: US Air Force - 1963 thru 2004, Canby School District - 1975 thru 2000

Educational Background: Western Oregon Univ. Secondary Ed., BSw/honors; Lewis & Clark College, Secondary Ed., MA in teaching; Portland State Univ., Counseling Education, Counseling; Air Univrsity, Military Science, Military Certificate

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Molalla Aquatic Center Board Member

(This information furnished by Hendy Appleton)

(This information furnished by Richard A.Gano)

# Tigard-Tualatin Aquatic District Director, Position 4



### **Nancy Kraushaar**

Occupation: Semi-retired Civil Engineer

Occupational Background: Most recent: worked 6 years at the City of Wilsonville as Community Development Director and City Engineer; before that, worked 16 years at the City of Oregon City as Public Works Director and City Engineer; and before that, 10 years with private sector engineering consulting firms.

Educational Background: University of Colorado, Civil Engineering, Bachelor of Science

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Tigard-Tualatin Aquatic District – 4 years

I am excited to run for my second 4-year term as a Director for the Tigard-Tualatin Aquatic District. The experience I gained during my first term has prepared me well to run for a second term. I learned to swim as a child and highly value swimming as an important life skill that can provide personal safety, recreation, and fitness opportunities for all. The district runs two swimming pools – one at Tigard High School and one at Tualatin High School and offers comprehensive programs for swimming lessons, water exercise, and lap swimming. The two pools provide swimming lessons to the students in the Tigard-Tualatin School District and serve as practice and meet facilities for our (and nearby) high school swim and water polo teams and the Tigard-Tualatin Swim Club.

# Tigard-Tualatin Aquatic District Director, Position 5



### **Becky Herron**

Occupation: Human Resources Business Partner at Propel Insurance

#### Occupational Background:

Over 25 years of Human Resources experience in a variety of industries including Insurance, Retail, Manufacturing, Warehousing and Distribution.

Educational Background: George Fox University, Bachelor's Degree in Management of Human Resources

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I have lived in the Tigard-Tualatin area for 30 years and my daughter graduated from TuHS. I believe that involvement in our community is critical to its success. The pool is a great resource for the community, a place for kids to learn, athletes to compete and adults to exercise. I have volunteered for the past 8 years advising the pools on human resources issues and am excited to make it official and become a board member. Last year I had the opportunity to be a part of the interview committee to replace the retiring Aquatics Director, and my experience with interviewing and hiring helped the process go smoothly. It also gave me the opportunity to work with the existing board and realize that I could make an impact. With my strong human resources background, I can help with developing employee policies and processes, and provide guidance to the Aquatics Director and the Board.

(This information furnished by Nancy Kraushaar)

(This information furnished by Becky Herron)
REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY CITY COUNCIL

## BORROWING FOR OREGON CITY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

**Question:** Shall the Urban Renewal Agency be approved to borrow up to \$44 million for projects in the Urban Renewal Plan?

**Summary:** Approval of this measure would not authorize an additional tax.

The Downtown Oregon City/North End Urban Renewal Plan includes projects to improve livability, increase tourism and recreation opportunities, provide for infrastructure investment on blighted properties and create jobs in Oregon City. The Agency has identified three priority projects in the Plan, the Rossman Landfill cleanup and redevelopment, development and mitigation projects at Clackamette Cove, and redevelopment of the Stimson Property on Washington Street. Other projects identified in the Plan include redevelopment of the County Courthouse, improvements at the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, creation of a downtown railroad Quiet Zone, and new development on the publicly owned 12th and Main Street property.

This measure would provide approval for the Agency to borrow up to \$44 million for projects identified in the Plan. The borrowings would be repaid by tax increment revenues collected within Oregon City.

The borrowings may be issued in one or more series, each maturing within 20 years of issuance, and the Agency may refinance the borrowings.

### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

#### <u>Voter Approval for the Oregon City Urban Renewal Agency</u> to Borrow Funds to Implement Urban Renewal Projects

Approval for the Urban Renewal Agency to borrow funds. Approval of this measure would not authorize an additional tax.

The Urban Renewal Agency is currently collecting revenues from the existing Downtown Oregon City/North End Urban Renewal District and the continued collection of those revenues will repay the proposed borrowing. The Oregon City Charter requires that prior to the Urban Renewal Agency taking on any debt, it must first be approved by the voters of Oregon City.

The Urban Renewal Commission recently updated the Urban Renewal Plan to identify new projects that would improve livability for residents, increase tourism and recreational opportunities, provide for infrastructure investment in blighted and underdeveloped areas, and increase employment opportunities in Oregon City.

The three priority projects contained in the Plan are the Rossman Landfill cleanup and redevelopment, development and mitigation projects at Clackamette Cove, and redevelopment of the vacant, city-owned Stimson property on Washington Street.

To accomplish these projects and other projects identified in the Plan, the Urban Renewal Commission is requesting approval to borrow up to \$44 million. The \$44 million would be repaid by tax increment revenues collected within the Plan area. The borrowing may be issued in one or more series with each series maturing within 20 years issuance, and the Agency may refinance borrowings authorized by this measure. The boundary of the Urban Renewal Area is approximately 855 acres and includes the Downtown area, Clackamette Cove, the Rossman Landfill redevelopment site, the Washington Street corridor, and the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. In addition to the priority projects identified above, additional projects in the Plan to be evaluated for future investment include:

- Reuse and investment in the County Courthouse on Main Street
- Improvements to the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center
- A downtown railroad Quiet Zone
- New development of the vacant, publicly owned 12th and Main Street property

By making redevelopment and environmental mitigation investments in the urban renewal projects, residents, businesses, and visitors will have greater access to various amenities expected to include experiences that will attract the public during both the day and night, well-presented historical venues that will provide different vantage points of the community's past, recreational opportunities of various types and venues, and investments in public infrastructure that will improve public safety, access, and mobility.

A yes vote for this measure will provide voter approval for the Urban Renewal Agency to borrow up to \$44 million dollars.

A no vote for this measure will not provide voter approval for the Urban Renewal Agency to borrow any funds.

Submitted by: Jakob S. Wiley City Recorder

### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

Invest in Oregon City's Future: Support Measure 3-597

Approval of this measure will encourage the revitalization of specific areas of Oregon City that are underdeveloped or blighted <u>without increasing</u> <u>taxes</u>. The six projects meet the goals and objectives of the updated Urban Renewal Plan, which provides accountability for how the funds will be spent to improve Oregon City and provide a return on the public's investment.

Urban Renewal can help create vibrant destinations that provide access to amenities, including an enjoyable recreational and visitor experience, recognizable historic sites, and livable communities with targeted investments in public infrastructure. The projects are:

- The former Stimson Lumbermill site on Washington Street;
- Rossman's Landfill cleanup and redevelopment;
- The Cove environmental mitigation and redevelopment;
- Re-use of the historic County Courthouse on Main Street;
- End of the Oregon Trail Center improvements; and
- Construction of a quiet zone to reduce train noise in historic downtown.

These projects will enable the city to stimulate private development with an upfront public investment. Due to high costs related to mitigating environmental and geotechnical issues on several of these sites, improvements will likely never happen without assistance from Urban Renewal. Once completed, the projects will improve the underdeveloped and blighted properties and add them to the tax rolls. The additional tax revenue generated by the increased value of the improved properties will repay the Urban Renewal investment with no increase in your taxes.

Measure 3-597 is a smart investment in Oregon City's future. For an economically vibrant Oregon City, please join us in voting YES on Measure 3-597:

Denyse C. McGriff, Mayor of Oregon City Mike Mitchell, Oregon City Commissioner, Urban Renewal Commission Chair Adam Marl, Oregon City Commissioner

### City of Oregon City Measure 3-597

### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

I strongly support Oregon City's Urban Renewal District Plan because it includes the blighted Rossman Land Fill, the Cove area, and the Stimpson property (former lumber mill location), all located in the district's north end.

Historically. the Rossman site received most of the Portland area garbage. Its development will have to prevent storm water leaching contaminates into ground water and to safely vent residual methane production. The site's structure and the material covering it resulted in the area being highly susceptible to earthquake damage. The site's development will be subject to all governmental requirements addressing these issues. Funds provided by the Urban Renewal Agency would be directed to making the site developable but not developing it.

The Cove Area and the Stimpson site are located within the flood plain. Regional building codes permit only two methods of building in the flood plain. One: The structure has to be built so that any habitable areas must be above the flood plain. Two: Perform what is referred to as "cut and fill"; soil can be introduced to take the area out of the flood plain; however, an equal amount of soil has to be removed from the flood plain to guarantee that the total flood capacity is not changed. Again, the Urban Renewal funds would be used to make these sites buildable and not to develop the site itself unless for public use (e.g. parks).

Publicly-owned Clackamas Cove provides an excellent site for the source of "cut" in the "cut and fill" alternative. The cove could thus be expanded and improved for public use and fish and wildlife habitat. It may be possible to find methods to reduce the warming during the summer. There have been summers when the cove had to be closed to the public because of blue-green algae (cyanobacterial) blooms which can be dangerous to human health.

Submitter was a three-term Commissioner and oneterm Mayor of Oregon City

(This information furnished by Denyse C.McGriff, Friends of Denyse for OC)

(This information furnished by Douglas Neeley)

#### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

#### NOW IS THE TIME TO INVEST IN OUR DOWNTOWN AND NORTH END.

#### **VOTE YES ON MEASURE 3-579**

The purpose of our city's Urban Renewal Plan is to eliminate blight found in an area and to implement goals and objectives in our city's Comprehensive Plan.

Our city's Urban Renewal Commission has prioritized projects that will revive our Downtown and North End:

- The Rossman Landfill cleanup and redevelopment will provide housing, road improvements, entertainment, retail, public parking, and jobs enhancing economic growth and tourism.
- Development and mitigation projects at Clackamette Cove will allow it to realize its economic and recreational potential.
- Redevelopment of the property on Washington Street across from the Rossman Landfill will allow it to reach its economic development potential.

Other projects identified in the Plan include:

- Redevelopment of the County Courthouse so that it may continue its contribution to the downtown economic vitality
- Improvements and repairs at the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center,
- Creation of a downtown railroad Quiet Zone to improve livability and enhance housing and retail development potential along the downtown route,
- New development on the publicly owned 12th and Main Street property to provide mixed-use retail/ housing.

To achieve these goals, Oregon City residents must vote YES to approve the ballot measure, authorizing the Urban Renewal Agency to borrow money to be spent on those projects included in the Urban Renewal Plan. Urban Renewal is an economic development tool used by local governments across the country. More than 75 cities and counties across Oregon have very active urban renewal districts.

#### APPROVAL OF THIS MEASURE WILL NOT AUTHORIZE AN ADDITIONAL TAX. YOUR TAXES WILL NOT INCREASE.

Vote YES to the revitalization of our Downtown and North End to improve livability, increase tourism and recreation opportunities, provide housing, jobs, road improvements, and more public parking.

