

voters' pamphlet



Oregon Vote-by-Mail Primary Election | **May 15, 2018**



"Voting Shapes the Future" is the 2018 Student Art Contest theme. Congratulations to Gracie Looney, a 5th grader at La Pine Elementary. Gracie submitted the winning entry for the 5th and 6th grade student division.

Attention

This is the beginning of your county voters' pamphlet. The county portion of this joint voters' pamphlet is inserted in the center of the state portion. Each page of the county voters' pamphlet is clearly marked with a color bar on the outside edge. All information contained in the county portion of this pamphlet has been assembled and printed by your County Clerk.



Dear Deschutes County Voter:

This is your May 15, 2018 Primary Election Voters' Pamphlet. It includes information about candidates and measures from local jurisdictions within Deschutes County. The State Voters' Pamphlet includes federal and state candidates and measures. The Deschutes County Voters' Pamphlet is inserted in the center of the State Voters' Pamphlet to save on mailing costs.

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

Ballots will be mailed by Wednesday, April 25, 2018, to each registered voter. Here are a few things you should know:

- ◆ Voted ballots **MUST** be received at our office or an official drop site location by **8:00 pm, Tuesday, May 15, 2018** to be counted. Remember to sign your ballot envelope.
- ◆ Additional drop sites open Wednesday, May 9th. Check the Drop Site Location page in the pamphlet for more details.
- ◆ Candidate names on your ballot will appear in random alphabetical order. In accordance with ORS 254.155, random ordering of the letters is conducted prior to each election.
- ◆ Not all the candidates or measures in this Voters' Pamphlet will be on your ballot. Your residence address determines those districts for which you may vote. Your official ballot will contain only those issues on which you are eligible to vote, based on where you live.
- ◆ Not all candidates submit information for the Voters' Pamphlet so you may have candidates on your ballot that are not in the Voters' Pamphlet.
- ◆ This Voters' Pamphlet is online at Deschutes.org/clerk. After 8:00 pm on Election Night, preliminary election results will be posted online at Deschutes.org/electionresults.
- ◆ If a ballot was delivered to your residence for someone who should no longer be receiving a ballot at your address, please write "RETURN" on the envelope and place it back in your mailbox.
- ◆ The signature on each voter's ballot return envelope is verified against the voter's signature on file. The signatures must match before a ballot can be counted. If your signature has changed, please update your voter registration.

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All candidates had the opportunity to submit a picture and statement regarding their candidacy in this pamphlet. The following candidate and argument statements were submitted. The text of the candidate statements, measures and arguments were printed as submitted.

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Voting Information

Registering to Vote

To be eligible to vote in the May 15, 2018 Primary Election, a completed voter registration card must be postmarked by Tuesday, April 24, 2018.

To Register To Vote In Oregon, You Must Be:

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

You Must Update Your Registration If:

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

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

Voters With Disabilities:

If you are unable to vote your ballot without assistance, contact the Deschutes County Elections office at 541-388-6547. We will provide two persons to assist you in voting. To assure your voted ballot is received by election day, contact the elections office early to arrange for assistance. You may also select someone else of your own choice to assist you.

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

Voting Instructions

Examine your official ballot and vote it

Examine your official ballot and locate the candidate or measure response oval of your choice for each contest. To vote you must blacken the oval (●) completely with a pen (black ink) next to your choices.

Review your ballot

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

Prepare to return your ballot

Place your ballot in the return envelope. You may use the optional secrecy sleeve, but it is not required. Election staff will ensure the secrecy of your ballot. Read the voter's statement on the return envelope and sign it on the signature line. Your ballot will not be counted if the return envelope is not signed. Every signature is checked against the registration signature on file and the signature must match for the ballot to be counted.

Return your ballot

By mail: Attach first-class postage to the signed and sealed return identification envelope. Mail it as soon as possible to arrive at Deschutes County Elections Office no later than 8:00 pm on Election Day. Postmarks do not count.

At an official drop site: Deliver the signed and sealed return identification envelope to an official drop site no later than 8:00 pm on Election Day. Postage is not required if delivered to an official ballot drop site location.

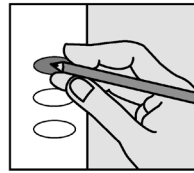
Contact:

Deschutes County Elections
541-388-6547 Deschutes.org/clerk
1-866-ORE-VOTES (se habla Español)
www.oregonvotes.gov
TTY 1-800-735-2900

Remember, if stated on your ballot, vote both sides of your ballot.

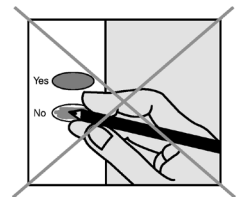
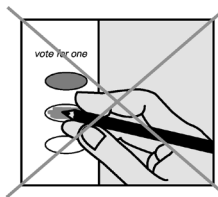
check your ballot!

Make sure you have completely filled in the oval 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.

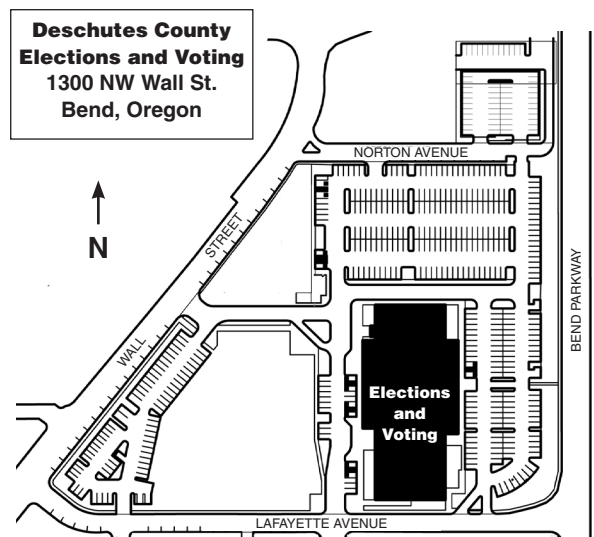


You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still be counted.

