



OFFICIAL VOTERS' PAMPHLET

**GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

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Dear Benton County Voter:

Tuesday, November 3, 2020, is General Election day in Oregon. As a registered voter, you have the opportunity to exercise your right to vote on a variety of federal, state, county, and city contests. The contests and measures that appear on your ballot are dependent on the districts in which you reside. Additionally, there are several state measures for voters to consider.

The County Clerk publishes the Benton County Voters' Pamphlet. Each candidate has the opportunity to issue a statement about themselves for inclusion in this pamphlet. For voters with a local measure on their ballot, proponents and opponents of measures have the opportunity to submit arguments for or against local measures in this pamphlet. There is a **digital version of this pamphlet** available on the Elections Office website located at www.co.benton.or.us/elections.

General Election ballots must be received at an official ballot drop site within the State of Oregon by 8:00 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

You can mail your ballot using the postage paid ballot return envelope, or drop it at one of the official ballot drop box locations listed in this pamphlet and on our website. For additional information or assistance, please contact the Elections Office by phone: 541-766-6756; email: elections@co.benton.or.us or in-person in the basement of the historic Benton County Courthouse, 120 NW 4th Street, Room 13, in Corvallis.

Please return your ballot by mail before October 28, 2020, to ensure receipt at the Elections Office by the 8:00 PM November 3rd deadline. After this date, we recommend using one of our many Official Ballot Drop Sites located throughout the county and listed on page 32 in this pamphlet.

We hope this pamphlet provides helpful information about candidates and other choices you are presented with in this election.

Sincerely,


Patrick Malone


Xanthippe Augerot


Annabelle Jaramillo

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Benton Better Ballot
Ranked Choice Voting for Benton County Commissioners
#BentonBetterBallot



“Rank Choice Voting is easy,
but change can be hard – if you
have questions, we are here to
get you answers!”

The Benton Better Ballot campaign uses five Pacific Northwest inspired animals as mock candidates and a legendary spokesperson to illustrate the Ranked Choice Voting process.



Sally Salmon



Bill Beaver



Frieda Tree Frog



Olivia Otter



Santiago Sturgeon

Mock Election Practice Ballot

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Bill Beaver	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Frieda Tree Frog	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Olivia Otter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Santiago Sturgeon	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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To access a practice RCV contest instructional video and additional information, go to:

BentonBetterBallot.com
#BentonBetterBallot

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram at @BentonCoGov

Talk to a real-live person to get
your questions answered: 541-766-6756

Information

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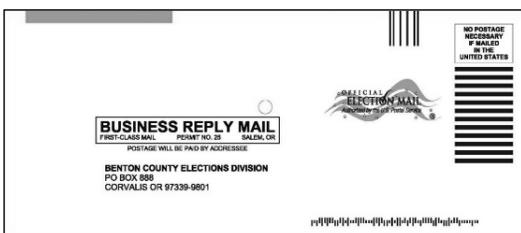
NEW! Prepaid Postage Ballot Return Envelope

With prepaid postage, you no longer have to search for a stamp to mail your voted ballot. Beginning this year, all ballots in Oregon will be sent to voters with a prepaid postage return envelope.

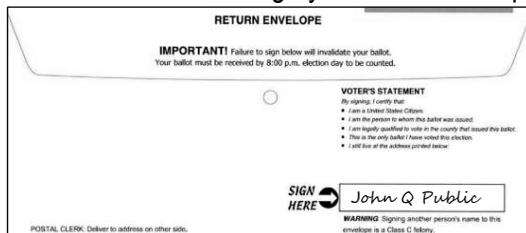
When you mail back your voted ballot, the Post Office will charge the State of Oregon for each ballot sent back to an Elections Office. Only ballots sent back through the mail will be charged to the State.

Important notice: Postmarks **do not** count for ballots in Oregon. If we have not received your ballot by 8:00 PM on Election night, your vote **will not count**.

Please return your ballot by mail before October 28, 2020, to ensure receipt at the Elections Office by the 8:00 PM November 3rd deadline. After October 17, 2020, use an Official Ballot Drop Site in Oregon. Benton County Official Drop Sites are listed on page 32.



Please remember to sign your ballot envelope





**Benton County
Commissioner**
Position 2
Democrat

**Xan
Augerot**

Occupation: County Commissioner

Occupational Background: Director, Marys River Watershed Council; Proprietor, Pangaea Environmental; Science/Conservation Director, Wild Salmon Center

Educational Background: OSU Geosciences, PH.D., University of Washington, M.A. and B.A.

Prior Governmental Experience: Association of Oregon Counties, Benton Community Foundation, Community Services Consortium (Chair), InterCommunity Health Network CCO, Oregon Youth Development Council, Willamette Criminal Justice Council (Lay Chair)

Everyone deserves to live in a healthy and safe community.

Given COVID-19, this means minimizing coronavirus circulation to safely operate our schools, businesses, faith and community organizations. The joint Benton County-Corvallis emergency response served us well, swiftly providing support for our most vulnerable -those in nursing homes, the unhoused, and people working long hours in close quarters. We immediately recognized the disproportional infection rates among our Latino/a community members and deployed bilingual/bicultural staff to provide information and support. I am grateful to residents across the county, who embraced new behaviors that support healthy re-opening.

While COVID-19 has introduced new priorities, such as better broadband service and expanded childcare, I continue to work on long-term goals:

- A suite of criminal justice facilities that will support work release and mental health treatment, while holding criminals accountable for their actions.
- Housing needs, from emergency shelter to affordable homes.
- Reduction of County greenhouse gas emissions, including fleet electrification.
- Ensuring equitable services and a welcoming environment for all County residents.

We pride ourselves on being a progressive and sustainable community, but there is still much more to do. Re-elect me, so that together we can build a better Benton County.

Endorsed by:

Sami Al-Abdrabbuh, Corvallis School Board Chair;
Meleah Ashford, Resident Skyline West; Mike and Judy Corwin;
District Attorney John Haroldson;
Hyatt Lytle, City Council President; Julie Manning; Jim Moorefield
Shelley and Eric Niemann; Michael Pope;
Dan Rayfield, State Representative;
Anne Schuster, Retired Benton County Commissioner;
Gabe Shepherd; Jim Swinyard; Biff Traber, Mayor of Corvallis;
Curtis Wright;
Nancy Wyse, Benton County Commissioner Candidate, Position 3

www.electxan.com

(This information furnished by Xan Augerot for Commissioner)



**Benton County
Commissioner**
Position 2
Pacific Green,
Progressive

**Mike
Beilstein**

Occupation: Chemist, retired

Occupational Background: Research chemist at OSU 1978-2007, Johns Hopkins University 1976-1977, Medical College of Virginia 1976-1977; Peace Corps Volunteer, Lesotho, Southern Africa 1973-1975

Educational Background: BA Biochemistry, OSU; MA Home Economics, OSU

Prior Governmental Experience: Corvallis City Council 1999-2000, 2007-2016

We need a Green New Deal

We face crises in climate, economic disparity, politics, criminal justice, housing, race relations, and public health. Our history created these problems. It's time to resolve them and create a safe, sustainable and prosperous future for County residents.

The COVID19 pandemic paused the system of accelerating economic growth which was already not working for most people and the environment. Recovery from the pandemic should not, and cannot, be a return to the status that preceded the global crisis.

My vision for Benton County is based on the four pillars of the international Green movement – **democracy, nonviolence, social justice** and **ecological wisdom**. We will meet our needs fairly, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. The **Green New Deal** will reduce and ultimately eliminate our dependence on fossil fuels. We need the cooperation of all residents. All have a stake in the economy and all must have a voice in decision making.

The **Green New Deal** will protect and develop the real economy that provides necessary services - food, housing, health care, education, transportation, recreation and social connection. Economic development has meant developing private wealth without regard for the wellbeing of the community, or the planet. We must redefine economic development as "**fairly and efficiently meeting human needs while reducing ecological harm.**"

The **Benton County Green New Deal** will reduce our contribution to the ongoing environmental holocaust and develop the resilience to survive the unavoidable disruptions caused by two hundred years of fossil fuel addiction.

For further information:

https://www.pacificgreens.org/mike_beilstein

(This information furnished by Mike Beilstein)



Benton County Commissioner

Position 2
Republican

**Tom
Cordier**

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intentionally
left blank.

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Specialty Metals Manufacturing

Educational Background: NY State HS-- Regents Diploma;
Hudson Valley CC, AS, Troy, NY; Rensselaer Polytechnic
Institute, BS Materials Engineering. Troy, NY

Prior Governmental Experience: Served on several Albany
City and public school committees. Successfully led two Initiative
Petitions to change Albany's Charter which now Requires voter
approval **before** City Council approves more Debt and **before**
City Council increases the Urban Renewal District or create
another URD. Honorably discharged after 4 years USAF.

My family (wife and 4 children) moved to Albany in 1970 to
work for Wah Chang as a Production Engineer. After 28 years,
retired as VP Sales with 10 yr as a Company Officer. In 1994 we
moved to North Albany, Benton County

I am a candidate for this position because I find Benton County
is a **Terribly Poor Cost Containment** manager. The County has
increased FT Employees from 440 to 540 since 2017. They
never reduce costs the way a for-profit business does. Special
interest groups inflate costs to taxpayers by influencing
Commissioners.

The County Criminal Justice System Assessment will result in a
Bond Measure costing Hundreds of Millions of Dollars and will
need to be **Vetted for Cost Reductions**. Vote for Candidates
who will represent **ALL** of Benton County **not** just Corvallis

Policies

I will vote against Ordinances that increase costs to voters.
The budgeting process usually starts with false assumptions that
we must support current spending levels and keep existing
headcount. Must be changed!

I will vote against using the "emergency clause" on every
ordinance. That clause prohibits voters from overturning
unpopular decisions.

I condemn the tactics of violence and destruction used by Black
Lives Matter and Antifa.

Linn County has 80 beds for immediate use. Law and order
must prevail

I don't view global warming is a critical issue since Oregon is
already carbon neutral.

(This information furnished by Tom Cordier)



**Benton County
Commissioner**
Position 3
Democrat

**Nancy V
Wyse**

Occupation: Administrative Analyst

Occupational Background: Sales; Resident Management

Educational Background: Oregon State University, General Science

Prior Governmental Experience: Current: Corvallis City Council, Vice President; Corvallis Budget Commission, Vice Chair; South Corvallis Urban Renewal Agency, Vice Chair; Benton County Planning Commission, Vice Chair; Benton County Budget Committee; Benton County 911 Budget Committee, Chair; League of Oregon Cities Telecom, Cable & Broadband Policy Committee; 2020 Census Complete Count Committee; Benton County Democrats Elected Precinct Committee Person. Liaison positions: Corvallis-Benton County Economic Development Advisory Board; Corvallis Chamber of Commerce; Economic Vitality Partnership

Past: South Corvallis Urban Renewal Advisory Committee; Land Development Code Audit Advisory Committee. Liaison positions: Parks, Natural Areas, and Recreation Advisory Board; Historic Resources Commission; Downtown Advisory Board; Downtown Parking Committee

Core goals:

- Foster pandemic economic impact recovery.
- Improve public records access and transparency.
- Prudent steps forward on the criminal justice implementation plan.
- Protect Forest Conservation, Multi-Purpose Agriculture, and Open Space zones.