## Vote YES on Measure 3-597 to approve the use of Urban Renewal Dollars.

#### Paid for by Friends of Oregon City

### City of Oregon City Measure 3-597

### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

#### YES- FOR INVESTMENT IN OREGON CITY

#### Jobs & Connectivity

"Measure 3-597 opens a great opportunity for public and private partnerships to clean up and turn poorly developed blighted areas into an economic engine. Jobs, additional infrastructure, new housing, and safer transportation conditions will result in improved livability and connectivity to downtown Oregon City. I ask for your Yes vote on this Measure. <u>No new taxes</u> <u>are required</u>." Senator Mark Meek

#### Working Together

"Until now the city's north end has lacked a coherent future. With Measure 3-597, we can lead the way in cleaning up a blighted area. It can become an anchor for Willamette Falls Heritage area and downtown and a tourism driver for the End of the Oregon Trail. Please vote Yes on Measure 3-597. Ecology and economy can work together for the good of everyone. Jerry Herrmann, Conservationist

#### Livability & Community

"City investment in this underdeveloped area will greatly improve our overall livability. It is an opportunity to build much needed community amenities so our children can grow and enjoy indoor activities under safe conditions." **Kelli Upkes, Oregon City School Mom** 

#### Safer Streets

"The investment in this district would generate jobs, economic development, and provide safer transportation facilities for pedestrians, bikes, and vehicles. History is a natural draw for tourists and Measure 3-597 would enhance their connection to the end of the Oregon Trail and to an array of downtown services." **Gail Yazzolino, Executive Director, Historic Oregon City** 

#### Staying Local

"Our young people are looking to us to help chart their future and for opportunities to stay in the city, to become members of a forward-thinking community. Let's not disappoint them. Please vote for this measure, so blighted land can be cleaned up and developed into a long-term asset. Our youth want opportunities to stay local." Lynda Orzen, Co- Chair Three Rivers Arts Guild, President of the Friends of the OC Library

#### YES ON MEASURE 3-597 - NO ADDITIONAL TAXES

Paid for by Oregon City Thrives

(This information furnished by William Gifford, Friends of Oregon City)

(This information furnished by Gregory Burnett)

#### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

#### YES FOR A THRIVING OREGON CITY

#### Leading the Way

"This Measure is the best use of urban renewal dollars I've seen. The six projects prioritized would revitalize the whole downtown district. Clean up and re-development would lead to jobs, workforce housing and enhanced tourism and recreational opportunities. <u>Your taxes will not</u> increase, and the benefits will be great. Please vote Yes on Measure 3-597." **Martha Schrader, Clackamas County Commissioner** 

#### Economic Energy

"There's a real need for housing stability and affordability, and that starts with improved infrastructure. Passage of this measure will direct funding into an important area while creating opportunities to turn it into a vital economic and community asset. <u>Taxes will not</u> <u>increase as a result</u>. The city and its citizens will benefit from increased revenues generated by new small businesses and residential opportunities." **Preston Korst, Home Building Association** 

#### Downtown Renewed

"This measure allows for public investment to work together with private investment to support the growth of our downtown and community as a whole. A yes vote means that these priority projects can positively impact our existing businesses through redevelopment, housing, and reinvestment." Liz Hannum, Executive Director, Downtown Oregon City Association

#### Positive Impacts

"For 114 years the Oregon City Chamber has been a unifying voice for the business community, and urban renewal funding is an important tool for business development. Your support of Measure 3-597 will help create a dynamic Oregon City where businesses can thrive and our whole community will benefit. Please cast a Yes vote for Measure 3-597." Victoria Meinig, CEO/Economic Development Director, Oregon City Chamber

#### Vibrancy & Vitality

"We have a great opportunity to vote yes for a vibrant Oregon City economy and for affordable housing for our growing workforce. Our vote will pump new life into our downtown businesses. <u>No new taxes are required</u>. Please vote yes on Measure 3-597 for a thriving City." **Kent Ziegler, President Oregon City Business Alliance** 

#### YES ON MEASURE 3-597 - NO ADDITIONAL TAXES

Paid for by Oregon City Thrives

### City of Oregon City Measure 3-597

#### **ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:**

#### URBAN RENEWAL SPENT \$60,000,000. WANTS MORE! SAY NO!

A \$44,000,000 BOND? With \$60,000,000 collected and spent since 1992, did the Downtown UR Plan **meet its** goal of creating projects that added new taxable property values? UR bought and remodeled for \$16 million a building for a new City Hall and paved some streets, reasonable and needed, but not TAX PAYING PROJECTS! Currently, Oregon City Urban Renewal has NO new projects open. Commissioners spend hours discussing UR, "What can we do, what can we do? Staff, please tell us what can we do?" Result? We have a <u>preposterous</u>, staff-driven bond proposal approved by UR Commissioners.

#### **NO BLANK CHECK!**

The Agency wants to spend millions of more tax dollars on a hodgepodge of unproductive ideas. Like maybe buy an old Court House? Something about a Quiet Zone? Repair the End of the Oregon Trail? Or maybe not. It's an insult to the democratic process. Voters are entitled to know the cost of each project and the possible tax value returns. UR should pick one project, not four, five, six, seven, or more!

#### UR TAX SPENDING BROUGHT FEW PRIVATE INVESTMENTS

Urban Renewal projects should stimulate private investment. The implementation of the Main Street plan has <u>not created</u> a single new entirely private commercial project. Two commercial projects (coffee bar/bookstore, apartments) in downtown OC were initially funded by developers, and supplemented with a few hundred thousand dollars from the UR Agency.

#### CITY AND COUNTY SERVICES 'SHORTED' BY MILLIONS

During the last 40 years, UR has diverted **\$60,000,000** from twelve service delivery agencies including: Clackamas County, Library Levy, Oregon City Educational Service District, Fire District, Community College, Oregon City School District, and six other services. **\$13,500,000 of these funds were diverted in the last five years!** 

#### SAY NO TO URBAN RENEWAL \$44,000,000 BOND ISSUE!

John F. Williams, Former Mayor Joan C. Williams

(Information and Opinion: www.urshuffle.com)

(This information furnished by Gregory Burnett)

(This information furnished by John F. Williams)

#### **ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:**

## FUNCTIONAL FIRE PROTECTION OR URBAN RENEWAL?

Elvis Clark of Milwaukie: "While I don't doubt Clackamas Fire can use an increase in its funding, given the need for firefighting wild fires, the fire district could do more to reduce the future need for its property tax request. The Clackamas County Fire Board needs to issue a public statement opposing the creation or extension of urban renewal districts." (Oregon City News opinion, 1/29/2023)

**FD#1 Chief Browne:** "As it stands, our permanent tax rate simply cannot keep up with the increased and diversified needs of our communities. <u>This gap has led</u> to persistent staffing challenges including the inability to maintain coverage at several rural fire stations." (Open election information letter, 1/26/23)

#### **FUNDING FD#1**

FD#1 has four urban renewal districts in its area. Oregon City's has the biggest financial impact. From 2018 to 2023, <u>\$2,347,352</u> of revenue from new property tax values were diverted from FD#1's projected budget to UR! Each year will see a three percent increase in taxable property values in the City and UR area, and a resulting increase in diversion! And any new construction in the UR Plan (Rossman Land Fill?) increases taxable value and the diverted tax revenue from FD#1. (Information above from County Tax Assessor records.)

#### A CONUNDRUM!

If the \$44,000,000 Urban Renewal Bond passes, and if funds are given to builders of a \$200,000,000 project on Rossman Land Fill, FD#1's potential loss by diversion will **DOUBLE** just as **its fire coverage area needs expanding!** At completion of the proposed Rossman project, FD#1 could **forego \$1,000,000** or more every tax cycle!

#### Oregon City Voters Should Vote NO to UR Bonds!

#### Michael Cummings

(Information and opinions at: www.urshuffle.com)

### City of Oregon City Measure 3-597

#### **ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:**

Vote No Urban Renewal (3-597) – Urban Renewal partially Defunds Fire and Police

- This Measure 3-597 misleads and has substantial cost. For instance, the Clackamas Fire District is now asking for a property tax increase (Measure 3-594 on your ballot) in part because Clackamas Fire is losing \$1.7 million per year to Oregon City's urban renewal district and three other urban renewal districts (Clackamas Fire District documents).
- Urban Renewal is not a tax but the way it is funded is by taking property tax monies away from basic City and County services like police, fire, parks, libraries and to some degree schools. Less basic services is how urban renewal borrowing is repaid.
- Oregon City's urban renewal district currently diverts over \$900,000 per year from the City Government's General Fund budget for basic services (Clackamas Tax Assessor data).
- Urban Renewal Districts can last for more than 30 years. Existing Oregon City residents may never see a return of the basic services they have been shorted by Urban Renewal. A significant number of residents will have moved on by the time the urban renewal district ends.
- You are pitched by the advocates of urban renewal about how it will improve an area. But much of their advocacy is speculative and some of it ends up only enlarging the profits of developers. What isn't speculative is a loss of monies for basic services.
- The state of Oregon is incentivizing Cities to build new housing complexes, such that a lot of development is occurring even without urban renewal. Hence, urban renewal has a lesser role to play now to induce new development.
- At the same time, new development will grow City Population increasing the demand for basic services – making urban renewal's diversion of monies even more costly.

Bob Clark - Economist, Researcher for the Taxpayer Association of Oregon

This Argument Against Endorsed by Paul Edgar, former Oregon City Urban Renewal official.

(This information furnished by John F. Williams)

(This information furnished by Bob Clark)

The printing of this argument does not constitute an endorsement by Clackamas County, nor does the county warrant the accuracy or truth of any statements made in the argument.

Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

#### **ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:**

\$44 MILLION MORE FOR URBAN RENEWAL MEANS MILLIONS LESS FOR PUBLIC SERVICES!

#### WHAT IS URBAN RENEWAL?

Urban Renewal is a legal government agency, with no taxing power. Established by Constitutional amendment IX(1c) in 1960, and operating within the city limits of Oregon City since 1982. It's managed by seven commissioners <u>charged with creating new taxable</u> <u>property values for Oregon City.</u>

#### HOW IS UR FINANCED?

By yearly diversion of new tax revenue to Urban Renewal, revenue originally intended by voters for twelve overlapping service agencies. This tax revenue (referred to as TIF, tax increment financing) comes from new taxable values generated by the mandated 3% per year increase in property values, and from new UR projects, or new private investment, if any.

#### HOW MUCH HAS BEEN DIVERTED TO UR?

 TAX YEARS 1992-2023
 \$60,000,000!

 TAX YEARS 2018-2023
 \$13,506,502!

 TAX YEAR
 2022-2023
 \$2,804,034!

Current Year Diversion Examples: Oregon City Schools, \$1,041,239; Oregon City, \$925,205; Fire District #1, \$503,713; Clackamas County, \$504,483; Community College, \$116,804; Education Service District, \$77,229; County Extension, \$10,375; County Library Levy, \$83,376; Soils Conservation, \$10,375; Port of Portland, \$14,601; Metro Service, \$19,964; Vector Control, \$1,153.

#### AND THE RETURN FOR OUR INVESTMENT?

In half a century, **NO** commercial projects producing new taxable values have been created by UR projects. **Essential public services have been neglected.** If you want more money for parks, full fire protection, more library books, etc.:

#### VOTE NO ON UR MONEY!

#### VOTE NO ON THE URBAN RENEWAL \$44,000,000 BOND ISSUE!

William Becker

(More information and Opinion at: www.urshuffle. com

### City of Oregon City Measure 3-597

### **ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:**

#### WHO REALLY PAYS FOR MEASURE 3-597?

Under Measure 3-597, <u>every</u> Oregon City property owner will pay taxes to service up to \$44 million in urban renewal debt.

Clackamas County Circuit Court Judge Lininger recently found the City's original ballot title summary for Measure 3-597 didn't comply with the law. The City had suggested the cost of borrowing \$44 million would be paid ONLY by property owners in the 855-acre 'plan area.' Of course, that's just false; the truth is that property owners THROUGHOUT Oregon City will have to pay for this \$44 million. Judge Lininger forced the City to acknowledge this important fact.

As Clackamas County urban renewal specialist and tax analyst Deena Mehdikhan testified in court: Any increase in the assessed value of the urban renewal plan area <u>will further divert money away</u> from the public agencies. It would take a greater proportion of Oregon City taxpayer money away from those agencies and give it to urban renewal.

#### HOW DOES URBAN RENEWAL WANT TO SPEND THIS BOND MONEY?

To pay the cost of covering up garbage in the Rossman Landfill? That is the property owner's burden, not the taxpayers.

Giving money to the Summit Corporation that comes from PROPERTY TAX PAYERS via the \$44 million dollar proposed bonds? Their plan to build condos should be a separate vote on its own.

Taxpayers should NOT give the UR 'staff' a blank check to spend our money on their favorite projects and hidden agendas. That's the REAL job of the seven UR Commissioners. They should be identifying and fulfilling the real needs of our City and its citizens.

Please vote  $\underline{\rm NO}$  on Measure 3-597, and use your tax money for better things.

#### **Elizabeth Vilensky**

(This information furnished by John F. Williams)

(This information furnished by John F. Williams)

### **ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:**

Fellow Oregon City voters:

We, Barbara and Ray Renken, served as co-chief petitioner (Barbara) and deputy treasurer (Ray) of the 2012 "right to vote on urban renewal" campaign. We would like to offer the following thoughts on Measure 3-597, **AND ASK YOU TO VOTE NO!** 

First, we would like to remind our fellow citizens why this measure is even on the ballot. It is not because City officials are doing us a favor. It is because we citizens took matters into our own hands to change our city charter to give ourselves the right to vote regarding how our tax money is spent.

Numerous citizens, three former mayors, and two city commissioners worked tirelessly to pass the 2012 "right to vote" charter amendment. Not only did the measure pass, it received more votes than any candidate or measure had ever received in Oregon City up to that point.

The vote requirement does impose <u>a responsibility</u> <u>upon the Urban Renewal Agency Commissioners</u> to be transparent with the citizens: <u>to tell the voter what'</u> <u>js being voted on</u>, and include crucial details such as the specific amounts dedicated to particular projects, project timelines, forecasted revenues, and potential risks. We are totally at sea on what we will be voting for - nothing in the voter explanation gives such specific details as to what city elected officials and city staff intend to do with our money. SO WE'LL **VOTE NO**.

We can't vote to give UR the key to the safe and be responsible citizens. Perhaps if our leaders would allow us to vote on individual projects, the necessary detail that would allow us to make informed decisions could be provided. Right now, we are blind mice scurrying in the dark.

**VOTE NO** on Measure 3-597. Barbara and Ray Renken

### City of Oregon City Measure 3-597

### **ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:**

Fellow Oregon City Voters and Taxpayers:

We submit these comments as individuals who were involved with efforts to amend our city charter to give citizens the right to vote on urban renewal expenditures. Tim was co- chief petitioner of the first petitioning effort. James was active both as an elected city commissioner and as a private citizen in securing that right to vote.

The measure before you, Measure 3-597, is a result of those efforts. You now have the power to decide on how your tax dollars are used. We recommend a  $\underline{NO}$  vote on this measure.

The charter amendment movement arose from widespread citizen concerns over mismanagement of funds, lack of public participation and accountability, and lack of transparency in the urban renewal program. There were corruptions small and large, from city staff dipping into urban renewal funds to pay for their parking tickets, to the infamous \$1.2 million giveaway to the former developers of the failed Cove project for their own work product.

The charter amendment was meant to "send a message" to city officials to get the urban renewal house in order.

Unfortunately, the urban renewal house is still not in order. One need look no further than the recent court decision forcing a correction to the ballot statement in this voters pamphlet. City officials - the city manager, the city attorney, and the city commissioners attempted to represent to voters that taxpayers outside the urban renewal district do not pay urban renewal taxes. The judge forcefully slapped down that attempt. Indeed, look at your own property tax bill and you will see the line for urban renewal taxes.

Did the city manager and city attorney "pull one over" on the volunteer city commissioners? Do the city commissioners not understand how urban renewal works? The various alternatives are all troubling.

Send another message: no reform, transparency, or managerial competence, then <u>no tax money</u>.

Vote NO on Measure 3-597

Tim Hammond-Williams James Nicita

(This information furnished by Barbara and Ray Renken)

(This information furnished by Timothy Hammond-Williams, James Nicita)

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE CITY COUNCIL Renew Portland Children's Levy investment for five years. Question: Shall Portland continue early childhood, child abuse and montaring programs; five year lowy \$0,4006 por \$1,000	<ul> <li>Provide foster children and youth with quality services that improve their chance at success, including educational support, mentoring and mental health services that increase school success and decrease rates of juvenile</li> </ul>
and mentoring programs; five-year levy \$0.4026 per \$1,000 assessed value beginning 2024? This measure renews current local option taxes.	crime. Measure 26-240 will renew the Portland Children's Levy at the
<b>Summary:</b> Renews the Portland Children's Levy investment at current rate; supports proven programs preventing childhood hunger, child abuse and neglect, helping children arrive at school ready to learn, providing safe constructive after-school alternatives for kids, and helping foster children and youth succeed.	same tax rate that voters approved in 2002, 2008, 2013 and 2018. Money raised through the Portland Children's Levy can only be used in program areas that deliver the greatest payoff by improving the lives of children and youth, and providing long-term savings to the community. Leading economic experts agree that early childhood education has the highest return of any public
Funds can only be used for: Preventing childhood hunger: giving hungry children healthy food.	investment, as much as \$17 is saved for every dollar spent. Because the average cost to jail a juvenile is \$112,420 annually, the Children's Levy is a prudent investment in our shared future.
Child abuse prevention and intervention: addressing juvenile crime, school failure, drug and alcohol abuse, homeless youth.	The Portland Children's Levy supports the following program areas:
Early childhood programs: making childcare more affordable and preparing children for success in school. After school, summer and mentoring programs: promoting academic achievement, reducing the number of youth victimized by crime, increasing graduation rates, mentoring programs supporting transition to college and career for youth.	<ul> <li>Child abuse prevention and intervention: addressing juvenile crime, school failure, drug and alcohol abuse and homeless youth.</li> <li>Early childhood programs: preparing children for success in school and making quality childcare more affordable.</li> <li>After school, summer and mentoring programs: promoting academic achievement, reducing the number of juveniles victimized by crime and increasing graduation rates.</li> <li>Children and youth in foster care: supporting children and youth who have been abused and neglected to succeed.</li> <li>Child hunger: improving children's access to nutritious meals, leading to improved health and academic success.</li> </ul>
Foster care programs: helping foster children and youth succeed. Accountability measures Inciude: • Investments subject to annual audits. • Programs funded must be cost effective and have a proven record of success • Investments subject to oversight by a citizen committee. • Administrative costs cannot exceed 5%	
The levy will raise approximately \$24,944,885 in 2024-2025, \$25,778,359 in 2025-2026, \$26,603,267 In 2026-2027, \$27,454,571 in 2027-2028, and \$28,333,118 in 2028-2029, for a total of \$133,114,201.	<ul> <li>Supports only proven, cost-effective programs</li> <li>Oversight by a citizen committee</li> <li>Administrative expenses limited to 5% or less</li> <li>Annual independent audits</li> </ul>
<b>EXPLANATORY STATEMENT</b> Measure 26-240 will renew the Portland Children's Levy at the same tax rate that voters approved in 2002, 2008, 2013 and 2018. By renewing the Children's Levy, Portland will continue to fund programs to help kids and youth succeed, protecting them from abuse, crime and hunger. The Portland Children's Levy supports proven programs for more than 15,000 children and youth annually who might otherwise grow up without a healthy start and the positive influences that lead to success in school and beyond.	Submitted by: Portland City Council
The Portland Children's Levy invests only in proven, cost- effective programs that:	
<ul> <li>Ensure children and youth are ready to learn and achieve greater academic success, which eases burdens on schools and teachers because children and youth are better prepared and less disruptive in the classroom.</li> <li>Prevent children and youth from becoming victims of crime by supporting programs that give kids safe, constructive things to do during the hours they are most at risk of getting into trouble or becoming victimized.</li> <li>Protect children and youth from abuse and neglect. The Children's Levy helps shield children and youth from terrible circumstances and works to eliminate the two greatest risk factors for juvenile crime: drug and alcohol abuse, and homelessness.</li> </ul>	
	NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS

### City of Portland Measure 26-240

### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

#### Vote Yes on 26-240 Renew The Portland Children's Levy to Help Keep Portland's Kids Safe and Successful

In 2002, Portland voters created the Portland Children's Levy, to make the needs of our community's children a higher priority. Over the last 20 years, the Children's Levy has invested in 91 community programs in the following areas:

- Child abuse prevention and intervention: protecting children from terrible circumstances, which also addresses juvenile crime, school failure, drug and alcohol abuse and homeless youth.
- Early childhood programs: Ensuring children arrive at school ready to learn and prepared for success and making quality childcare more affordable.
- After school, summer, and mentoring programs: promoting academic achievement, reducing the number of juveniles victimized by crime and increasing graduation rates.
- Children in foster care programs: giving foster children a better chance at success with educational support, mentoring and ai;cess to mental health services.
- Child hunger prevention: improving children's access to nutritious meals, leading to better physical and mental health, as well as academic success.

As we emerge from the pandemic and its damaging impact on students, the Children's Levy is more critical than ever. Voting YES on 26-240 means that children will continue to receive the academic support, mentoring, mental health treatment, and nutritious meals they need.

#### No Increase in Tax Rate

Measure 26-240 renews the Children's Levy at the same tax rate we are paying now.

#### Effective and Accountable

Measure 26-240 will continue the Children's Levy's strong accountability measures:

- Only supports programs that are cost-effective and proven to work
- Oversight by a citizens committee
- Administrative expenses are limited to 5% or less
- Annual independent audits

Renewing the Portland Children's Levy is an important way to say that in Portland, we care about our kids - and put those values into action every day.

PLEASE VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-240 Learn more about the Levy at portlandchildrenslevy.org

# **Voter Registration**

To Vote in Oregon, you must be registered in your county of residence.

To register, you must be:

- A US Citizen
- A resident of Oregon
- At least 16 years of age\*

\*You will not receive a ballot to vote until the election on/after your 18th birthday. You must be registered before the registration deadline to be eligible.