Endorsements:

- Oregon League of Conservation Voters
- State Senator Sara Gelsler; Dan Rayfield, State Representative
- Benton County Commissioners: Annabelle Jaramillo, Xan Augerot, Pat Malone
- Biff Traber, Mayor of Corvallis
- Corvallis City Councilors: Hyatt Lytle, President, Charles Maughan, Paul Shaffer, Ed Junkins, Andrew Struthers
- Mayor Eric Niemann, City of Philomath
- David M. Low, President Philomath City Council
- Corvallis School Board Members: Sami Al-Abdrabbuh, Chair; Sarah Finger McDonald, Vice Chair; Vincent Adams
- Jim Brewer, Cindy L. Dahl, Gabe Shepherd, Stewart Wershow, Curtis Wright, Penny York, And more!

My motivation in running for commissioner stems from my love of our community and my desire to see the best version of Benton County possible. I believe I have a lot to offer: new energy and a fresh perspective backed by my unique experience in local government. I am committed to making mindful, balanced decisions for Benton County, and I will diligently work to see that our community is a healthy, vibrant, inclusive place for all.

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(This information furnished by Elect Nancy Wyse)



**Benton County
Commissioner**
Position 3
Republican

**John E
Sarna**

Occupation: (retired) Civil Engineer

Occupational Background: Senior and Associate Civil Engineer with the California Department of Water Resources and State Water Resources Control Board (1985-2011); Systems Engineer with Motorola (1979-83); and Combat Infantryman with the U.S. Army in Viet Nam (1969-70)

Educational Background: Doctor of Environmental Science and Engineering (UCLA, 1990), MS in Electrical and Computer Engineering (University of Massachusetts, 1979), BS (University of Illinois, 1974); currently taking classes at LBCC and OSU

Prior Governmental Experience: Benton County Environmental Issues Advisory Committee and what's listed under Occupational Background

Volunteer Experience: Republic Service's Master Recycler Program, Philomath Lyons Club, Mary's River Grange, former Sierra Club Outings Leader and Conservation Chair, and Sheriff's Community Emergency Response Team.

Endorsements: Mike Nearman, State Representative, Dist. 23, Shelly Boshart Davis, State Representative, House District 15; Senator Betsy L. Close, Oregon District 8, Benton County Republican Central Committee, and Dale L. Collins, past Mayor, Philomath.

Family: My wife, April, is a veterinarian and our four children attended schools here. We love it here like nowhere else.

Relevant Skills: community outreach, supervision of professionals, public agency budget management, and multiparty negotiations

As your Commissioner, I would:

- Promote public discussion of divisive issues, take the time necessary to consider all viewpoints and obtain feedback before making decisions based on healthy, cohesive, working relationships across party lines.
- Support law enforcement in enforcing the rule-of-law fully and uniformly. Crime prevention with compassion is the basis of civilized society. The sheriff and police should be respected and fully funded.
- Prioritize disaster planning and relief, whether it's fire, flood, drought, rioting, or a pandemic. We must be better prepared for the next challenge, addressing it effectively while preserving our economy and educating our youth.
- Full disclosure and open doors to all public sector decisions, especially those involving expenditures.

Website: www.johnsarna.com

(This information furnished by John Sarna)



Benton County Commissioner

Position 3
Libertarian

**Cody
Serdar**

**No candidate statements
were filed for
the City of Adair Village
Mayor and City Council positions.**

Occupation: Physical therapist - paid

Occupational Background: Healthcare in Oregon and California

Educational Background: Western Washington University – Bachelor of Science - 2009; University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences – Doctorate of Physical Therapy – 2011; A.T. Still University of Health Sciences – Doctorate of Health Sciences – *expected 2022*

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I am originally from Washington state and have worked as a physical therapist throughout California and Oregon. I attended high school in Vancouver, WA, college in Bellingham, WA, and graduate school in San Diego, CA. I am currently in my third year of a graduate program in health sciences with an emphasis in education.

We moved to Corvallis in 2019 for several opportunities including workplace growth and the high standard of education in the area. I have seen numerous successful health systems and communities through my travel and experience. As a family with a 3-year-old son, I am deeply invested in decisions made by Benton county and support a healthy and livable community for all.

I believe in the principles of individual liberties especially of thought and action, while I also have faith in a free market. The Benton County 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative laid the groundwork to drive changes today and enhance Benton county's future. As a healthcare worker in several rural communities, I have first-hand experience in dealing with health disparities and this will be a primary consideration in all policies and activities in which I am involved. I will do what I can to ensure our community not only continues to live on but thrives in an ever-changing and dynamic landscape.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve Benton county's residents and ensure our community continues to grow. My priorities include a healthy community, which includes access to health services, quality food, safe play/exercise/dog areas, and quality education at all levels. I will also focus on economic growth through support of entrepreneurship and area collaboration.

(This information furnished by Cody Serdar)



City of Albany
Mayor

**Sharon
Konopa**

Occupation: Mayor of Albany

Occupational Background: Event coordinator; small business owner

Educational Background: South Albany High School diploma
Prior Governmental Experience: Mayor of Albany, January 2009-present; Albany City Councilor, January 1997-Dec. 2008; Willamette Criminal Justice Council, board member 2009-present; Central Albany Revitalization Area Board and Agency, 2001-present; Cascade West Council of Governments, serving Senior/Disability Services, Meals on Wheels, Loan Program Advisory Committee—22-year board member; Cascades West Economic Development District, serving Linn, Benton, Lincoln and Lane Counties, 1999-present; Community Development Commission, 2013-present; State of Oregon Public Transportation Plan Policy Advisory Committee, May 2016-18

Government- Partnered Organizations:

- ◆ Albany Millersburg Economic Development Corporation; 12-year board member
- ◆ Albany Downtown Association; liaison board member
- ◆ Albany Partnership for Housing and Community Development; board member 22 years and President of the board.

Sharon Konopa has diligently worked hard to support Albany's economy and during the nation's worst economic downturn. She kept Albany moving forward as a vibrant community with new jobs, business and great places to visit like Talking Water Gardens, historic downtown and Albany's fun year-round events. The mayor is a volunteer position and she has a record of devoting herself full-time to our community.

Long-time public policy experience is vital during the current economic downturn.

Sharon Konopa has a proven record of advocating for the livability of Albany's neighborhoods and strongly supports public safety.

Have you ever noticed that most political candidates run their campaign on promises, and seem to say about the same thing? Sharon Konopa is not your usual candidate. She runs her campaign on what she has accomplished, and she has a 24-year record of city policy to prove it.

"We have some major challenges to overcome and growing pains to address, I will continue to work hard for our hometown of Albany. Thank you for your years of support.".....Sharon Konopa

**Learn more about her experience and accomplishments at:
www.sharonkonopa.com**

(This information furnished by Albany Friends of Sharon Konopa)



City of Albany
City Council
Ward 1B

**Keith
Kolkow**

Occupation: Development Supervisor - Family Tree Relief Nursery

Occupational Background: Local non-profit sector; Manufacturing sector; United States Air Force - Logistics

Educational Background: Community College of the Air Force - Logistics Management Level 3 & 5 Certificates

Prior Governmental Experience: Vice Chair - City of Albany Landmarks Commission

Community Involvement: Greater Albany Rotary - Public Image Chair; Albany Police Department - Diversity Advisory Team; Albany Student Advocacy Project - Steering Committee; Altrusa KidzShop - Volunteer Shopper; Volunteer - Albany Downtown Association, Albany Visitors Association, Albany Veterans Day Parade, City of Albany Parks and Recreation; Corvallis/Albany PFLAG - Facilitator; Albany Pride - Founder

A SENSE OF COMMUNITY FOR ALBANY CITY COUNCIL

"Service Before Self" is a core value of the Air Force, a value that I try to incorporate in my life each and every day. Going on eight years now, I've had the privilege to be a part of many of the awesome events and organizations that make Albany a great place to live. In addition to my volunteer activity, I serve on one of our city's commissions and have worked directly with our city staff to understand the issues we face as a community.

Candidates running for city council should have prior government experience and a proven commitment to our community, and I am the only candidate who has both. Advocating for our city's needs doesn't stop at our city limits, and I'm prepared to take our concerns to the capitol where I've developed relationships with leaders on both sides of the aisle. I'm prepared to continue to be a leader in our community in a new capacity, and would be honored to represent you on our city council.

Keith's Priorities for North Albany:

- *Responsible community development.*
- *Working with Benton County Commission to address traffic.*
- *Increasing visibility and dialogue around major city decisions through town halls and public forums.*

Additional priorities and endorsements can be found in the Oregon Voters Pamphlet.

Keithforalbany.org

Advocate - Veteran - Volunteer

(This information furnished by Keith for Albany)

No other candidate statements were filed for the City of Albany Mayor and City Council positions.



City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 1

Jan Napack



City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 2

Charles F Maughan

Occupation: Retired; Corvallis City Councilor - Ward 1
Occupational Background: Environmental Researcher (Forest Products Industry), Small Business Owner (RedESupply), Engineer (Hewlett-Packard)
Educational Background: BS and MS, Oregon State University
Prior Governmental Experience: Corvallis City Council; Benton County Environmental Issues Advisory Committee; Budget Commission; Cascades West Advisory Committee on Transportation (CWACTION); City Charter Review Committee; Housing, Opportunity, Planning and Equity (HOPE) Board

Liaison to:

- Historic Resources Commission
- Housing and Community Development Advisory Board
- Watershed Management Advisory Board
- Parks, Natural Areas and Recreation Advisory Board

Community Service: Neighborhood Preparedness Committee, Benton County Amateur Radio Emergency Services, past member Marys Peak Search and Rescue, current and past Treasurer of various non-profit boards.

Corvallis is facing several difficult challenges at this time as a result of the pandemic, social inequities, and environmental shifts. Despite these disruptions management of municipal services, forging balanced budgets, harboring and generating commerce remain crucial functions. It is heartening to see that both the city and community have responded to these economic and social downturns with innovation and resilience. My aim is to support and strengthen these and other modernizations to hasten recovery, increase affordability and efficiency, and further well-managed growth. In doing so we must earn and maintain the support of Corvallis citizens.