### How to Register

- 1. Online at oregonvotes.gov
- 2. Mail/Deliver a registration form to: Clackamas County Elections 1710 Red Soils Court, Suite 100 Oregon City, OR 97045

Registration forms are available:

- -Online at oregonvotes.gov
- -Any county elections office
- -Post offices
- -Libraries
- -DMV locations

New Registrations must be postmarked 21 days before 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



(This information furnished by Dan Ryan)

The printing of this argument does not constitute an endorsement by Clackamas County, nor does the county warrant the accuracy or truth of any statements made in the argument. Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

### Colton School District Measure 3-593

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE DISTRICT BOARD Bonds to renovate District facilities and improve safety and security.		
<b>uestion:</b> Shall District issue \$8,000,000 in bonds to renovate chools and improve safety and security at school facilities? the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on roperty or property ownership that are not subject to the limits f sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.		
<b>Summary:</b> Colton School District has been awarded \$4,000,000 State grant which will be available only if the bonds are approved. If the bonds are not approved, the grant could go to another district.	made Submi Dav	
Bond and grant funds to finance:	Sup	
<ul> <li>Construction of a new Career and Technical Education shop facility</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Classroom Heating, cooling &amp; ventilation improvements and LED lighting upgrades</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Exterior repairs to existing school buildings such as new siding, windows and entries</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Remodeling of core classrooms to accommodate expanded curriculums</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Repurposing common spaces to provide student social interaction areas</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>School safety, security and ADA upgrades</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Improvements to school district grounds, sports fields and infrastructure</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>New interior finishes such as carpet and paint</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Paying costs of the Project including costs of issuance of bonds</li> </ul>		
District would establish a citizen oversight committee to ensure proceeds are used for purposes indicated.		
Bonds would mature within 20 years from issuance. Estimated increase over FY 2023 bond tax rate is \$0.78 per \$1,000 assessed property value. Actual levy rate may differ due to changes in interest rates and assessed value.		
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT		
The Colton School District's Board has voted to place an \$8,000,000 bond on the May 16th ballot.		
The State awarded Colton School District a \$4,000,000 matching grant if the bonds are approved. If bonds are not approved, the \$4,000,000 grant funds will be distributed to another district.		
If approved, the bonds and matching grant will provide the Colton School District with \$12 million to fund school facility capital projects, including:		
<ul> <li>Repairing and replacing boilers, HVAC, siding, lighting, windows and flooring, and other school facility improvements at all Colton Schools</li> <li>Upgrading school safety systems at all Colton Schools</li> <li>Adding a new Construction Technology building and program at the high school</li> <li>Renovating existing classrooms at the high school, including the Wood and Metal shops, to improve the learning environment</li> <li>Modernizing the CHS Library for increased student and community use</li> </ul>		

Bonds would mature in 20 years or less from issuance date and may be issued in one or more series. The existing tax rate of approximately \$ .39 per \$1,000 of assessed value is projected to ncrease by \$ .80. Actual rates may vary based upon interest rates ncurred and changes in assessed value.

If the bond does not pass, no additional assessment would be made and the proposed projects would not be completed.

Submitted by: Dave Kline Superintendent

<ul> <li>REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE DISTRICT BOARD</li> <li>Local option levy renewal to maintain teaching positions, classroom programs</li> <li>Question: Shall District preserve class sizes, programs, educators; levy \$1.64 per \$1,000 assessed value for operations for five years beginning 2024-2025. This measure renews current local option taxes.</li> <li>Summary: Lake Oswego School District's current local option levy was approved by voters in 2019. The operating levy funds one-third of all teaching positions in the District. Levy has been approved by Lake Oswego School District voters since first introduced in 2000.</li> <li>This measure renews the levy at its current rate and would not increase property tax rates.</li> <li>Levy resources would preserve and continue to fund:</li> <li>Educator positions to preserve class sizes and unblended grade levels</li> <li>Instructional time to keep the current number of school days</li> <li>Elective programming such as music, art, engineering, and technology</li> </ul>	These resources funded by the levy would continue supporting the Lake Oswego School District's educational standards. Lake Oswego School District is ranked the number one school district, and its teachers are ranked the best, in Oregon by Niche. In its annual 2022 school rankings report, <i>US News</i> and <i>World Reports</i> ranked Lake Oswego and Lakeridge High Schools in the top 5% of all high schools in the nation. Lake Oswego School District ranked the highest academic achievement and growth in grades K-12 and graduated the highest percentage of students in four years of all large comprehensive K-12 school districts in Oregon, per Oregon Department of Education 2021 reporting. <b>Lake Oswego School Levy Renewal Would Cost</b> If approved, beginning in July 2024, property owners would continue to pay the same tax rate as the current local option school levy of \$1.64 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The owner of a home assessed at the average home assessed value of \$500,000 would continue to pay a maximum of approximately \$68 per month or \$820 per year for the local option school levy. Local option levy funding, and all District finances and expenditures, are subject to accountability measures, including regular annual audits and School Board oversight to ensure funds
Mental health supports for students' well being	are used as intended.
Funds subject to accountability measures, including annual audits and School Board oversight.	All revenue generated by the levy renewal would continue to be used to support Lake Oswego School District and its students.
If approved, this measure would continue the current local option levy of \$1.64 per \$1,000 of assessed value and is estimated to raise approximately \$16,000,000 In 2024-2025, \$16,500,000 in 2025-2026, \$17,000,000 in 2026-2027, \$17,500,000 in 2027- 2028, and \$18,000,000 in 2028-29, for a total of \$85,000,000 over five years.	Submitted by: Mary Kay Larson Executive Director of Communications
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT	
As a renewal, approval of this levy would protect class sizes, educator positions, instructional days, and elective programming in Lake Oswego School District without increasing current property tax rates. This levy would renew at the same rate as the five-year local option school operating levy approved by voters in May 2019, which expires on June 30, 2024. The levy renewal would continue to provide the Lake Oswego School District with approximately 15% of its annual general operating budget, funding the equivalent of one-third of all teaching positions in the District.	
educator positions, instructional days, and elective programming in Lake Oswego School District without increasing current property tax rates. This levy would renew at the same rate as the five-year local option school operating levy approved by voters in May 2019, which expires on June 30, 2024. The levy renewal would continue to provide the Lake Oswego School District with approximately 15% of its annual general operating budget, funding the equivalent of one-third of all teaching	

NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED

#### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

#### PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS URGE YES VOTE ON THE LEVY RENEWAL! PROTECT EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN LAKE OSWEGO!

We send our children to school every day knowing that they are receiving an excellent education. Our students are taught by high quality instructors and supported by well-trained educational assistants and counselors. Our students have access to a rich curriculum in arts, humanities, languages, mathematics and sciences; courses which prepare them for their futures.

The LO Schools Levy Renewal does NOT raise property taxes. The tax rate remains the same and all levy funds stay in our district.

The LO Schools Levy Renewal pays for one third of our classroom teachers. Levy resources keep class sizes small, retain school days, provide a range of electives, and fund counseling and mental health supports.

The LO Schools Levy Renewal benefits our community. Our outstanding public education system contributes to a thriving LO by attracting new families and businesses to our community and keeping property values high. Our schools graduate well-educated, well-prepared students who strengthen our local and state economy.

## Please join us in voting YES on the Lake Oswego Schools Levy.

Tom Atwood Katy Barman Wendy Barnes LaRae Burk Jan Castle Amy V.Z. Clark Tara Clasen Shannon Crain Tracy Deogny Tamara DiVergilio Alan Doby Davina Doby Joe Donnellv John Ducker Molly Ducker Alistair Firmin Kate Firmin Caroline Glad Paula Gore Jeff Gudman Wayne Ha Abigail Haffner Connie Harrell Zach Hayes Ron Heintz Kerry Hinrichs Monique Kennedy Maria Kimberling Lisa Kolve Ahnawake Kriese Lisa LeBlanc Meghan Lopez Rachel Mardock Kirstin Martin

Amy McFarland Monicah McGee Eliot Metzger Timothy Morris Tom O'Connor Christi Osborne Haiting Qi Natasha Richmond Kerstan Ruffer Elizabeth Sattelberger Deidre Scott Shelby Setter Jennifer Singer Elizabeth Welsh, PhD. Lisa Wendland Heather Wick Melissa Williams Jennifer Zagacki

Lake Oswego Sustainability Network Board Members: Lisa Adatto Dorothy Atwood Duke Castle Linda Ganzini Mark Puhlman Mary Ratcliff Stephanie Wagner Kathleen Wiens

Stand for Children

#### (This information furnished by Courtney A. Clements, Renew LO Schools Levy)

### Lake Oswego School District Measure 3-592

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

## The Lake Oswego Schools Foundation urges you to vote YES on Measure 3-592

We are proud to be part of the enduring Lake Oswego tradition of investing in our schools! Renewing the Lake Oswego School District Levy will continue that tradition.

The levy is crucial to funding our schools! Many staff positions are supported through the levy. Without passage of the levy, class sizes would go up dramatically. In addition, we would not be able to have full-time counseling staff at all schools or individualized instruction in reading and math to supporting learners at all levels. Our district's strong curriculum and exceptional teachers and staff are the reasons LO students graduate college and career ready.

As members of the Foundation Board, we work closely with the district that funds are spent in ways that have long-term benefits for our students. The district's careful stewardship of its funding enables us to remain among the top school districts in the state and nation by focusing dollars on classes and services that result in excellent outcomes. Our graduation rate of 97%, among the highest in the nation, is testament to the careful management of our community's investment.

Passage of the levy will help us keep our promise to our students to provide them with an excellent education and enable them to be successful after graduation. Since this is a renewal, a YES vote will NOT raise your property taxes. It will continue the investment that has made our district exemplary.

## Please join us in voting YES on the Lake Oswego Schools Levy.

The Lake Oswego Schools Foundation Board

Maxine Walkenhorst, President Kasey Adler Lindsey Barney Mark Birge Sarah Born Chad Carter Laura Coyle Brian Gentry Chris Grubb Sara Hasan Howard Huang Emily Lievens Salumeh Loesch Brian Madden Jahzeel Ormeno Courtney Reeves Lynne Thompson

(This information furnished by Maxine Walkenhorst, Lake Oswego Schools Foundation)

#### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

#### The members of the Lake Oswego Education Association stand united in support of MEASURE 3-592.

Lake Oswego is a community that values its ability to provide an outstanding education to all of its students; this commitment to excellence has gained our district state-wide recognition for student success in state testing outcomes, graduation rates, and college acceptance. This dedication to education is part of what makes Lake Oswego a desirable community in which to live, work, and study.

Measure 3-592 is a renewal of this long-standing commitment: it is not a tax increase, but merely ensures the continuation of an existing \$16 million pledge to the annual school budget. Representing 15% of the overall district budget, this money funds one third of the classroom teachers in the district. These dollars are essential to preserving the integrity of our schools.

Without the teachers, education specialists, counselors, and support staff this levy funds, we lose our ability to maintain the standards of excellence our community expects. This measure is an investment in our community and collective future.

A vote to maintain the levy at the current rate **helps to protect our education workforce**, and therefore the quality of the education provided to our students by reducing teacher turnover and maintaining smaller class sizes—all without increasing your personal tax burden.

Passing this levy option will NOT:

• Result in a higher tax rate

Passing this levy will:

- Ensure \$16,000,000 worth of funding—a full 15% of our annual budget—paid directly into schools
- Allow the district to retain one third of our education positions district-wide
- Help attract and retain high-quality educators to our district by demonstrating LO's ongoing commitment to education reinforcing our community as a desirable, reliable district for employment

**Please stand united with the educators** who work day-in and day-out to provide a high-quality education at every grade level throughout the Lake Oswego school district and vote YES on Measure 3-592.