Focus On:

- Affordability, livability, and quality of life
- Business and enterprise
- Collaboration between entities
- Data driven, sensible financial policy
- Governance of Corvallis as the primary purpose and scope of the Council
- Public Safety and Disaster Resilience
- Preservation and protection of parks and natural areas
- Respect for all ideas, concerns, lifestyles and social values

My Pledge to You: I will work with my fellow Councilors to understand the facts, to seek defined and measurable outcomes, to think critically and creatively, and advocate for the course of action that addresses our best interests, vision and goals.

I ASK FOR YOUR VOTE AND YOUR TRUST

For more information visit www.jannapack.com;
email jannapackforward1@gmail.com

(This information furnished by Jan Napack)

Occupation: Compliance Analyst for Oregon Housing and Community Services
Occupational Background: Community Manager of Affordable Housing for seniors and persons with disabilities, Cascade Management; District Manager, Gazette-Times/Democrat-Herald
Educational Background: HOME Funds Accredited Compliance Expert (HOME-ACE) Certified in Mental health First Aid
Prior Governmental Experience: Corvallis City Councilor 2019-2020; Community Relations Advisory Board--Member; Precinct Committee Person for Benton County Democrats since 2016; State Central Committee Delegate for Democratic Party of Oregon

Progressive Vision, Local Values

Community

I will continue to work with citizens of Ward 2 and all of Corvallis to engage voters, bring awareness to issues affecting our community, and foster greater civic involvement.

Livability

The needs of students, business owners, and community members must be balanced. We must continue to work on providing affordable housing for all Corvallis residents to create a more inclusive community.

Houselessness is a multifaceted issue. We need more than a seasonal emergency shelter; transitional housing is also critical. I am in favor of a central location for all services to increase accessibility and support collaboration.

Sustainability

I am committed to immediate action to expedite our city's transition to renewable energy sources, expand and improve public transportation, and make Corvallis a statewide leader in responding to the climate change crisis. Corvallis workers' access to affordable housing will reduce our traffic flow issues, create more opportunity for workers to use public transportation, and increase parking availability within the city.

I hope we will continue to work on creating a sustainable, livable community that works for all of the Ward 2 community with your vote on November 3rd. Not me, US!

Endorsements

Mayor Biff Traber; Hyatte Lyttle, City Council President; Benton County Democrats; Taryn Bazurto, Chair of Benton County Democrats; Our Revolution Corvallis Allies

<https://electmaughan.com/>

(This information furnished by Charles F Maughan)



City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 3

**Hyatt
Lytle**

Occupation: Chief Financial Officer-local distribution company
Occupational Background: Business Management; Mental Health Counseling; Research; Criminal Justice Practitioner
Educational Background: Walden, M.S. Mental Health Counseling; WOU, M.A. & B.S. Criminal Justice; Linn-Benton A.A.O.T, A.A.S. Criminal Justice; Corvallis Highschool
Prior Governmental Experience: Ward 3 Councilor 2017-Current, Council President 2019-Current, Council VP 2019

Boards/Committees serving during current term:
Advisory-Bd. Review; Budget; Charter-Review; City Legislative; Police-Review; Policing-Departmental; Enterprise Zone; Imagine Corvallis Action Network;
Men's Cold Weather Shelter; ODOT Speed-Zone Roundtable;
South Corvallis Urban Renewal Agency (Chair);
South Corvallis Specific Area Plan; Willamette Criminal Justice

Re-Electing Councilor Lytle: Leadership, Inclusion & Transparency.

As Corvallis moves into the 2021-22 Council term our city will continue to face challenges through unprecedented times. Continuing to strengthen the connection between government and community is integral. Citizens have a reasonable expectation of safety and wellbeing and awareness of upcoming issues. As your Councilor, my duty is to guide that awareness and foster inclusion and transparency

Citizen Engagement- The pandemic has been difficult. However, I commit to my regular Councilor Reports; summarizing controversial decisions to my ward; hosting ward meetings- virtually; an open-door policy for all constituents.

Community Health, Resiliency & Public Safety- Access to services; Community Policing; Emergency Planning and Resiliency.

Housing for All- Long-term planning and proactive solutions for affordable-housing & homelessness.

Vision- Implementation of Corvallis's Vision; Climate Action; Economic vitality; Long-range planning.

South Corvallis- Promote vitality of our unique South Corvallis culture. As Urban Renewal Agency Chair and Living Southtown member, I will advocate for what **WE** envision: affordable-housing, commercial, mixed-use neighborhoods, beautification, a safe highway 99, protecting existing businesses.

Endorsements:

Dan Rayfield, State Representative HD-16
Xan Augerot, Benton County Commissioner
Mayor Biff Traber; Nancy Wyse, City Council Vice President
Jan Napack, Corvallis City Council, Ward 1
Charles Maughan, Corvallis City Councilor Ward 2
Barbara Bull, City Councilor Ward 4
Paul Shaffer, Corvallis City Council Ward 3
Andrew Struthers, City Councilor Ward 9
Oregon League of Conservation Voters

(This information furnished by Lytle Forward3)



City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 4

**Gabe
Shepherd**

Occupation: Independent Contractor
Occupational Background: Industrial Engineering; Data Management
Educational Background: HBS Oregon State University
Prior Governmental Experience: Corvallis Budget Commissioner; Volunteer Aide for the Corvallis City Legislative Committee; Minutes Recorder for Corvallis and Albany

Over the last three years I have regularly attended Corvallis City Council meetings, learning how the city operates. During that time, I have also attended many board meetings, committee meetings, and community forums where I have heard the passions and concerns of the Corvallis community.

Those passions and concerns have called me to action to serve my city. Therefore, my priorities for the work of my first term are:

Social Justice and Inclusion

While in office, I will:

- Support and promote the new Corvallis Bias Response Initiative
- Push for greater mental health services in Benton County
- Work to make Corvallis a more just and equitable community

Climate Action

While in office, I will:

- Encourage city and community investments in green energy and technology
- Work to find alternatives to single-use plastics and polystyrene
- Advocate for city parks and greenspaces

Housing and Planning

While in office, I will:

- Work to house the unhoused in our community
- Work to make our city streets safer for bicyclists and pedestrians
- Encourage increased housing density while protecting existing neighborhoods
- Ensure that the voices of Corvallis residents are heard in local decisions and planning

I intend to work hard for the residents of Ward 4 and all of Corvallis. I will serve in this office with integrity, decency, and respect.

Endorsements

Biff Traber, Mayor of Corvallis
Xan Augerot, Benton County Commissioner
Pat Malone, Benton County Commissioner
Nancy Wyse, Candidate for Benton County Commissioner
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Our Revolution Corvallis Allies

Thank you for your vote. To learn more about me you can visit my website www.gabeshepherd.com

(This information furnished by Friends of Gabe Shepherd)



City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 5

**Charlyn
Ellis**

Occupation: High School English teacher

Occupational Background: Twenty plus years with 509j

Educational Background: BA in English and history, University of New Hampshire; MA in American history, University of New Hampshire; MAT, Lewis and Clark College

Prior Governmental Experience: Community Relations Advisory Group, Neighborhood Livability Workgroup for the Corvallis/OSU Collaboration, City Council 2016-20, Climate Action Advisory Board (chair), liaison to Bike/Ped Board

Other Experience: Citizens for Livable Corvallis; Building Rep, Corvallis Education Association; League of Women Voters; PreservationWorks; Corvallis resident since 1996

Charlyn Ellis for City Council Ward 5

As your city councilor, I will work for change based upon the following principles:

Everyone deserves a **safe place to sleep**. No one's economic status or location in town should alter this fact. This includes long-term residents just looking for a good night's rest, renters searching for affordable housing that's not dangerous to live in, and the homeless who need a place out of the rain.

Corvallis is a **city with a university**, not the other way around. Our choices must benefit and support **all** the residents of Corvallis.

Climate Change is having a profound impact on our lives. We need to work as a community to make significant changes to our lifestyles and our infrastructure to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

We need to be proactive, not reactive, in our decisions. This means having the difficult conversations about what we want our community to look like, and how to adjust our ordinances, land use code, and finances to support this vision.

As Ward 5 councilor, I will strive to represent the diverse voices and opinions reflected in our neighborhoods. I will listen to concerns, help residents locate resources within the city, foster open communication, and advocate for our ward.

(This information furnished by Charlyn Ellis)



City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 6

**Laurie J K
Chaplen**

Occupation: Volunteer

Occupational Background: Systems Analyst for local HealthCare system – 14 years, Analyst for local credit union 4 years

Educational Background: University of Oregon, Business Administration

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I have raised two children in Corvallis and lived, worked and volunteered in the local area since 1996. My motivation to run for city council stems from my belief in giving back to the community and helping others. I desire to improve Corvallis as an inclusive and sustainable community for all and future generations, with improvements in diversity, equity, and inclusion. I also would work to improve employment opportunities, the environment and other areas where opportunities exist and keep Corvallis fiscally stable through strategic uses of funds.

• **Employment:** Increase the diversity of our economy and where feasible foster new business, especially for marginalized communities in Corvallis.

• **Homelessness:** Homelessness is a challenging issue. I view as an opportunity for current stakeholders and to find new stakeholders for creative and solid solutions to decrease the homeless population.

• **Safety:** A diversity of safe transportation modes (roads, walking and bike paths). I support balanced fire and safety services and would like to see the creation of a mental health first team (CAHOOTS) for responding to those in crisis. I support bolstering emergency preparedness plans city-wide. I am certified on the Benton County CERT team (Certified Emergency Response team). I urge more citizens become CERT members to create a more resilient community.

• **Environmental Responsibility:** Conserve resources, minimize waste and further improve the air/water and environment in the city. I am a certified Master Recycler as well as a member and prior board member of the Linn Benton Bee keepers association, and I see opportunities to improve our environment through these experiences. I am committed to maintaining effective communication with my ward and represent YOUR voice- ensure it speaks for YOU by electing me for the 2021-2023 term.

LaurieChaplenforcitycouncil@gmail.com

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Endorsed by Stewart Wershow

(This information furnished by Laurie Chaplen)



City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 7

**Nic
Bowman**

Occupation: Elementary School Teacher
Occupational Background: Restaurant Management; Retail Management; Small Business Owner; Education
Educational Background: Linn-Benton Community College, AAOT; Oregon State University, BS (x2)
Prior Governmental Experience: Teachers Union Executive Council (LEA - 2016-2020); ASG President (LBCC - 2009-2010)

Corvallis is a city of many greatneses, strengths, and shared values. We want to live in a city where neighbors come together to lift one another up. We want to be good stewards of the land and its bountiful resources so that those who follow in our footsteps have the same opportunities of access and benefit. We want to immerse ourselves in the diversity of cultural experiences offered by the equally eclectic citizens that make up the fabric of our community. We want to live an educated and informed life, one that is meaningful and pushes for progress and equality. We want to thrive.

I believe in these ideals and values. I believe these shared goals and visions of our future are attainable. And I believe this to be true because Corvallis has proven itself to be a city rich with individuals who care deeply for their community. While we might not all have the same availability of resources or desire to participate at this level, there are people who want to give their time to the city and its citizens. People who want to participate in the process of collaborative problem solving for the betterment of the community and its growth. People who value wellness and the common good. People who care. I am one of those people.

It would be an honor to be entrusted with representing you, Ward 7.

Thank you for your time and consideration in making this decision, but more importantly, thank you for taking the time to participate in the future of our beloved city.

nic4corvallis

(This information furnished by Nic Bowman)



City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 7

**Paul W
Shaffer**

Occupation: Retired, State of Oregon
Occupational Background: Technical/policy analyst, Oregon Department of Energy; research scientist, Dynamac Corporation (US EPA contractor); soccer referee, USSF and OSAA; Robotics Coach, Corvallis HS

Educational Background: Michigan State University - BS (Biology), MS (Fisheries and Wildlife); University of Virginia - graduate research, Environmental Sciences; Western Oregon University - Teacher Education Program

Prior Governmental Experience: Corvallis City Councilor, Ward 7; technical/policy analyst, Oregon Dept of Energy; technical support - Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board; State of Oregon representative (and chair) Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council

Optional information: As your City Councilor, I'm working to maintain our strengths - e.g., our parks, library and city services, and to confront challenges posed by issues such as homelessness, growth and livability, OSU-community relationships, infrastructure, and protecting the environment. I will continue to do so in the context of constrained budgets and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. My experience supports these efforts:

- As incumbent City Councilor for Ward 7, I am engaged in City issues and processes, and with people (elected officials and staff) who lead Corvallis in setting policy and making city decisions.
- I know Ward 7. I am in routine contact with hundreds of residents of the Ward, and work diligently to represent their opinions and concerns.
- I have experience analyzing information and making decisions on complex issues such as cleanup plans for the Hanford Site in Washington.
- I have worked successfully with diverse individuals and interest groups - at Hanford I engaged with states, federal agencies and Native American tribes seeking consensus on cleanup and restoration of the nation's most contaminated site.

As a City Councilor, my only ambition is to continue to serve you - citizens of the 7th Ward and the City of Corvallis.

Thank you for your support.

Endorsed by: *Oregon League of Conservation Voters; Hyatt Lytle, City Council President, Nancy Wyse, Council Vice President*

(This information furnished by Paul W Shaffer)



City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 8

**Ed
Junkins**

Occupation: Board-certified Pediatrician and Pediatric Emergency physician, (Oregon license); Associate Dean, Western University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific Northwest, Lebanon, Oregon

Occupational Background: Residency training, Johns Hopkins Hospital Children's Center; US Public Health Officer, Navajo Reservation; Fellowship training, faculty member, Assistant Dean of Diversity and Community Outreach, and Associate Dean of Student Affairs at University of Utah School of Medicine

Educational Background: Iowa City West High, 1983; University of Notre Dame, BA, 1987; Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, MD, 1991; University of Utah Masters of Public Health, 2005

Prior Governmental Experience: Corvallis School Board, Director 6 (2017-2019); Imagine Corvallis 2040 Advisory Network Board (ICAN) 2017-2020; City Council Ward 8 (2018-2020); City Legislative Committee (2019-2020); Community Involvement Diversity Advisory Board (CIDAB) 2019-2020; Visit Corvallis Board (2019-2020)

Community Activism: The Corvallis Clinic Foundation Board of Trustees (2017-2020); Inter-Professional Education Design Team member with OSU and LBCC (2016 – 2020); Corvallis Public Schools Foundation liaison (2017-2019, 2020); Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis Teen Wellness Center Advisory Committee (2017-2020); African-American Youth Leadership Conference (2016-2020); and NAACP Corvallis/Albany member (2017-present).

Why am I running again? I am excited to continue to serve Corvallis as a Council member with decades of experience as a pediatrician, teacher and executive administrator. As councilor, I have helped to maintain a steadfast focus on the Imagine Corvallis 2040 visioning, working hard to achieve what Corvallis needs. I consistently work to improve community wellness by:

- supporting a livable community
- expanding housing
- controlling fees
- reducing hate/bias incidents

Our family has been in the Corvallis Ward 8 for more than fifty years and has seen many changes during that time. A strong voice is needed on the Council to ensure that Corvallis continues to be a thriving and vibrant community.

If elected again, my term on the Council will be defined by **committed leadership and passionate community advocacy** that will make Corvallis proud.

(This information furnished by Ed Junkins)



City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 9

**Andrew
Struthers**

Occupation: Information Technology Consultant; Oregon State University

Occupational Background: None

Educational Background: BS, Oregon State University, Finance and Business Information Systems

Prior Governmental Experience: Corvallis City Council, January 2019-Present; Corvallis Budget Commission, April 2016 – November 2018; Associated Students of Oregon State University (President), June 2010 – June 2011

Other Activities: SEIU 503 Sublocal 083 Member and Benton County Democrat Precinct Committeeperson. Previously High School Soccer Referee, High School Softball Umpire, USA Softball Umpire, OSU Beaver Store Board of Directors, and volunteered with Corvallis Little League.

Over the next two years the City will be faced with important decisions about the future of Corvallis. During my first term on the Council I have gained valuable experience that will assist the community and City as we head into the next two years. We will be having discussions about COVID-19 Recovery, Zoning Changes with HB2001, and the ongoing work to address hate and bias incidents.

Over the next two years additional focus will be on the following:

Sustainability – Working to achieve the Council's aspiration goal of 100% renewable energy by 2030. As well as supporting the transition of the variety of City Buses and other vehicles to electric vehicles where possible. Continued support of other initiatives to move the City to a more sustainable future.

Public Participation – Continued focus on our changing advisory board system so that it can be effective, so all members of the community are able to participate and voice their opinions. Though the current system is changing in some form, work will still need to be done to ensure that it is being adaptive to community and Council needs.

Economic Development – Ensuring that during the economic recovery we will experience from COVID-19, that we still have a focus on drawing in new businesses to Corvallis. Example of a great opportunity for development is the growth and expansion of the Corvallis Airport and Airport Industrial Park.

(This information furnished by the Committee to Elect Struthers)



City of Monroe
Mayor

**Daniel
Sheets**

**No other candidate statements
were filed for
the City of Monroe
Mayor position.**

Occupation: Information Technology Manager, Consultant

Occupational Background: 20 years of high-tech industry experience

Educational Background: Ashford University, Bachelor of Arts, Journalism

Prior Governmental Experience: City of Monroe, Vice Chair, Planning Commission, 2018-Present; City of Monroe, Commissioner, Planning Commission, 2013-Present; City of Monroe, Secretary, Budget Committee, 2018-Present; City of Monroe, Chair, Monroe Festival Committee, 2019-Present; City of Monroe, Chair, Promotion Advisory Group, 2018-2019; City of Monroe, Committee Member, Monroe Vision & Revitalization Committee, 2018-2019

Volunteer Activities: Business Association of Monroe, Executive Director, 2019-Present; Tri-County Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors, 2019-Present; Transportation and Growth Management Program (a joint effort of ODOT, DLCD, and the City of Monroe), Riverside District Master Plan Project Advisory Committee Member, 2020-Present.

Awards & Honors: Tri-County Chamber of Commerce, Monroe's 2019 Outstanding Service Award; Ashford University, 2012 Graduate with Summa Cum Laude Honors.

My Vision: I am running for Mayor of Monroe, because as a community-minded citizen, I am committed to making a difference in the place I call home. I want Monroe to be a great place to raise a family, a relaxed place to walk with my kids, and have businesses where we can shop, visitors can enjoy, and together we support.

My Top Priorities

- **Drinking Water:** Fix short-term issues, plan for long-term growth.
- **Economic Development:** Work to attract new businesses and support our existing businesses.
- **Public Safety:** Ensure public safety remains responsive to our community needs and everyone feels safe.
- **Community, Culture and Livability:** Promote a strong sense of community and quality of life; maintain our appeal as a small rural community.
- **Fiscal Responsibility and Transparency:** Safeguard our reputation as a fiscally responsible city government; maximize transparency and opportunities for public input.
- **Long-Term Outlook:** Ensure the City's infrastructure will support continued growth and planning for the future where our children and grandchildren have a great place to live and work.

Additional information about my campaign and endorsements can be found at: www.danielisheets.com

(This information is furnished by Daniel Sheets)



City of Monroe
City Council

Nicholas Ritch

Occupation: Enrolled Agent & Licensed Tax Consultant
Occupational Background: Tax Preparation, Consulting, and Resolution
Educational Background: Lane Community College, AS
Prior Governmental Experience: City of Monroe Budget Committee, 2019 - present

Since my family and I moved to Monroe, it has proved to be the town we always dreamed of finding. Living here has provided the best of both worlds - a wonderful sense of small-town charm that also has exciting ambitions to grow and thrive. I am running for Monroe City Council because I would like to be part of shaping our town's future, a place where our young children can play safely, where our families can shop or dine out at local businesses, all while preserving the heritage and identity that makes Monroe unique.

I want to help foster economic opportunities for our residents by supporting a business-friendly environment that can take advantage of our location on Highway 99W. By continuing to encourage community events such as the Monroe Festival and the Farmers Market, I want to promote Monroe as a unique and fun rural destination. Building our local economy is a way to grow our city responsibly, keeping it small and quaint, while helping our residents to thrive.

I believe in government transparency and want our local government to be accessible to all citizens. I understand that many are unable to attend public meetings and still want to be informed. I want to make all public meetings available to watch online live and on-demand.

Finally, I want to be diligent in solving issues with our municipal water system. It is critical for the health and well-being of our residents to have access to clean, safe, and affordable drinking water now and into the future.

I would be honored to protect and represent the interests of Monroe.

(This information furnished by Nicholas Ritch)

No Photo Submitted

City of Monroe
City Council

Katherine Larkin

Occupation: Assistant Dean of Students, University of Oregon
Occupational Background: 10 years of Higher Education Administration including experience in Budgeting, Conflict Resolution, Crisis Response, Engagement, Housing, Student Conduct, and Threat Assessment
Educational Background: M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; B.S. in Sociology, University of Oregon
Prior Governmental Experience: Service on several committees with responsibility for university governance

My Vision

I plan to bring a fresh perspective to the Monroe City Council. The issues facing our community are complex and finding solutions will require us to prioritize dialogue and collaboration. If elected, I will bring my extensive experience from my work in higher education to help facilitate the difficult debate and discussion that will lead to a thriving and inclusive community. I want to use my unique set of skills and training to make Monroe a better place for us all.

I'll work to keep Monroe a wonderful place to live, while continuing to advocate for stable, sustainable economic development that will support our community during good times and difficult times. I want to be a part of an open and transparent process on a city council that welcomes community input and acts on community priorities, including like public safety and fiscal responsibility.