#### Lake Oswego Education Association

### Lake Oswego School District Measure 3-592

#### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

## WE ARE VOTING YES TO RENEW OUR LAKE OSWEGO SCHOOLS LEVY!

As current and former volunteer members of the Lake Oswego School Board, we are committed to providing our students with an exemplary education that prepares them for college and career success. A YES vote on Measure 3-592 will ensure that we continue to have the funds to:

- Keep class sizes low
- Provide instructional math and literacy supports
- Offer advanced secondary STEM and CTE courses
- Ensure counseling and mental health resources
- Maintain one of the highest graduation rates in the state

## VOTE YES TO PROTECT TEACHERS AND CLASS SIZES

Measure 3-592 will enable Lake Oswego schools to preserve one-third of its teaching positions. Our teachers are the backbone of our district, teaching fundamental skills, critical thinking and problem-solving strategies, and providing our students with the guidance and support they need to achieve.

## NO TAX INCREASE - FUNDING STAYS IN LAKE OSWEGO

The renewal provides funding at the same tax rate we pay today. All of the funds realized by the levy renewal remain in Lake Oswego classrooms funding teachers and supporting students.

Passing the Levy Renewal demonstrates that as a community we recognize the importance of well-funded public education.

Join us in supporting our local schools! Vote YES on Measure 3-592.

Current School Board Neelam Gupta, Chair Kirsten Aird, Vice Chair Brian Bills Liz Hartman John Wallin

Former School Board Members Bob Barman Sarah Howell Sara Pocklington Oregon State Senator and Senate President Rob Wagner Lake Oswego City Councilor John Wendland

(This information furnished by Kelly Fitzsimmons, Lake Oswego Education Association) (This information furnished by John Wallin, Lake Oswego School Board)

The printing of this argument does not constitute an endorsement by Clackamas County, nor does the county warrant the accuracy or truth of any statements made in the argument.

Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

## LOCAL LEADERS ARE VOTING YES ON OUR SCHOOL LEVY

As elected leaders representing Lake Oswego, we recognize that our top-rated school district is a vital part of our community and a key reason why families choose to live in Lake Oswego.

The strength of the school district has been made possible because of the support of the local community. For more than 20 years, citizens of Lake Oswego have overwhelmingly approved a local school levy to allow our schools to offer more, such as additional math and reading support at the elementary level and expanded course offerings in STEM and career technical education at the secondary level.

Please join us in voting to **once again renew our school levy** to ensure that Lake Oswego students graduate ready to compete in a global economy.

## RENEWS EXISTING LEVY ONLY — NO TAX INCREASE

The levy provides 15% of our school district's operating budget, funding key educational programs at all grades.

#### STAYS LOCAL

All money collected from the levy is directed towards programs in the Lake Oswego School District, helping our district stay strong and at the top among school districts in the state and the nation.

## MAINTAINS TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

Funds from the levy pay for one-third of our teaching staff. Without the levy, the district would be faced with extremely difficult decisions that could result in increased class sizes, reduced secondary course offerings, and fewer instructional days.

As your elected representatives, we know Lake Oswego holds the education of our young people as vital to their success, as well as our future. Join us in supporting Measure 3-592 to renew our school levy and keep Lake Oswego an amazing place to live.

#### Lake Oswego Mayor Joe Buck

Lake Oswego City Councilors Ali Afghan, Trudy Corrigan, Massene Mboup, Rachel Verdick, John Wendland

Oregon State Senator and Senate President Rob Wagner

**Clackamas County Commissioner Martha Schrader** 

### Lake Oswego School District Measure 3-592

#### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce Supports Lake Oswego Schools Levy Renewal - Measure 3-592

The Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce has consistently supported our local public schools. We recognize the critical role schools play in making Lake Oswego a thriving and prosperous community.

Lake Oswego's public school system offers students a challenging, diverse curriculum in order to prepare them to contribute meaningfully to their communities after graduation. Local funding provided through the Levy enables our district to offer specialized reading and math instruction at the elementary level to prepare our younger students for a demanding secondary curriculum. Hands-on STEM and advanced arts and humanities courses in middle and high schools position our graduates to succeed in college and careers.

## The Levy provides the district with approximately 15% of its budget

The district uses Levy funds to pay for one third of its teaching staff. Without these teachers, educational opportunities for our children would be drastically reduced - larger class sizes, fewer school days, diminished electives. This would have a devastating effect not only on our students but on our community.

## The Levy is a renewal and the money stays in Lake Oswego

Passage of Measure 3-592 will NOT raise property taxes. The Levy will continue at the same rate, ensuring stable and significant revenue to enable our district to provide services and support that would not be possible if schools relied solely on state school funding.

## The Levy is an investment that pays great returns – 97% Graduation rate

Lake Oswego has one of the highest graduation rates in both Oregon and the U.S. Our excellent school system is a draw for businesses to locate here, knowing they have a well-educated, well-prepared workforce.

The core of the Chamber's mission is to strengthen local businesses. Passing Measure 3-592 will complement our mission by continuing an investment in our education system.

Please vote YES on Measure 3-592.

Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce 525 Third Street, Lake Oswego 97034

(This information furnished by John Wallin, Lake Oswego School Board)

(This information furnished by Elizabeth Hartman, Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce)

### Sherwood School District Measure 34-323

#### REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE DISTRICT BOARD 5 Year Local Option Levy to Maintain Teachers, Class Sizes

**Question:** Shall District maintain teachers, class sizes, academics, extracurricular programs; levy \$1.50 per \$1000 assessed value for five years beginning 2023-24? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**Summary:** Sherwood schools are facing an anticipated \$7 million funding shortfall for the 2023/24 school year due to rapidly increased costs due to inflation, inadequate funding from the State of Oregon and lack of district reserves to offset or mitigate reductions.

These reductions may include:

- 30 teachers
- 19 classified staff
- 10 furlough days
- Loss of academic programming

If approved Levy would provide School District with an estimated \$6.5 million annually in funding to help maintain:

- Teaching positions
- Small class sizes
- Electives and co-curricular activities including engineering, robotics, agriculture, dual language, physical education
- Career-Technical and Advanced Placement courses
- School safety measures

Funds will be placed in a sub-account, and a citizen budget committee and school board oversight will monitor expenditures to verify that funds are used as approved by voters. No levy funds will be spent for administration. Performance auditing of school district programs also will be done.

#### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Sherwood School District currently serves over 4600 students in six schools. Sherwood High School continues to exceed Oregon's graduation rate with 94% of all students graduating in the 2021-22 school year. The district proudly offers 7 Career-Technical Education programs and 15 Advanced Placement courses. Additionally, Sherwood students earned 7,071 college credits through Dual Credit courses in the 2021-22 school year. The District provides PreKindergarten and Dual Language Inclusion programs, a strong selection of extracurricular activities, athletics and fine arts, and state-ofthe-art facilities to support student learning.

The District's primary source of funding is the State School Fund, which has historically underfunded school districts statewide and utilizes an allocation formula that redistributes property taxes across the state. As districts face increasing costs due to inflation, the State School Fund remains insufficient to maintain the service level necessary to meet the needs of students.

For years, school districts surrounding Sherwood have had education levies in place to support academic programs. In contrast, the Sherwood School District has one of the lowest per-student revenue amounts in the region. This proposed levy will bring additional per-student revenue that will allow the District to remain competitive with surrounding districts.

Through this proposed levy, the Sherwood School District can address the state funding gap and maintain crucial staffing and services for our students. 100% of the funds collected through the proposed levy stay in the District and would go directly to serving Sherwood students.

#### Anticipated Budget Shortfall

The Sherwood School District estimates a budget shortfall of up to \$7 million dollars for the 2023-24 school year. This level of reduction is equivalent to eliminating approximately 50 teacher and staff positions and 10 school days.

## Proposed Levy to Retain Teachers and Staff, Maintain Class Sizes, and Maintain Programs

This measure, if approved, would allow the Sherwood School District to:

- Retain highly-qualified teachers and staff at all schools
- Maintain low class size
- Maintain exemplary extracurricular programs in fine arts and athletics
- Support substantial course offerings in Career-Technical Education and Advanced Placement courses

#### Fiscal Accountability and Transparency

The District remains committed to ongoing fiscal accountability and transparency. Funds collected from the education levy would be placed in a sub-account, and a citizen budget committee and school board oversight will monitor expenditures.

#### Local Control

Proposed levy measure funds would be raised locally and could only be spent in the Sherwood School District as approved by voters.

#### Estimated Tax Impact

The five-year education levy would cost property owners a maximum tax rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value per year. The owner of a property with a median assessed value of \$280,000 would pay \$35 per month.

The levy is projected to raise \$34,866,643 over five years:

2023-24: \$6.50 million 2024-25: \$6.73 million 2025-26: \$6.97 million 2026-27: \$7.21 million 2027-28: \$7.46 million

Submitted by: Dr. Jeremy Lyon Superintendent

#### NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR/OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED

Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE DISTRICT BOARD Five-year levy for hiring additional firefighters & general operations.

**Question:** Shall AFD replace current rate with \$1.98/assessed value for five years beginning 2023, hiring EMTs/Firefighters and enhancing operations? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**Summary:** Aurora Fire is seeking a five-year local option tax for general operations. Monies are needed to maintain and hire additional career EMTs/Firefighters. This levy will assist the District to staff apparatus with up to 3 career EMTs/Firefighters 24/7. The District currently has funding for two firefighters per 24 hours, this is below national standards of staffing of a three person minimum crew.

AFD responds to over 1300 emergencies a year, the amount of calls is stretching current resources thin. The reality is that times have changed. Demands on volunteers have become increasingly difficult to balance. We are no longer the small rural district we used to be, we are asking you to decide what service level you want us to provide. Money will be used for staffing, general operating expenses such as equipment, supplies and repairs. This levy request will help ensure we are staffed for your emergency and will put us on target for meeting minimum staffing standards. This levy replaces the current rate of \$0.99.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$2,208,296 in 2023-24; \$2,284,485 in 2024-25; \$2,353,351 in 2025-26; and \$2,423,992 in 2026-27; and 2,496,712 in 2027-28.

### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

#### Quick facts

- Most of our volunteers do not live in district
- Our busiest volunteer responded to less than 19% of our calls in 2022
- By law, our tax assessments go up 3%. Our expenses have increased faster than revenue received.
- Call volume continues to increase
- Without a levy increase we will need to lay off some of our current career firefighters
- Volunteer numbers continue to decrease nationwide
- We don't want to ask you to raise your taxes, but the math tells us we must
- This levy will remain in place for 5 years
- We are looking at all of our options, including mergers, consolidation, and or contracts for services from neighboring agencies.

This request is our opportunity to ask you what level of service you would like us to provide. If your home is on fire, national mandates prohibit us from entering to extinguish the fire until a minimum of four firefighters are on scene. This levy will assist us to meet these standards and provide better service to the community.

Responding to over 1,300 emergencies per year, AFD provides Firefighting, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to residents within 64 square miles of Marion and Clackamas Counties. We protect the Cities of Aurora and Donald as well as the Aurora Airport, portions of Champoeg State Park, and 20 miles of Interstate 5.

This levy would provide additional career EMT/Firefighters. We have now reached the point where we can no longer rely on a volunteer response. This levy will replace the current rate of .99 cents.

We are currently operating below national minimum standards. This levy will also allow us to properly maintain facilities and all emergency equipment. Currently, there are two career firefighters on duty 24/7, which is below national standards. We are attempting to provide a standard of additional firefighters 24/7. We have simply become too busy with the limited personnel we have.

The District has a small group of qualified volunteers who serve in all positions from duty officer to our newest recruit; however time demands on volunteer firefighters have reached a point where it is difficult to recruit and, more importantly, retain volunteers. Family life, job requirements, and increased emergency calls have changed the face of the fire service both nationwide and locally. Ask yourself this: Do you have the time to volunteer?

The District recruits volunteers who live and/or work within the community and can respond to emergency calls. We also recruit 'out of district' volunteers who may live anywhere throughout the Willamette Valley and sign up for shifts (generally 12-24 hours in length) in Aurora or Donald.

Our student program exists to provide staffing and a career path to college students. The District strives to maintain six student firefighters and place them on shifts (currently helping to ensure a staffed fire engine). When recruited, these students are among the newest and most inexperienced members.

Submitted by: Joshua L. Williams Fire Chief, Aurora Fire District

> NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR/OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED

### Canby Fire District Measure 3-596

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE DISTRICT BOARD Replacement Local Option Levy for Fire and Emergency Medical Services

**Question:** Shall Canby Fire District maintain emergency response services by levying \$0.95 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years, beginning 2023? This measure may cause property taxes to increase by more than three percent.

**Summary:** The Canby Fire District replacement levy would fund a total of 12 firefighter/medics, an increase of 6 firefighter/medics over what the District's existing levy funds.

Since voters first approved the existing levy rate 8 years ago, emergency calls have risen 56%, exceeding 3,500 in 2022. Currently, 47% of the time a Canby Fire crew responds to a medical emergency, a second crew is called to another emergency.

When a third call occurs while two crews are already responding, response delays are likely because first responders in neighboring districts may be called out to assist. If the levy passes, Canby Fire would be able to maintain three medical/fire emergency response teams 24/7.

The levy rate would be \$0.95 per \$1,000 assessed value, an increase of \$0.50 per \$1,000 over the current levy. For a home with the District-average assessed (not market) value of \$276,000, the cost would be \$262 per year or \$22 a month. If the levy passes, Canby Fire would stop collecting on the existing levy and start collecting on the replacement levy.

The estimated amounts to be raised annually by this levy are: FY2023-2024: \$2,836,634 FY2024-2025: \$2,921,733 FY2025-2026: 3,009,385 FY2026-2027: 3,099,667 FY2027-2028: 3,192,657

### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

Canby Fire District provides first response to medical, rescue, and fire emergencies across a 54 square mile area that includes Canby, Barlow and surrounding suburban and rural communities. CFD's firefighter/medics provide life-saving care at medical and rescue emergencies and fight structure, industrial, and wildland fires. Operations are funded primarily through property taxes.

CFD has a permanent property tax rate of \$1.54 per-thousand of assessed (not market) value. We are also funded by a \$0.45 per-thousand 5-year levy that funds 6 of our 18 firefighters. Since we last asked voters to renew the 5-year levy, the rate of increase for emergency medical calls has accelerated. To meet increasing emergency calls, CFD is asking voters to increase the rate to \$0.95 per-thousand to fund 6 additional firefighter/ medics.

#### Why are 6 additional firefighter/medics needed?

Since the current levy rate was first approved, emergency calls have increased 56%, from 2,284 in 2014 to 3,568 in 2022, with the great majority of calls being medical emergencies. During the same period the percentage of time that calls overlap (requiring multiple teams at the same time) rose from 30% to 47%.

If the 5-year replacement levy is approved, it would allow CFD to ensure:

• Faster medical response when calls overlap. CFD would maintain two response teams at the Main Station and one at North Station, 24/7. Having three teams on duty 24/7 would help maintain fast response by reducing the need for out-of-district responders when calls overlap.

- Fire response capability from North Station. Currently, the North Station is staffed with 2 firefighter/medics 24/7. However, safety standards require at least 3 firefighters respond to fire emergencies, limiting this station's ability to respond to fires. The levy would ensure 3 firefighter/medics are assigned to North Station allowing response to both medical and fire emergencies.
- Improved fire response District-wide. Currently, when 2 medical calls overlap, CFD's fire engines do not have adequate staffing for immediate fire response, resulting in delays waiting for assistance from neighboring districts. If the levy passes, CFD would have adequate staffing for a fire engine response while 2 medical calls are active.

#### What is the cost of the replacement levy?

The 5-year levy rate would be \$0.95 per \$1,000 of assessed (not market) value, a 50-cent per-thousand increase over the current levy. For a home with the District-average assessed (not market) value of \$276,000, the cost would be \$262 per year or \$22 a month. If the replacement levy passes, CFD would stop collecting on the existing levy and start collecting on the replacement levy.

#### What happens if the levy fails?

CFD expects emergency calls to continue growing with the District's population. If the levy fails, response times to an increasing number of medical and fire emergencies would likely lengthen because neighboring districts would be called on more often to assist when CFD teams are on other calls.

If the levy fails, CFD would continue collecting on the existing local option levy at the rate of \$0.45 per-thousand of assessed value.

Submitted by: James X. Davis Fire Chief

> NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED

### Canby Fire District Measure 3-596

### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

This is a unified letter from the Canby Volunteer Firefighters Association and the Canby Fire District Board of Directors in support of Measure 3-596. The Canby Fire District and Paramedic Ambulance has operated for more than 70 years and remains one of the great cornerstones of our community. This levy increase will allow Canby Fire District to hire an additional 6 Firefighter/EMT/Paramedics and be able to staff the Northside Fire Station with 3 Firefighters 24 hours a day and provide the means to fully staff a fire engine from that station. The Northside Station is currently staffed with 2 medics and an ambulance.

Last year, Canby Fire District responded to 3,568 calls for service. The number of times Canby Fire experiences overlapping/multiple calls has increased to 47% of the time. With increasing call volumes, Canby Fire ambulances are transporting to hospitals more frequently resulting in less Fire/EMS coverage during transports. The 6 additional Firefighters funded by this levy will allow Canby Fire District to have an adequately staffed Advanced Life Support (ALS) fire engine at all times, as well as 2 ALS ambulances.

A "yes" vote on Measure 3-596 would result in an increase of the current local option levy of \$0.45 cents per thousand assessed property value to \$0.95 cents per thousand of assessed property value. This would result in the funding for 6 additional Firefighter/ paramedic/EMTs.

A "no" vote on measure 3-596 would result in the current \$0.45 cent per thousand operating levy staying in place. If this occurs Canby Fire will not be able to adequately keep up with rising call volumes and residents are likely to experience longer response times for Fire/Medical emergencies.

Endorsed by

Canby Volunteer Firefighter's Association

Canby Fire District Board of Directors

### Canby Fire District Measure 3-596

#### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

The Canby Chamber of Commerce supports measure 3-596. This measure will provide Canby Fire District the funding needed for 6 additional firefighter/ Paramedic/EMTs.

The additional staffing will allow our fire district to continue to respond to the increasing number of fire and medical emergencies in our rapidly growing Canby community.

In addition, the Insurance Standard Organization (ISO) has rated Canby Fire as a Class 2 within the hydranted areas of our community and a Class 3 in the rural areas. This is an excellent insurance rating that has afforded our citizens and area businesses to experience a lower insurance premium rate. This is one of the many reasons our Canby Chamber of Commerce supports voting "yes" on measure 3-596. Supporting this measure will benefit all who work and live within Canby Fire District.

Endorsed by

Canby Area Chamber of Commerce

(This information furnished by Mark Oelschlager, Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County, IAFF Local 1159) (This information furnished by Mark Oelschlager, Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County, IAFF Local 1159)

### Canby Fire District Measure 3-596

### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

The Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County, IAFF Local 1159 proudly support the Canby Fire District 3-596 Replacement Local Option Levy for Fire and Emergency Services. Local 1159 views the community and firefighter safety to be priority for the City of Canby.

A "yes" vote will provide adequate staffing levels and will allow Canby Fire District to have enough personnel to respond to the increased volume of 911 calls. It will provide appropriately staffed ambulances and fire engines to increase safety, efficiency, and quicker response times. Firefighters need numerous personnel on scene to enter a structure fire per OSHA mandates. Multiple Firefighters are needed on medical calls for safely lifting patients, carrying medical equipment, and delivering a high level of medical care. Firefighters live to serve the communities they work in, and having a appropriately staffed fire department is crucial for this to happen.

A "yes" vote will allow Canby Fire District to hire 6 additional Firefighter/Paramedic/EMTs. With increased staffing, Canby Fire District will be able to continue staffing 2 advance life support ambulances 24/7, and an advanced life support fire engine. In the last 8 years 911 call volumes have increased 56% with no increase in staffing levels.

A "no" vote would result in staffing levels to remain the same leaving 5-6 firefighters on duty per day. This will result in not having a staffed fire engine when both ambulances are transporting medical emergencies to hospitals. Ultimately a "no" vote will lead to longer response times if the current trends in call volumes continue.

The Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County urge you to vote yes on measure 3-596 to increase safety in the community and the safety of your firefighters.

(This information furnished by Mark Oelschlager, Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County, IAFF Local 1159)

The printing of this argument does not constitute an endorsement by Clackamas County, nor does the county warrant the accuracy or truth of any statements made in the argument. Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

**Return Your Ballot** 

by May 16, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

**Mail:** Stamps are **NOT** required! Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received by Clackamas County Elections within 7 days after Election Day to be counted.



Official Ballot Drop Site: 24-Hour outdoor official ballot drop boxes for convenient and secure deposits. Available April 26 through Election Day, May 16, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

Official ballot drop boxes are listed on page 4 of this pamphlet.



# Your voted ballot may be dropped off at any official ballot drop box in the State.

The Secretary of State's official ballot drop box locator is: <u>www.oregonvotes.gov/dropbox</u>

Please contact our office with any questions. Clackamas County Elections 503-655-8510

#### REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE DISTRICT BOARD LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

**Question:** Shall Clackamas Fire District implement a five-year emergency services levy at \$0.52 per \$1,000 assessed value, beginning FY 2023-24?

**Summary:** Clackamas Fire District is seeking an enhanced five-year local-option levy to support fire and medical response throughout the District. Funds will be used for:

Additional firefighter and first responder positions in all parts of the district to improve response times, safety and effectiveness.
Full-time, 24/7 career staffing at two rural fire stations (Logan and Clarkes) that are critical to wildfire and emergency response.

 Implementation of quick response vehicles staffed by trained firefighter paramedics for medical and other emergencies In high-volume service areas.

- Equipment and operational costs connected to wildfire preparedness and emergency response.

The levy would cost \$0.52 per thousand of assessed property value, which is \$138 per year for a typical homeowner at the median assessed value of \$266,018.

An estimate of the total amount of money to be raised for each year of the proposed levy renewal is: FY 2023-2024: \$13,806,000 FY 2024-2025: \$14,300,000 FY 2025-2026: \$14,658,000 FY 2026-2027: \$15,024,000 FY 2027-2028: \$15,340,000

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

#### **District Overview**

Clackamas Fire is one of the largest and busiest fire agencies in the region, serving 220,000 residents across 235 square miles. In 2022, the district responded to more than 30,000 calls for emergency or fire services

#### Levy Overview

In recent years, growing demands for services and increasing threats from wildfires have strained district budgets, requiring reductions in the number of firefighters on most engine crews. In early 2022, the Clackamas Fire leadership began to develop options for future funding. This process included public meetings and multiple community forums, generating input from community members and staff. In 2023, the Board of Directors voted to refer an emergency services levy to voters. If passed, this levy would fund enhanced firefighter staffing and equipment for emergency and wildfire response.