Together, we can build a great future for Monroe.

Additional information about myself, my campaign, and endorsements can be found at: www.katherinelarkin.com

Vote to Elect Katherine Larkin for Monroe City Councilor

(This information furnished by Committee to Elect Katherine Larkin)



City of Monroe
City Council

**Lisa D
Lindner**

**No other candidate statements
were filed for
the City of Monroe
City Council positions.**

Occupation: Classification and Compensation Consultant in the Office of Human Resources, Oregon State University

Occupational Background: 7+ years of planning and policymaking experience in a variety of sectors including government, nonprofit, private/for-profit, higher education, and co-operative organizations; 5+ years of experience working with human services and environmental groups throughout the Willamette Valley

Educational Background: Graduate coursework in Planning, Public Policy, and Management at the University of Oregon; Bachelor's degree in Cultural Anthropology at Oregon State University

Prior Governmental Experience: Assisted with the Benton Soil and Water Conservation District's annual native plant sale fundraisers; Volunteered as an Office Assistant for Milwaukie City Hall.

My Vision: Monroe is at a truly exciting turning point for growth, and to move forward the correct way, we need a sustainable and well-developed plan!

I envision Monroe as a rural hub in the southern Willamette Valley that provides its residents, neighboring community members, and visitors with a vibrant and walkable community, thriving locally owned businesses, and quick-and-easy access to the abundant natural beauty we're so lucky to have nearby.

My professional and educational background in the areas of planning, public policy, and management, as well as human resources and community involvement, can help our town move toward its full potential. I have experience with public outreach, conducting SWOT analyses, strategic planning, organizational development, staffing and the entire employee life cycle, writing policies and procedures, documentation practices, grant writing and resource development, event planning, public speaking, mediating challenging conversations/situations, and more.

I'm looking forward to the opportunity to become involved with our community and to apply my knowledge, skills, and abilities in a way that allows **all** Monroe-area residents to flourish!

Let's work together to move Monroe forward!

Additional information about myself, my campaign, and endorsements can be found at: www.lisalindner.com

Vote to Elect Lisa Lindner for Monroe City Councilor

(This information furnished by Lisa Lindner)



City of Philomath Mayor

Chas Jones

Occupation: Tribal Liaison, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

Occupational Background: Researcher; Environmental consultant

Educational Background: Hydrology, PhD; Environmental Science & Policy, MS; Biology, BS; Professional Certificate in Tribal Relations

Prior Governmental Experience: Liaison between Federal, State, & Tribal Governments; Philomath City Councilor (Finance/Administration Committee; Public Works Committee; Budget Committee; Inclusivity subcommittee; Oregon Cascade West Council of Governments Board of Directors)

Community Involvement: Corvallis Environmental Center (Board Treasurer; former President; former Vice-president); Public school volunteer scientist

MY VISION

I am a community-minded scientist that envisions Philomath as a welcoming community for everyone; a great place for families with a downtown that is a gathering place for our community. I will use strategic planning to encourage development of a bustling downtown, where tourists support our local businesses while strengthening our economy. Future developments should make Philomath stronger and more prosperous, without sacrificing long-term liabilities for short-term growth.

MY PRIORITIES

- **Fiscal responsibility:** Moving important civic projects forward, while balancing the City's needs and financial obligations with an adaptive city government focused on serving its residents
- **Building community:** Promoting a strong sense of community and providing a high quality of life for all.
- **Celebrating our history, culture, & diversity:** Promoting our appeal as a vibrant, rural timber town that celebrates diversity and is safe for everyone.
- **Public health & environment:** Balancing growth with a focus on public health, open space, and a healthy environment.
- **Prosperity & security:** Ensuring all Philomath residents feel welcome, safe, valued, and dignified, while connecting underserved populations to essential services.
- **Inclusive governance:** Maximizing public input, transparency in local government, and accessibility to elected officials
- *High quality school and public safety programs that emphasize serving the public*

LET'S BUILD COMMUNITY, PROSPERITY, & A STRONGER PHILOMATH - ELECT CHAS JONES FOR MAYOR

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ENDORSEMENTS

- Pat Malone, Benton County Commissioner**
- Xan Augerot, Benton County Commissioner**
- Benton County Commissioner Annabelle Jaramillo**
- Dan Rayfield, State Representative for House District 16**

(This information furnished by Chas Jones)



City of Philomath Mayor

Doug Edmonds

Occupation: Software

Occupational Background: Design Eng.-Boeing, Procurement Eng.-HP, Software-CognitiveApps LLC

Educational Background: BSEET, MSEE

Prior Governmental Experience: Philomath Planning Commission, City Council, Budget Committee Chair, Police Committee Chair, Public Works Committee, City Council liaison to Chamber and Philomath Community Foundation, Oregon Institute of Technology IAB Electrical Engineering Chair, Seminary Finance Chair, Started PHRED – PHS Robotics Team, Math volunteer at PMS

I have lived in the city of Philomath for 28 plus years and I enjoy living here!

The schools, the parks, the neighborhoods, the downtown businesses, and its citizens contribute to the values of Philomath. Most of all it is the people who live here that make the city what it is today and going forward.

The folks that walk by, who stop and visit, give Philomath the spirit of a community that is willing to work together, to come out and volunteer where help is needed. Volunteers that take care of the Mt. Union cemetery, work at the various community support services, and volunteers that help water the flower baskets. These are just a few of the many things that make Philomath special.

Work that is required to keep Philomath a special place.

- Build a new water treatment plant to replace the aging 1985 water plant.
- Implement the Streetscape Project for the unique Philomath feel.

Implement the City Strategic Plans 2020-2024

- Responsive, Effective & Transparent Governance
- Healthy Economy
- Strong & Resilient Infrastructure
- Safe Community
- Strategic Plan: <https://www.ci.philomath.or.us/>

As mayor I will listen and work with the Citizens, the Council, the Committees and City Staff to build on these values that will continue to make Philomath a great place to live!

Vote Edmonds for Mayor! Thank You!

We Support Doug Edmonds For Mayor:

- Dale Collins – Former Mayor
- David Low – Current Councilor
- Eric Niemann – Current Mayor
- Jeannine Gay – Former City Mayor
- Randy Kugler – Former City Manager
- Rocky Sloan – Former Mayor

(This information furnished by Doug Edmonds)



**City of Philomath
City Council**

**Joey
McGlinchy**

Occupation: Business Owner; Government Compliance Specialist

Occupational Background: Government; Real Estate; Investigations

Educational Background: Foothill High school, diploma; Western Governors University, currently attending

Prior Governmental Experience: Philomath School District Board Budget Committee, Alternate Member, 2020 – present

Community Involvement: Youth Sports Official, 2001 - present; South Willamette Valley Honor Flight, Volunteer, 2017 - present

Philomath residents enjoy raising their families here because of the friendly small-town atmosphere, our excellent school district, and low crime rate – it is why our family chooses to live here. On the horizon, though, we also see the potential for dramatic change from the recent and anticipated growth. I am running for Philomath City Council because I want the decisions made to be of the highest benefit for our residents. Once elected, my top two priorities will include:

- **Planned Progress:** Like many, our family lives in Philomath due to the charm. However, our town is constantly being looked at by out of the area developers; many of which only see dollar signs. I commit to truly delving into the details of proposed projects. I will only vote for responsible changes to our town which add value to our community.
- **Attract Jobs:** It is estimated over 90% of our residents work outside of the city, yet we have numerous vacant spaces in our downtown corridor. I see the upcoming Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project as an important foundation for the future. Once elected, I will push for the city to piggyback off this project by incentivizing the downtown small business economy through grants or other programs – with the goal of having our commercial spaces being filled.

Key Endorsements:

Doug Edmonds, Current Philomath City Councilor

"Joey is an astute young man who can add a lot of positive energy to the council as the city of Philomath embarks on critical projects. Vote for him." Eric Niemann, Mayor City of Philomath

www.Joey4City.com

Thank you for the opportunity to represent our community!

(This information furnished by Joey McGlinchy)



**City of Philomath
City Council**

**Jessica
Andrade**

Occupation: Contracted fisheries laboratory technician in support of Alaska Fisheries Science Center

Occupational Background: Scientist and research support

Educational Background: MS, Fisheries Science, Oregon State University; BA, Marine Science, University of San Diego

Prior Governmental Experience: None

As an early career scientist, I am no stranger to gathering information on a subject and critically thinking and analyzing those data to answer research questions. These experiences are transferable and yet I still find it difficult to locate reliable, up-to-date information about city projects and events happening in our community.

Improving communication between city leaders and residents is vital for creating an inclusive, resilient Philomath community. I am passionate about this topic and have been working with fellow residents in recent months to share our ideas with city leaders on how to increase community awareness of city resources, especially now during the pandemic when so many more people need assistance than before. I believe that increasing public access to city leaders will build trust between city leaders and residents, allowing every voice in our community, including the most vulnerable, to be heard.

Every person has the right to have their voice heard, especially by city leaders. Every person deserves to have their needs met, deserves to have a say in how their tax dollars are used by our city government, and deserves to be recognized as a real person with real needs.

My curiosity about the world and the experiences of the people around me make me an ideal candidate for city councilor. I promise to always listen and learn from community members about how our city leaders can help each of you.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.facebook.com/Andrade4Philomath>

(This information furnished by Jessica Andrade)



City of Philomath
City Council

Catherine
Biscoe



City of Philomath
City Council

Jason
Richards

Occupation: Volunteer Program Manager for Philomath Community Gleaners; 2020 Census Field Operations
Occupational Background: Small Business Ownership, 20 years: International Transportation; Nursery Retail; Landscape Contracting; Consulting
Educational Background: Lakewood Community College; U of M, MN Nursery and Landscape Certifications; Federal Food Safety Management
Prior Governmental Experience: Philomath Budget Committee; HOPE Advisory Board of Benton County/Corvallis; 2020 Census Field Operations and Complete Count Committee

Community Experience: 17-year resident of Philomath; 11-year Volunteer and 2-year Program Manager of Philomath Community Gleaners; Emergency Operations Center for Benton County/Corvallis; Homeless Advocacy

- **Strong Leadership...Planning for the Future:** Philomath faces some tough financial and growth decisions. It's time to take a *balanced approach to community development, evaluate budget spending and conserve our natural resources* in order to preserve the future of Philomath. **Protecting Philomath's quality of living while managing growth is of highest importance.**
- **Philomath 2040:** As Philomath updates the 20-year Comprehensive Plan let us prioritize *safe neighborhoods, affordable living, steady economic growth and a strong sense of community where everyone is welcome.*
- **Citizen Involvement:** A key to an informed and represented community and guaranteed by the Oregon Constitution. **Your voice matters.**
- **Emergency Preparedness:** Philomath is strategically placed at a vital point of service in a natural disaster. Established policy on *fire protection, water resiliency, strategic food reserves, emergency response and even COVID19 planning* are important to stabilize and protect Philomath in an emergency event.