#### Why do we need a levy?

Demands for fire, emergency and medical response are increasing across the district. Since 2021, there has been a 15% increase in call volume. At the same time, budget constraints have resulted in a 9% decrease in emergency staffing. Wildfire risk is also increasing, further stretching department resources. The district's permanent tax rate is not able to keep pace with the rising costs of providing services. With more than 30,000 calls expected each year, the district is seeking funding for additional firefighters to meet the needs of each community we serve.

#### What would the levy pay for?

The levy would fund 62 additional firefighters, enabling increased staffing across most fire stations and 24/7 career staffing at two rural fire stations (Logan and Clarkes) that are critical to wildfire and emergency response. It would also fund quick response vehicles to improve response efficiency in high-volume service areas, as well as equipment and operational

costs connected to emergency and wildfire mitigation, prevention, and response.

#### How much would it cost?

If passed, the emergency services levy would provide annual funding of \$14.5 million at a cost of \$0.52 per \$1000 of assessed property value, which is \$138 for the typical homeowner at the median assessed value of \$266,018.

#### What happens if the levy does not pass?

If the levy does not pass, staffing reductions implemented in 2022 will remain in place and the Logan and Clarkes fire stations will not be staffed by career firefighters. Further staffing and operational cuts may be required.

Submitted by: Nick Browne Fire Chief

#### NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED

### Clackamas County Fire District Measure 3-594

#### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

#### Vote YES on 3-594

The Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County proudly represents the firefighters who serve your community. As we reflect on our 70-year history of service, we are proud to support Measure 3-594. Over the decades, the demand for fire and emergency services has grown significantly. This demand has been compounded by the addition of many new types of emergency services that we provide.

Your firefighters are all-hazard responders. This means when you call, we respond - no matter the emergency. These types of emergencies include medical emergencies, structure fires, auto extrication, hazardous materials, wildfires, search and rescue, water rescue, and so much more. Although the way we support our community has changed substantially, Clackamas Fire response models have not. This is the direct result of budget and staffing constraints.

This measure will provide improved and standardized staffing levels. These levels are aligned with national standards, and mirror our partners at Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue and Portland Fire Bureau. These improved staffing levels will provide additional staff at most stations across the district. This increased staffing will directly result in better service to our community. This also includes staffing of two rural stations which are currently unstaffed. These crews will provide critical services, including keeping wildfires small. This prevents wider negative impacts on our community, like the evacuations we experienced in 2020 and 2022. Measure 3-594 will also fund quick response vehicles that respond to less severe medical emergencies. This keeps fire engines and trucks available for the purpose they were intended.

The Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County are proud to endorse, and request your support of measure 3-594. We look forward to providing our community the improved critical services that this measure supports, and that you deserve.

#### (This information furnished by Mark Oelschlager, Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County, IAFF Local 1159)

### Clackamas County Fire District Measure 3-594

#### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

#### Community Leaders Vote YES on 3-594

Clackamas Fire District is one of the largest emergency response agencies in the Portland Metro Area with 220,000 residents across 235-square-miles with 22 strategically located fire stations.

Unlike other fire agencies in Oregon, Clackamas Fire does not have an enhanced levy to fund firefighter positions. This funding gap has led to staffing challenges, including an inability to maintain coverage at fire stations throughout our community. In 2022, budget shortfalls forced Clackamas Fire to reduce firefighter staffing across the Fire District.

## What would the Emergency Services measure provide?

- Increased firefighter staffing: National standard staffing with four-firefighters per fire engine to provide an adequate firefighting-force on all emergency scenes. The levy would bring Clackamas Fire up to local and national standards with most fire engines maintaining four-firefighter staffing.
- Quick Response Vehicles: Units staffed with firefighter-paramedics to combat the significant increase in medical emergencies. These Quick Response Vehicles would respond throughout Clackamas Fire District to provide medical aid quickly and keep other resources available.
- <u>Staff two more fire stations:</u> Full-time, 24/7 staffing at two rural fire stations (Logan and Clarkes). This staffing would provide a rapid response to the most vulnerable wildfire areas in our community. Containing wildfires while small will limit risk and allow surrounding fire stations to remain available for subsequent emergencies.

#### This measure provides funding for firefighters where our community needs them and staffing to create a response model for the future.

#### Join Clackamas County Leaders Vote YES on Measure 3-594

US Representative Lori Chavez-DeRemer Oregon Senator Mark Meek State Representative Annessa Hartman Clackamas County Commissioner Paul Savas Clackamas County Commissioner Ben West Fred Charlton Ret. Fire Chief Oregon City Mayor Denyse McGriff Happy Valley Mayor Tom Ellis Happy Valley City Council President David Emami Happy Valley City Councilor David Golobay School Board Member Libra Forde School Board Member Mitzi Bauer Clackamas Fire Budget Committee Charles Gallia, PhD

(This information furnished by Mark Oelschlager, Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County, IAFF Local 1159)

### Clackamas County Fire District Measure 3-594

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

## Clackamas Fire Directors Support A YES Vote on 3-594!

As individual Board of Directors of Clackamas Fire District, we are proud to provide to the citizens of Clackamas Fire, the best EMS, specialty rescue, prevention, public education, training, support services, and fire protection services possible.

In order to maintain and continue the delivery of these services at current levels, in addition to enhancing services including providing full time staffing to our communities who currently have no full-time staffing, the referral of this local option levy to our citizens was necessary.

The passage of this measure provides:

- The staffing of two community fire stations in the rural communities of Clarkes & Logan that will have full time staffing, the same as every other community within Clackamas Fire.
- Increased firefighter staffing up to four firefighters per engine and truck company that meets the recommended national standards for firefighter staffing and safety.
- Equipment and costs to continue the wildland preparedness crews and program that has been developed and has very successfully performed since the wildland fires of September, 2020.
- Other enhancements for improved service including quick response vehicles for better and quicker service to high call volume communities.

#### WE, the undersigned Directors of Clackamas Fire District encourage and support improved staffing and service and ask you to please join us, our firefighters, and our community leaders in supporting a YES Vote on Measure 3-594 !

Jim Syring, Director, Clackamas Fire District

Thomas Joseph, Director, Clackamas Fire District

Chris Hawes, Director, Clackamas Fire District

Jay Cross, Director, Clackamas Fire District

### Lake Grove Fire District Measure 3-598

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY DISTRICT BOARD Local Option Renewal Levy to Maintain Fire and Emergency Operations

**Question:** Shall LGFD maintain fire and emergency services by levying \$.15 per \$1,000 of AV for five years, beginning 2024-25?

This measure renews current local option taxes.

**Summary:** This measure would authorize the Lake Grove Rural Fire Protection District No. 57 ("District") to renew its local option tax levy for fire services at a rate of \$.15 per \$1,000 dollars of assessed value on real property located within the District, beginning FY 2024-25. The District's previous five-year levy for fire services, in the amount of \$.15 per \$1,000 of assessed value, expires June 30, 2024.

The Fire District contracts with the City of Lake Oswego for the provision of all fire and emergency operations for District residents. This levy, if approved, will be used to reimburse the City for those services.A small portion of the levy would be retained by the District to pay for District administration such as rent, audit and legal services and election expenses.

The requested rate will raise approximately \$ 85,961 in 2024-2025, \$ 88,540 in 2025-2026, \$ 91,196 in 2026-2027, \$ 93,932 in 2027-2028 and \$ 96,750 in 2028-2029.

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 estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.

### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

For many years, the Lake Grove Fire No. 57 has provided fire and emergency services to its residents by contract with the City of Lake Oswego. The District has paid the City for those services by means of the District's permanent tax rate and by a five-year local option levy. That current local option levy, in the amount of \$.15 per \$1,000 of assessed value of property, will expire June 30, 2024. The local option levy proposed by this ballot measure is intended to continue the levy which will expire in 2024, thereby allowing the District to pay the City of Lake Oswego for fire services for an additional five years, until June 30, 2029. The levy is in addition to the District's permanent tax rate of \$1.9092 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

In order to have sufficient funds to continue receiving fire and emergency services from the City, the District Board has determined the need to continue the current levy. The proposed levy would be for five years in lhe amount of \$.15 per \$1,000 of assessed value each year, which is a same rate as the current local option levy. The funds collected from the proposed levy would be used primarily to reimburse the City of Lake Oswego for fire and emergency services, but also to cover administrative costs of the District, such as rent, auditing and legal services and election costs.

Thank you

Submitted by: Grant Howell Board President

(This information furnished by James Syring)

The printing of this argument does not constitute an endorsement by Clackamas County, nor does the county warrant the accuracy or truth of any statements made in the argument.

#### NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR/OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED

Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

### Molalla Fire District Measure 3-591

#### REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE DISTRICT BOARD Local Option Renewal Levy to Maintain Fire, Emergency Medical Operations

**Question:** Shall MRFPD maintain fire and emergency medical services by levying \$0.76 per \$1,000.00 of AV for five years, beginning 2023-24? This measure renews current local option taxes.

**Summary:** Molalla Rural Fire Protection District #73 provides fire, emergency medical, and ambulance services to residents of Molalla, Mulino, and surrounding areas. Operations are funded through a property tax base and local option levy.

If adopted, this levy renewal would enable the District to retain paramedic/firefighters funded by the current levy. Levy funds would:

• Help maintain the District's current ability to handle multiple emergency calls at the same time without having to wait for backup from neighboring districts.

• Help ensure a second ambulance crew is available when one crew is already involved in transporting a patient to an area hospital, a trip that can take 2 hours or more.

• Retain 7 paramedic/firefighters with advanced life-saving skills that bring a near emergency-room level of assistance to patients.

. The levy would be renewed at the same rate as the current levy: \$0.76 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value.

For a home with an assessed value (not market value) of \$214,000, about average for residential property in the District, the cost would be about \$163 per year.

The requested rate will raise approximately \$1,464,321 in 2023-2024, \$1,515,572 in 2024-2025, \$1,568,617 in 2025-2026, \$1,623,518 in 2026-2027 and \$1,680,342 in 2027-2028.

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 estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.

### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

The Molalla Rural Fire Protection District #73 is seeking approval to renew a local option levy in the amount of \$.76 per \$1,000 of assessed value, the same rate as the current levy.

#### What services does Molalla Fire provide?

Molalla Fire is the first responder for medical emergencies and fires in its service area. It is also responsible for ambulance transport. Fire prevention, fire investigation, public education, and rescue services are also provided.

#### Who does the District serve?

Molalla Fire serves the residents of an approximately 101 square mile area that includes the City of Molalla and Mulino. The ambulance service area is larger — an approximately 350 square mile area that covers neighboring fire districts and unprotected wilderness area.

#### How is the District funded?

Molalla Fire is funded through a property tax base and a local option levy last approved by voters in 2018. Voters also approved a bond measure to upgrade District facilities and equipment in 2014. Molalla Fire also applies for Federal grant funding when appropriate.