I am committed to helping develop a sustainable vision for Philomath that reflects our community values and will continue to advocate for increased transparency and more opportunity for citizen involvement.

Let's Work Together for a Better Philomath Community!
www.biscoeforphilomath.com

Endorsements:

- Xan Augerot, Benton Co. Commissioner
- Terry Weiss, Philomath City Council, 2018-19
- Mark J. Weiss, LBCC counselor and educator
- George Grosch, Corvallis City Council, 2000-09
- Barbara Bull, Corvallis City Council, 2014-2020
- Joe Sullivan, Business Owner

(This information furnished by Catherine Biscoe)

Occupation: Sales Manager
Occupational Background: Business Owner
Educational Background: Pacific Life Bible College
Prior Governmental Experience: None

I've traveled to many countries around the world, but Philomath is my home. Moving to Oregon after growing up in Montana, I feel a connection with the rural way of life I remember from being a kid. My wife and I love that we get to raise our two boys here.

After I moved to Philomath in 2018 I quickly became aware of the unique strengths and challenges of the Philomath city government after attending my first city council meeting. I was struck by the fact that there were so many people passionately opposed to issues brought before the city council. While these people were allowed to speak, ultimately their concerns were unheard.

I can help. As a graduate of the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS), a passionate mountaineer, and a business owner, I use the knowledge I've gained to teach others about risk management.

I'm no stranger to working with volunteers toward common goals. Starting out as a youth pastor at the age of 19, I grew our small youth group from 9 students to over 200 students and dozens of adult volunteers. I further created student networks throughout Montana and Idaho, creating and leading a conference that was attended by hundreds of students per year from across these states.

In 2015 I became the CEO of a small software company. This led me to work with government organizations across the US, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

I'd appreciate your vote. Let's find solutions together!

(This information furnished by Jason Richards)



**City of Philomath
City Council**

**Lawrence E
Johnson**

Occupation: Lawyer
Occupational Background: Lawyer; Certified Public Accountant; Small Farm owner; Adjunct professor OSU, EOSU, SWOCC
Educational Background: JD, Loyola Law School, CA, BBA; Loyola University, CA
Prior Governmental Experience: United States Naval Reserve; Imbler (OR) School Budget member; Deputy District Attorney

An effective city council needs input and direction from the citizens they serve. Effective city management and staff need input and direction from the council. I believe an informed community is essential to local governance.

Remember, citizens have the ultimate authority. Every vote counts. The creativity and wisdom of our citizens is essential. Our local government becomes more responsive to the needs of our citizens when the citizens are included and informed.

My foremost goal as your city councilor would be to make sure the citizens of Philomath are well-informed about decisions; especially the possible long-term ramifications as opposed to short term-gains. Transparency is essential.

I will work to make sure that pending and planned decisions are explained with clarity and transparency (including budgetary concerns); and my intentions are to make sure that citizens have the opportunity for input to the council each step of the way.

Proposals should have two timely readings with adequate time for citizen input. Costs should be clearly explained based on facts, in compliance all Philomath City ordinances.

We cannot let history repeat itself with unintended economic/environmental consequences for the City of Philomath 50 years from now.

The City of Philomath needs to hear your voice and your vote.

I believe my background and prior experience makes me qualified to represent the needs of the people of Philomath. Humbly, I offer myself as a candidate for our city council.

Endorsements:
 Karen L Aquino
 Jon S Bendixen
 Holly S Bendixen
 Marion Dark
 Rick Flacco
 Mark J Weiss
 Terry Weiss

(This information furnished by Lawrence E Johnson)



**City of Philomath
City Council**

**Ruth
Causey**

Occupation: Incumbent
Occupational Background: Benefits Consultant
Educational Background: Stanford University MBA; Oregon State University MSc; University of Alberta, Canada, BSc; South Salem High School
Prior Governmental Experience: Philomath Budget Committee 2019; Philomath City Council, October 2019-present; Member Police Committee; Member Willamette Criminal Justice Council

Over the next two years Philomath will undertake two major projects to safeguard the City's water supply and define the look and feel of our downtown corridor. Both the new water treatment plant and the Streetscape Improvements Project require the clear focus of a City Council that can work together to support the successful completion of these projects. But our Council must also respond to the immediate needs of our citizens, particularly in the midst of a pandemic.

Since being appointed to City Council last October, I have made several contributions to Philomath. I worked with City staff and public works to complete the sidewalks around Westbrook park. I drafted language to modify our Municipal Code in response to citizen's concerns about RV parks in Philomath. I have served as a liaison to the Chamber of Commerce and the Planning Commission, and I am a member of two ad hoc committees, the most recent producing the City's Resolution Proclaiming Inclusivity. In short, I have demonstrated the ability to work effectively with others in tackling a variety of problems.

My interests are fire safety and the preservation of our wetlands, but my agenda is driven by our citizens. Controlled growth will continue to be a challenging issue for Philomath. I ask for your vote in continuing to work toward effective solutions to this and other problems: solutions that have the support of our citizens and will ensure Philomath continues to be a desirable place to live. I appreciate your vote and would be honored to serve on your behalf.

Endorsements:

Eric Niemann, Mayor, City of Philomath
 Xan Augerot, Benton County Commissioner

(This information furnished by Ruth Causey)



**City of Philomath
City Council**

**Teresa
Nielson**

Occupation: Retired teacher from Philomath School District

Occupational Background: Language Arts Teacher at Philomath Middle School; Elementary School Teacher at Philomath Elementary School

Educational Background: Oregon State University B.A. in Liberal Studies with a Spanish Minor, and B.S. in Education. M.S. in Education from Western Oregon University

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Community Volunteer Experience: "Let's Eat" Community Dinner volunteer; June's Kid Closet-Philomath Community Services Volunteer; After School Spanish/English Tutor; Cub Scout Den leader and Cub Committee Chairman; AYSO Soccer Coach and Volunteer; Parent Volunteer for Philomath Elementary, Middle, and High School; American Red Cross Volunteer.

As a twenty-three year resident of Philomath, I have a deep, abiding love and respect for this community and its citizens. Known as "The City of Volunteers," I can attest to the spirit of kindness, generosity, and service within our community. All six of my children have graduated from Philomath High School and are proud to call Philomath their hometown. As an educator for the Philomath School District, I have acquired strong organizational and leadership skills. Additionally, as a community volunteer, I am keenly aware of the needs of our citizens, and am committed to upholding our high community values. In Philomath there is a deep-seated spirit of hard work, integrity, and sense of community, and I admire and embrace those characteristics.

I will address the following issues as a council member:

- **Streetscapes Project**-I support improving the safety of our downtown area for pedestrians and cyclists, thereby enhancing our quality of life, and boosting local economic development.
- **The Comprehensive Plan**-To maintain the integrity of our community, I will evaluate our goals and objectives for the long-term growth and development, including residential, business, and industrial projects.

It would be my privilege to serve on the Philomath City Council.

Endorsements:

**Eric Niemann, current Philomath City Mayor
Van Hunsaker, former Philomath City Mayor**

(This information furnished by Teresa Nielson)



**City of Philomath
City Council**

**Matt
Lehman**

Occupation: Regional Sales Manager

Occupational Background: Product Management and Sales Management in the Surveying, Forestry, GIS and Construction industries

Educational Background: BS, Economics, Oregon State University; BS, Political Science, Oregon State University

Prior Governmental Experience: City of Philomath Budget Committee (2017-present), City of Philomath City Council (current); US Army Reserve (1983-1989)

Philomath is a special place. My wife Lauri and I moved to Philomath 19 years ago largely because of the strong sense of community that we encountered after enrolling our young children in the Philomath Montessori School. I will be forever grateful that we made that decision. Both of my children graduated from PHS and later from OSU; and both have remained active in Philomath as volunteer coaches at PHS.

During my time in Philomath I have been active in the community. I served on the PYAC board for 8 years, on the Philomath Public Schools Foundation board for 5 years, coached youth basketball and football and broadcast basketball and football games for a few years. I have served on the Budget Committee for three years and I was appointed to the City Council to replace a departing member in December of 2019. During my time in those roles, I have seen firsthand the positive impact that good city government has had on our town.

I believe in transparency in government and that every citizen should be allowed to express their opinion, and have those opinions heard. Philomath is entering a dynamic period with several major projects over the next few years: the downtown Streetscapes project, constructing a new water treatment facility, and ongoing residential and commercial development. I believe that I can work with, and for, the citizens of Philomath to make sure these projects are completed efficiently, economically and to provide the most benefit to our community.

(This information furnished by Matt Lehman)



City of Philomath
City Council

David M
Low

Occupation: Retired auditor/compliance officer
Occupational Background: Financial Institutions
Educational Background: North Adams State College, BS; OSU, graduate study in counseling
Prior Governmental Experience: City councilor 2017 – present and Council President 2019 - present; Chair Finance and Administration Committee; Council liaison with Philomath School District; Philomath Budget Committee 2010 – 2016; Corvallis Benton County Public Library Advisory Board 2010 – 2013 and 2018 – present and Board Chair 2019 - present

POSITION STATEMENT

Philomath government is in great shape. The city council follows an established strategic plan which benefits the community now and for the near future. City finances are the strongest in years. City leadership needs to stay the course.

WHY YOUR VOTE COUNTS

Philomath is a growing small city navigating its way through extremely uncertain times. It is important to have experienced leadership who adheres to the path established through the city's Strategic Plan: Effective Governance; Healthy Economy; Strong Infrastructure; Great Neighborhoods; and Safe Community.

These five themes contain goals and objectives that are reviewed periodically and updated, as necessary. This ensures Philomath continues to move in a positive direction while also incorporating relevant new developments.

The Strategic Plan is the cornerstone I use to successfully represent Philomath citizens.

WHAT YOU GET WITH YOUR VOTE FOR ME

- Leadership through respect, inclusivity, and collaboration.
- Excellent listener: always responsive to citizens when contacted.
- Empathetic to renewed emphasis on social and economic justice.
- Understanding local government process and the council-management form of government.
- Commitment to maintaining fiscal responsibility while providing services residents expect.
- Supporter of: Home rule; Comprehensive Plan revisions; Local law enforcement consistent with respect for civil rights; Inclusivity Resolution; Collaboration with local non-profits and Benton County to maximize benefits for Philomath area residents.

ENDORSEMENTS

Eric Niemann, Mayor city of Philomath; Doug Edmonds, current councilor; Ed Van Vlack, Executive Director, PYAC; Jean Goul, President PCS Board of Directors; Xan Augerot, Benton County Commissioner; Nancy Wyse, Benton County Commissioner candidate.