#### How would funds from the renewed levy be used?

The renewed levy would continue funding for 7 of the District's 15 paramedic/firefighters, supporting effective response to medical emergencies and to structure and wildland fires, including:

- Help maintain the ability to handle multiple emergency calls. Levy funds would help maintain Molalla Fire's current ability to handle multiple emergency calls at the same time without having to wait more than 15 minutes for backup from nearby fire districts. Currently, about 46% of calls for service happen when a crew is already out on another emergency.
- Help transport patients to area hospitals. Molalla Fire is responsible for transporting patients to area hospitals, a trip that can take 2 to 3 hours. Levy funds would help ensure a second crew is available to respond to emergencies when one crew is involved in transporting a patient.
- Help maintain a near emergency-room level of assistance to residents. Molalla Fire's medical response teams include advanced life-saving paramedics with the ability to bring a near emergency-room level of assistance to patients. Levy funds would be used to retain 7 paramedic/firefighters with these skills.

#### What is the cost to property taxpayers?

The levy rate would stay the same as the current rate  $-76\phi$  per thousand of assessed value (not market value). For property assessed at \$214,000, about average for residential property in the District, the cost would be about \$163 a year or \$14 a month.

#### What if the levy is not approved?

If not approved, many calls for medical assistance and fire emergencies would have a delay in response and a delay in transport capability. Thus, Molalla Fire would need to increase its reliance on backup support from neighboring fire districts when there are multiple calls for service at the same time. This is because 7 paramedic/firefighters, out of the District's 15 total, would need to be laid-off after the current levy expires.

#### Need more information?

Visit the District's website site at www.molallafire.org.

Submitted by: Vince Stafford Fire Chief

#### NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED

### Molalla Fire District Measure 3-591

### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

#### From: Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County

Molalla Fire District is seeking a five-year local option levy renewal to maintain our current minimum staffing levels. The renewal levy keeps the same tax rates for Molalla, Mulino, and surrounding communities. Our current staffing levels consist of four Paramedic - Firefighters that staff two ambulances or a single fire engine during normal work week hours. With the passing of this levy, we will be able to keep our same staffing levels, although our 911 call volume has increased to 3227 calls in 2022 with an increase to 1538 ambulance transports in 2022. Your fire district currently employs 14 firefighter paramedics. If we were to not pass the levy, seven Paramedic - Firefighters would be released with an increase in response times that would be devastating for the fire district and community.

Over the past decade Molalla Fire District has continuously eased the tax burden on Molalla, Mulino and surrounding communities by receiving a Federal Grant in 2014 to pay for six Paramedic - Firefighter positions for two years and receiving a onetime extension in 2016 for three of these positions for an additional two years. The fire district has always tried to be mindful of the tax burden on the public.

You, the taxpayer, benefitted not only from these federal grants, but also from equipping your fire district with knowledgeable staff that are there for you in your greatest time of need. From the wildland fires of 2020 to present day emergencies, we have always strived to be here for you. We cannot afford to decrease our staff and keep our response times in our community.

Please vote YES on measure 3-591. Keeping our community safe with fast, reliable 911 response is our top priority. Your Firefighter/Paramedics need your vote!

Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County, IAFF Local 1159

### Molalla Fire District Measure 3-591

### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

#### From: Molalla Volunteer Firefighters Incorporated

Molalla fire district began as a volunteer fire district in 1924 with the volunteers coming together to purchase the first fire truck with an idea of raising funds through a rodeo. From there, the Molalla Buckaroo began, with deep roots to the Molalla Fire District.

Today, we still have 25+ volunteers that continue our tradition of helping the community. However, their time is limited due to their own professional careers and family lives. The citizens of this district rely heavily on our career staff to provide full-time coverage for our district while our volunteers are at work.

We are all watching our community increase in population and needs. To meet the needs, currently, Molalla employs 14 Paramedic – Firefighters. Due to the increased call volume, the volunteers are no longer able to fill the need alone over the last several decades.

On top of our call volume, Molalla Fire District is unique in its more rural terrains and distance from medical facilities. This distance explains the need for our trained and certified Paramedics to be fulltime. If this levy were to fail, we would lose 7 of our Paramedic – Firefighters. That does not leave enough staffing to cover and respond to the needs of our community.

Vote YES on measure 3-591 to renew our levy and help us keep our current level of staffing that are here to serve you.

Molalla Volunteer Firefighters Inc.

(This information furnished by Mark Oelschlager, Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County, IAFF Local 1159) (This information furnished by Jeffrey Corless, Molalla Volunteer Firefighters Incorporated)

### Molalla Fire District Measure 3-591

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

Molalla Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors Supports Measure 3 591

The Board of Directors for the Molalla Rural Fire Protection District is responsible for referring Measure 3-591 to the ballot.

We support Measure 3-591 for two important reasons:

1) Measure 3-591 Does not increase your property taxes. This measure is a renewal of a prior levy that funds Molalla Rural Fire Protection District. The community is required to approve this funding every 5 years.

2) Measure 3-591 Maintains current staffing and service levels. This levy needs to pass in order to keep the current level of service and staffing.

The members of Molalla Rural Fire Protection District are highly trained and compassionate members of the community. Renewal of this Levy will insure that they continue to have the resources and staffing necessary to continue their service. Whether it be dealing with hazardous situations, such as fires and vehicle accidents or taking care of the sick and injured, Molalla Fire District is your community Fire Department.

Thank you for your past support; the men and women of Molalla Rural Fire Protection District never take it for granted. We will continue to work hard to earn your confidence.

Please join us in voting "YES" on Measure 3-591.

Mike Towner
Todd Gary
Brian Wolfe
Steve Long
Brian Lister

Board President Vice President Secretary/Treasurer Board Member Board Member

(This information furnished by Mike Towner, Molalla Rural Fire Protection District #73 Board of Directors)

The printing of this argument does not constitute an endorsement by Clackamas County, nor does the county warrant the accuracy or truth of any statements made in the argument. Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

# **Voter Assistance**

We can help!

## **Voters with Disabilities**



Do you need assistance registering to vote or voting? Support services and tools are available to ensure voting access for all.

## **Interpretation Assistance**



Do you need assistance voting in a language other than English? Interpretation services are available.

Please contact us at 503-655-8510 or <u>elections@clackamas.us</u> for any voter assistance needs.

### Monitor Fire District Measure 3-595

#### REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY DISTRICT BOARD

#### Local Option Levy to Maintain Fire and Emergency Services

**Question:** Shall MRFD maintain Fire and Emergency Services by levying \$0.50 per \$1000 Assessed Value for five years, beginning 2023-2024? This measure may cause properety taxes to increase more than three precent.

**Summary:** Monitor Fire District #58 provides fire and emergency services to Monitor and Yoder and the surrounding areas. Operations are funded through a tax base and proposed local option levy.

If adopted, this levy would enable the District to maintain present service levels and support our Volunteers with Safety and operational equipment. Levy funds would:

- \* Support the cost of new Turn Outs.
- \* Support the cost of 10 new Air Packs.
- \* Support the increased cost of insurance and dispatch cost.
- \* Support the increased cost of fuel
- \* Support the cost of replacement equipment
- \* Support increased operating cost.

For a home a home with an assessed value of \$220,000 (not Market Value), the cost would be about \$110 per year.

The requested rate will raise approximately \$153,942 in 2023-2024, \$158,142 in 2024-2025, \$162,147 in 2025-2026, \$166,890 in 2026-2027 and \$171,443 in 2027-2028.

The estimated tax cost is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessors (Clackamas/Marion).

#### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Monitor Rural Fire District #58 is seeking approval for a local option levy in the amount of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

#### What services does Monitor Fire provide?

Monitor Fire is the first responder for medical emergencies and fires in its service area. Rescue services are also provided.

#### Who does Monitor Fire District #58 serve?

Monitor Fire serves the residents of approximately 35 square miles that includes the Monitor, Yoder and Marquam areas. We also provide backup assistance to 6 neighboring districts.

#### How is the District funded?

Monitor Fire is funded through a property tax base. Monitor Fire also applies for Federal and State grants when appropriate.

#### How will the funds from the local option levy be used?

This levy will allow Monitor Fire to continue to respond to medical, emergency and fires including:

- Support the cost of new protective clothing (called turnouts). They are \$2,800 ea.
- Support the cost of 12 new Air Packs. They are \$8,600 ea
- Support the increased cost of insurance. \$19,000/yr
- Support the increased cost of dispatching. \$20,000/yr
- Support the increased cost of fuel.
- Support increased operating cost.
- Support increased facility maintenance cost.
- Support the personnel cost
- Support the cost of replacement apparatus.

#### What is the cost to property taxpayers?

This levy rate of \$0.50 per thousand of assessed value (Not Market Value) EXAMPLE: For an average resident in our district who has an assessed value of \$214,000, the cost of this levy would be \$107 a year or \$8.91 a month.

#### What if the levy is not approved?

If not approved, steps will be taken to curb capital spending including needed safety equipment, vehicle and building maintenance. Support from Mt. Angel Fire will be cut, placing a heavier load on our volunteers. At our current operating cost, we will be out of financial resources in less than 3-4 years.

Submitted by: John P Vandecoevering Fire Board President

#### NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED

### Monitor Fire District Measure 3-595

### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

Monitor Fire District is a volunteer fire district that depends on many volunteers to provide its patrons with an important life and property saving service. Currently we have 20 volunteers that respond to about 300 calls per year. Because we ask so much of the volunteers it is our responsibility to keep them as safe as possible.

Unfortunately, the cost of operating our fire district has risen dramatically over the past few years. The increased cost is by far out pacing any increases we receive from our tax base of just \$0.53 per thousand assessed evaluation. Presently these revenues barely meet our regular operating expenses and leave nothing to build a reserve for future equipment

At the present our district has one of the lowest tax rates in the state for Fire and Emergency service. Even with this proposed levy, our total tax rate will be less than most surrounding districts.

If not approved, steps will be taken to curb capital spending including needed safety equipment, vehicle and building maintenance. Support from Mt. Angel Fire will be cut, placing a heavier load on our volunteers. At our current operating cost, we will be out of financial resources in less than 3-4 years. These actions may result in much higher insurance premiums each of us have to pay for our homes.

Please support our volunteers by voting YES on measure 3-595

#### (This information furnished by John Vandecoevering)

The printing of this argument does not constitute an endorsement by Clackamas County, nor does the county warrant the accuracy or truth of any statements made in the argument. Official Clackamas County May 16, 2023 Special District Election Voters' Pamphlet

# Join our team!

Temporary Election workers are **trusted members of the community** that play an essential role in Elections and Democracy.

All Election work is team based, with workers of different political affiliations working together to ensure integrity and impartiality.

Clackamas County Elections is looking for help during each election cycle.

Open positions:

### Ballot Route Pick-Up Driver-

Work as a team of two to pick up ballots from official ballot drop boxes.

### **Drop Site Closer-**

Work as a team of two to close and secure official ballot drop boxes at 8:00 p.m. on election night.

### **Election Board Worker-**

Work as a team of two to four to inspect and prepare ballots for counting.

\$14.75 - \$16.74/hour plus mileage for drivers.

## Interested? Apply at Clackamas County Elections in Oregon City.

More information available at: <u>www.clackamas.us/elections/temporary-workers</u>

Clackamas County Elections Division 1710 Red Soils Ct Suite 100 Oregon City, OR 97045

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION CAR-RT SORT U.S. POSTAGE **PAID** PORTLAND OR PERMIT No. 20

## **RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER LOCAL**

**Dated Election Material** 





Ballots to be mailed April 26, 2023