(This information furnished by David M Low)



City of Philomath
City Council

Peggy
Yoder

Occupation: Retired
Occupational Background: Hewlett-Packard; Wee Tree Farm Bonsai Nursery
Educational Background: West Albany High School; Institute for Humane Education, Maine, Teaching Certificate
Prior Governmental Experience: Current Philomath Planning Commissioner; Philomath Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee

I am running for City Council because I would like our city to evaluate where we are headed and how this current direction has affected our residents; being on the Planning Commission has given me opportunities to discuss their many concerns. Most of those concerns revolve around:

Growth: Goal 2.2 of the Philomath Strategic Plan (adopted in February 2020) declares, "Let the County, State and region know that Philomath is open for business." This declaration may be good for job-creating businesses, but should not for be used to support more housing development. I believe the citizens would like the city to sit back, take a breath, and allow us to absorb the growth we are already experiencing. Yes, we should try to attract these new businesses, but without subsidies or financial incentives, including city-funded engineering reports.

Traffic: When I attended the 2017 Philomath Citizen's Academy, I learned that the number one complaint to the police department was fast traffic speeds. Citizens aren't just concerned with the traffic speeds on the main roads, but the vehicles that are speeding through their neighborhoods. We should implement a Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (and budget for solutions) which would provide a formalized process for citizens concerned about traffic on their neighborhood streets.

Water Availability: Our Water System Master Plan states that our city should "try to attract 'dry' or low water consumption users rather than large 'wet' industries that require large quantities of water." The Philomath Strategic Plan needs to reflect that advice.

I'm willing to ask tough questions and I expect honest answers. If you agree with the statements I've provided, I respectfully ask for your vote.

(This information furnished by Peggy Yoder)



City of Philomath
City Council

Thomas
Sullivan

**No other candidate statements
were filed for
the City of Philomath
City Council positions.**

Occupation: Division Manager, Alyrica Internet

Occupational Background: Optical network design, fiber optic networks

Educational Background: US Army Rangers

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I'm a long time resident of Philomath and a working family man. I love Philomath and want to see it continue to thrive and be a place that future generations are proud to call home. I'm running for City Councilor to do my part to move Philomath forward, hold city management accountable, and to help Philomath continue to be a good place for working families to work and live.

I have spent most my life in Philomath, leaving at the age of 21 to join the US Army Rangers. After basic training in Fort Benning GA I successfully completed Javelin school, Airborne school, and the Ranger Indoctrination Program (RIP), now know as RASP, a program designed to test the limits of prospective Rangers. After graduating I completed multiple combat tours, and completed Ranger school, the Army's premier leadership course. This resulted in the award of the coveted Ranger tab in addition to my Ranger Scroll. After the Army I came back to Philomath, and am now designing optical networks for a Philomath based internet company.

The city has many obstacles facing it: an aging sewer, a need for a water treatment facility, and recent rapid growth, to name a few. We have to be careful to grow in a way that is smart and sustainable. We also need to be business friendly, bringing good jobs to the community.

If I am elected as a City Councilor, I will take a common sense approach to the challenges that we face, prioritizing the things that must be taken care of and managing our resources carefully. I appreciate your support.

(This information furnished by Thomas Sullivan)



**Benton County
Soil & Water
Conservation
District**

Commissioner
Zone 2

**Faye M
Yoshihara**

Occupation: Small business & social enterprise consultant

Occupational Background: Business management, research & development

Educational Background: Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management; Oregon State University Food Science & Technology and Microbiology

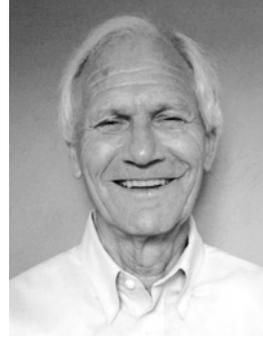
Prior Governmental Experience: Benton Soil and Water Conservation District, Zone #2 Director (current)

As a small woodland owner in Soap Creek Valley, I believe in the mission of Benton SWCD to engage Benton County residents in the conservation and stewardship of natural resources for current and future generations. We are managing for multiple values, including an oak release and wetland restoration as part of our goal to enhance biodiversity. I ask for your vote to serve a second term as Zone #2 director in support our strategic goals:

1. Deliver Adaptive Programs and Strengthen Partnerships - Address natural resource issues and build partnerships that promote conservation.
2. Effectively Spread Our Message - Inform residents of the services available to them.
3. Strengthen Our Capacity - Responsibly manage District resources, increase our ability to serve our community, and maintain a knowledgeable and dedicated Board and staff.
4. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - Apply an equity lens to all BSWCD policies, practices, procedures and programs. Remove barriers to access and provide opportunities for all members of our community.

Visit our website at www.bentonswcd.org

(This information furnished by Faye Yoshihara)



**Benton County
Soil & Water
Conservation
District**

Commissioner
Zone 3

**Jerry L
Paul**

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Urban Planner in both the private and public sectors; Information Technology Manager City of Salinas, CA; owned and ran a cow/calf cattle operation.

Educational Background: California State Polytechnic College, Pomona, CA. BS in Environmental Design

Prior Governmental Experience: Benton Soil and Water Conservation District since 2013; Currently Treasurer of the Board

Community Service:

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Small Grant Program Mid-Willamette Team member; steering committee member and team leader of Benton/Linn Counties collection team for the Oregon Bee Atlas; Chintimini Wildlife Center Board President 2008-2016; served four years on the Board of Directors of the Audubon Society of Corvallis.

The mission of Benton SWCD is to engage Benton County residents in the conservation and stewardship of natural resources for current and future generations. Following our mission, I initiated an income-generating Bee Buddies program in 2016, helped establish relationships with landowners, volunteered during events, shared conservation techniques in the field/at board meetings, and received the Benton SWCD Conservation Neighbor Award for 2018.

I enjoy community service and would very much appreciate your vote.

(This information furnished by Jerry L Paul)

**No other candidate statements were filed for
the Benton County Soil and Water Conservation District Director positions.**

City of Philomath Measure 2-126

Ballot Title

Caption: Charter Amendment: Mayor and Council Terms and Qualifications

Question: Shall the Charter be amended to limit Elected Officers to three four-year terms, staggered Council terms, and longer residency?

Summary: If adopted by the voters, this Charter Amendment would do the following:

1. Replace current Section 3.4 of the Charter with language establishing staggered, 4-year Council terms. Three Councilors would be elected to 4-year terms in 2022; the other three would continue with two-year terms until 2024. After the 2024 election, all Councilors would serve 4-year terms.
2. Replace current Section 3.5 of the Charter with language establishing a four-year term for Mayor, beginning with the 2024 election.
3. Change current Section 3.8(3), extending the term limits for all Elected Officers (the Mayor and City Council) from the current total of ten years to no more than three four-year terms (with an exception for Council members appointed to fill a part of a Council term of less than two years).
4. Change current Section 3.8(1), extending the residency requirement for Elected Officers from 6 months to 12 months.
5. The complete text of the proposed charter amendment is on file with the City Recorder.

Explanatory Statement

This measure proposes to change the City Charter sections about elective officers in the following five ways:

The City Charter currently provides that the Mayor and City Council all serve two-year terms, with these terms beginning and ending at the same time and on the same election cycle.

1. If this measure is passed by the voters, Councilors would be elected to serve staggered, four-year terms. Three Councilors would serve four-year terms as the result of the 2022 election, with the remaining three Council positions elected to a two-year term. At the end of the two-year term, these three positions would then serve four-year terms.
2. If this measure is passed by the voters, the Mayor would also be elected to a four-year term, beginning in 2024.
3. If this measure is passed, to start these staggered terms, and only for the 2022 election, candidates for Council positions would inform the City Election Official of whether the candidate's preference is to serve a four-year term or a two-year term. If the 2022 election results in six successful candidates, with three whose preference is to serve a four-year term and three whose preference is to serve a two-year term, the new Councilors will serve the term lengths that each one preferred. If the 2022 election results do not align with the candidates' preferences, or if there is any other disagreement regarding who serves which length of term, the three Councilors elected in 2022 with the highest number of votes shall each serve a term of four years, and the three Councilors elected in 2022 with the lowest number of votes shall each serve a term of two years

The Charter currently requires a person to be a resident for six months to be eligible to be an elected officer. The residency requirement for appointive positions will continue to be six months.

4. If this measure passes, to be an eligible candidate for any elected office, a person would need to be a resident of the City of Philomath for at least 12 months prior to the election.

The Charter currently limits terms to ten years.

5. If this measure passes, all elected officers would be limited to a maximum of three, four-year terms. If a Council member is appointed to fill a vacancy, the term would be counted as a term for the term limit if the appointment is for two years or more, and would not be counted as a term for the term limit if the appointment is for less than two years.

(Submitted by City of Philomath)

No Arguments For or Against
This Measure Were Filed

Brownly-Marshall Road District Measure 2-127

No Arguments For or Against
This Measure Were Filed

Ballot Title

Caption: Renew of Local Option Tax for Operations

Question: Shall the district renew \$0.20 per \$1000 of assessed value tax for general operations for five years beginning 2021-2022?

Summary: Passage of this local option tax will allow the Brownly-Marshall Road District to continue to provide road maintenance and repair at approximately the same level of service as previous years. If the measure does not pass maintenance and repair services will be reduced, primarily by reducing dust control.

The district currently has a permanent tax rate limit of \$0.9301 per \$1000 of assessed value and a local option tax of \$0.20 per \$1000 of assessed value which expires at the end of the 2020-2021 fiscal year. This renewal would continue the local option levy of \$0.20 per \$1000 of assessed value through the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

At the maximum rate, the levy will raise approximately \$2140 in 2021-2022, \$2204 in 2022-2023, \$2270 in 2023-2024, \$2338 in 2024-2025, and \$2408 in 2025-2026 for a total of \$11,360.

Explanatory Statement

Funds from this operating tax will be used for repair and maintenance of district roads with the intent of providing a similar level of service as has been provided in previous years. Without the operating levy, service levels will need to be reduced, primarily by reducing dust control.

If approved, the measure would authorize the district to continue to tax properties at a maximum of \$0.20 per \$1,000 of assessed value annually for five years in addition to the \$0.9301 per \$1,000 permanent rate tax limit. However, the district need not levy the full amount in any given year. The district governing body will determine the amount to levy each year after taking into account anticipated revenue and costs via the annual budget process.

(Submitted by Brownly-Marshall Road District)

Chinook Drive Road District Measure 2-128

Ballot Title

Caption: Request to Renew a Five-Year Operations Local Option Tax

Question: Do you want a five-year local option tax at \$0.85 per \$1,000 assessed value beginning 2021-2022 for road district operations? This measure renews the current local option tax.

Summary: The Chinook Drive Special Road District's existing local option tax will expire after fiscal year 2020-21. This measure will allow that tax to be renewed until 2025-26.

If the measure passes, the total tax for the road district would continue to be the permanent rate of \$0.9533 plus the local option of \$0.85 for a total of \$1.8033 per \$1,000 assessed value. This local option tax will first be assessed in November 2021 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, and will last be assessed in November 2025 for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

The amount of money to be raised each fiscal year by the local option tax is \$24,570 in 2021-22, \$25,307 in 2022-23, \$26,066 in 2023-24, \$26,848 in 2024-25, and \$27,653 in 2025-26 for a total of \$130,444. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the assessor at the time of the estimate.

Explanatory Statement

The Chinook Drive Road District currently has a Local Option Tax of \$.85 per \$1,000 assessed value which expires at the end of fiscal year 2020-21. This measure requests the extension of the current Local Option Tax at the current rate for a five year period, from 2020-21 through 2025-26. The Local Option Tax revenues comprise approximately one-half of the Road District operating budget. Tax revenues are used for road maintenance and re-surfacing (grading, chip-sealing, rock, emergency and surface spot repairs), snow removal, pothole repair, vegetation control, and minor drainage and land control improvements intended to extend road surface life and improve safety. With approximately five and a half miles of road to maintain, we will be unable to perform any road upgrades and will not be able to keep up with annual maintenance of the roads in their current state with the budget provided by the permanent rate alone.

(Submitted by Chinook Drive Road District)

Chinook Drive Road District Measure 2-128 Argument in Favor:

The Chinook Drive Road District consists of approximately 5 miles of roads. Over the past five years, we have been able to stabilize and hard-surface most of Chaparral Drive and begin a multi-year project to repair and re-surface Chinook Drive. We have also worked on widening and stabilizing Skipanon Drive. In addition, we have performed annual maintenance on the gravel roads, grading, ditching, repairing of culverts, vegetation control, and snow removal as needed. We have been working with the county to improve signage in the district and to improve traffic flow at the Chinook-Chaparral intersection. In the future, we are hoping to hard-surface Skipanon and finish surfacing Panorama to Fitton Green.

The Local Option Tax provides about half of our annual budget of approximately \$50,000. The permanent tax rate barely covers our annual maintenance and liability insurance. Without the Local Option Tax, we will be unable to perform any road upgrades and will not be able to keep up with annual maintenance of the roads in their current state.

At the June 2020 Budget Meeting, attendees unanimously approved renewing the Local Option Tax at the current rate.

We urge you to support this measure and continue the existing Local Option Tax at the current rate. Please vote YES!

(This information furnished by Chinook Drive Road District Commissioners Matt Lindberg, Diana Myers, Barbara Schatz, Richard Brookes)

No Arguments Against
This Measure Were Filed

The printing of this argument does not constitute an endorsement by Benton County, nor does the county warrant the accuracy or truth of any statement made in the argument. ORS 251.355

Alsea School District 7J Measure 2-129

Ballot Title

Caption: Authorizes General Obligation Bonds for School Facility Improvements

Question: Shall Alsea School District No. 7J issue \$2,100,000 general obligation bonds for capital costs, facility improvements and receive \$1,740,000 grant? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: The District has been awarded a \$1,740,000 State grant which will be available only if the bonds are approved. If the bonds are not approved, the grant will go to another District.

If approved, this measure would finance capital costs of the District, including:

- Improving, constructing, equipping and furnishing classrooms, exterior gathering plaza, vocational shop, administrative offices, covered bus waiting area, community weight room expansion, locker rooms and restrooms, kitchen, lunchroom, and rooms for life skills, special education, culinary arts
- Security and safety improvements and additions including controlled entries, security system, and fire alarm
- HVAC, window, lighting, communications and technology improvements
- Replacing bus repair facility
- Improving track and grandstand
- Paying costs of issuance

Bonds would mature in 26 years or less from the date of issuance and may be issued in one or more series. If approved, the bond tax rate is estimated to be \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value. Actual rates may vary based upon interest rates incurred and changes in assessed value.

Explanatory Statement

The Alsea School District 7J has placed a construction bond on the November 2020 ballot. If approved, this bond would provide funds to make capital improvements to District facilities.

Alsea School District 7J has been awarded a 1.745-million-dollar grant from the State of Oregon to use on identified projects if the bond measure is approved. If the bond measure is not approved, those grant funds would go to a different school district and will not be utilized for much needed facility and safety upgrades in Alsea.

Alsea School District 7J's Long Range Facilities Planning Committee, comprised of community members, parents, and staff reviewed data on the District's existing facilities, examined enrollment projections, discussed changes on how education is delivered and gathered input from the community to create a facilities improvement plan. If approved, the plan outlines bond funds be used to:

- Install Electronic Access Controls: at exterior doors to provide added safety and security
- Provide 2 new classrooms
- Demolish existing relocatable building and construct a new culinary arts, life skills and special education classroom
- Remodel and seismically upgrade the existing shop into a Serving Kitchen & Lunchroom.
- New VOC Shop Building Facility
- Construct a new Front Office Addition & Rear Vestibule addition & Office Expansion: secure entry, sick room, reception counter and additional offices.
- Build a new Bus Repair Facility: demolish old facility and replace with a new enclosed bay structure.
- Locker and toilet room remodeling and restoration
- Expand the Play Shed to include a new weight room that will also serve as an after-hours community use facility
- Electrical Service upgrade & new generator: Upsize and consolidate existing electrical services and provide emergency back-up generator.
- Fire alarm replacement to meet modern day occupancy safety standards
- New Heating & Cooling & Boiler Demolition: Provide HVAC mini splits at classroom space & new HVAC unit for gymnasium. Reclaim boiler room as instructional space.
- Replace school intercom and bell system
- Replace windows
- Construct a new "Graduation Plaza, and flagpole monument adjacent to Gym exits
- Provide needed grandstand repairs and crow's nest renovation.
- Construct a new covered bus waiting area.
- Track upgrade: Reconfigure the existing track in its current location to have (6) lanes and be regulation sized.
- Pay bond issuance costs.

What would the bond cost?

If approved, the incremental tax rate increase from the projected 2019 rate is estimated to be \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value. Actual rates may vary based upon interest rates incurred and changes in assessed value.

The bonds would mature in 26 years or less from the date of issuance and may be issued in one or more series.

The District is a single campus facility serving 220 students for in person instruction. The District operates on approximately \$6 million in general fund budget, supported mainly through the State School Fund and local property tax revenue.

(Submitted by Marc Thielman, Superintendent, Alsea School District 7J)

**No Arguments For or Against
This Measure Were Filed**

Registering to Vote

To vote in Oregon you need to be registered in the county where you reside.

You can register if you can answer yes to these three questions:

- Are you a resident of Oregon?
- Are you a US citizen?
- Are you at least 16 years of age?

If you are 16 or 17 years of age, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.

How to register

You can register to vote online at www.oregonvotes.gov or you can get a voter registration card at any of the following places:

- Benton County Elections Office
- any county elections office
- the Secretary of State's Office
- some state agencies such as the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
- a voter registration drive

You can fill the card out in person or send it in by US mail. You can also print out a registration card online at: www.oregonvotes.gov.

What information is required to register?

To complete your registration you will provide your:

- full legal name
- home address
- date of birth
- signature
- valid identification

Updating your voter registration

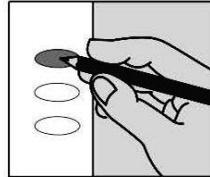
Once you have registered, you are responsible for keeping your information up to date. You can do this online at www.oregonvotes.gov or by completing and returning a voter registration card with the new information. You should update your registration if you do any of the following:

- change your home address
- change your mailing address
- change your name
- change your signature
- want to change or select a political party
- will be away from home on election day

How to Cast Your Ballot

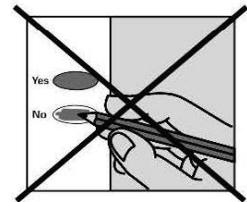
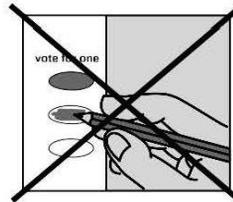
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Use a black or blue pen to fill in the ovals next to your choices.



If you vote for more candidates than allowed, or if you vote **both** Yes **and** No on a measure, it is called an overvote.

Your vote **will not count** for that candidate or measure.



You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still count.

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- you make a mistake
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Please return your ballot by mail before October 28, 2020, to ensure receipt at the Elections Office by the 8:00 PM November 3rd deadline. After this date, we recommend using one of our many Official Ballot Drop Sites located throughout the county listed on page 32 of this pamphlet.

BENTON COUNTY OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP SITES

Benton County Elections & Passports Office

Basement of County Courthouse
120 NW 4th St Rm 13, Corvallis OR 97330
541-766-6756
Mon thru Fri 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Election Day 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

24-HOUR OUTDOOR BALLOT DROP BOXES

Benton County Courthouse

Courthouse lawn on Fourth Street
120 NW 4th St, Corvallis OR 97330

Benton County Courthouse

Accessible entrance on Fifth Street
120 NW 4th St, Corvallis OR 97330

Benton County Courthouse

Across the street on Fifth Street
180 NW 5th St, Corvallis OR 97330

Benton County Sunset Building

Drop box in parking lot
4077 SW Research Way, Corvallis OR 97333

Corvallis Public Library

Drop box next to bike rack at corner of
6th and Monroe
645 NW Monroe Ave, Corvallis OR 97330

OSU Gill Coliseum

Corner of Ralph Miller and 26th
660 SW 26th St, Corvallis OR 97331

Wells Fargo Bank

Timberhill Shopping Center
2543 NW Kings Blvd, Corvallis OR 97330

Corvallis Community Center (C3)

Drop box near main entrance
2601 NW Tyler Ave, Corvallis OR 97330

LBCC Benton Center

Drop box near main entrance
757 NW Polk Ave, Corvallis OR 97330

Lincoln Health Center

Drop box at parking lot exit
121 SE Viewmont Ave, Corvallis OR 97333

Adair Village City Hall

Drop box at City Hall parking lot entrance
6030 NE William R Carr Ave
Adair Village OR 97330

Monroe Community Library

Drop box at the entrance to the drive up
book drop in parking lot
380 N 5th St, Monroe OR 97456

North Albany Shopping Center

Drop box in front of IGA Supermarket
621 Hickory Ave NW, Albany OR 97321

Philomath Public Library

Drop box near main entrance
1050 Applegate St, Philomath OR 97370

INDOOR BALLOT DROP BOXES

City Limits Market

5800 NW Hwy 99W, Corvallis OR 97330
541-745-7194
Mon thru Thu 6:30 am to 8:00 pm
Fri 6:30 am to 8:30 pm
Sat 8:00 am to 8:30 pm
Sun 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

John Boy's Alsea Mercantile Store

186 E Main St, Alsea OR 97324
541-487-4462
Mon thru Sun 8:00 am to 7:00 pm
Election Day 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

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