Contact Deschutes County Elections office at 541-388-6547 to request a replacement ballot if:

- you make a mistake
- your ballot is damaged or spoiled
- your ballot is lost

or you may make your changes on the ballot. It is critical that you make your choice obvious because election workers will inspect each ballot to make sure voter intent is understood and the ballot is counted correctly.



Ballot Reminders

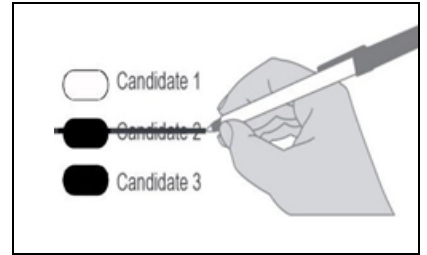
Your Ballot Packet:

Your Ballot Packet should contain at the least the following items:

- ✓ Printed ballot
- ✓ A pre-addressed return envelope to be signed
- ✓ Secrecy sleeve

Correcting your Ballot:

You may request a replacement ballot or you may make your changes on the ballot. Draw a line through the entire candidate name or measure response. You then have the option of making another choice.



Returning your Ballot:

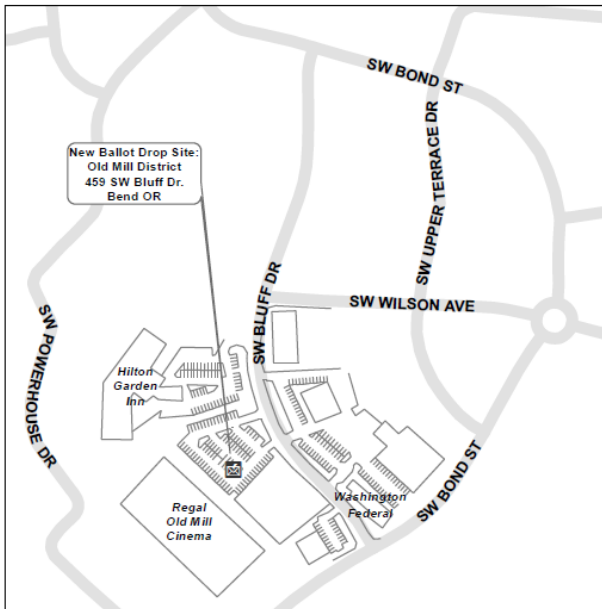
Beginning Wednesday, May 9, ballots should not be mailed but will need to be taken to an official ballot drop site.

Signing your Ballot Return Envelope:

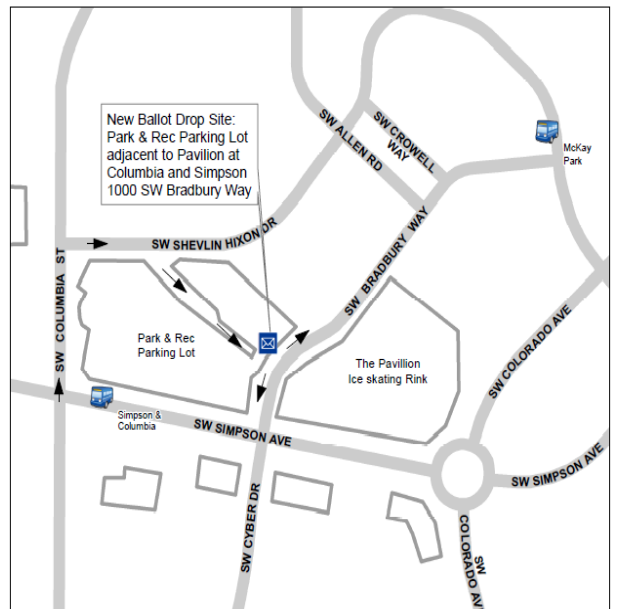
Remember to sign your ballot return envelope. The signature on each voter's ballot return envelope is verified against the voter's signature on file. The signatures must match before a ballot can be counted. If your signature has changed, please update your voter registration.

Directions to Bend's Newest Drive-by Ballot Drop Boxes

459 SW Bluff drive-by drop site located in the parking lot south of the Hilton Garden Inn on the knoll above the Old Mill District. Access either end of Bluff Drive from SW Bond Street.



1000 SW Bradbury Way Drive-by drop site located across from the New Park & Rec Pavilion off of Simpson Avenue & Columbia Street.



Deschutes County May 15, 2018 Primary Election Official Ballot Drop Site Locations

Bend

Deschutes Service Center

1300 NW Wall St

(Box located on Parkway side of building)

Available 7 days a week – opens April 27

Election Day, Tuesday, May 15: open until 8 pm

Drive-By Drop Site

Corner of Wall St and Lafayette Ave

(Parking Area)

May 11 – 14 (week days only): 8 am – 6 pm

Election Day, Tuesday, May 15: 7 am – 8 pm

Deschutes County Road Department

61150 SE 27th St

Drive-By Drop Site

Available 7 days a week – opens April 27

Election Day, Tuesday, May 15: open until 8 pm

Drive-By Drop Site

459 SW Bluff Dr

(Box located on the knoll above Old Mill District in parking lot south of Hilton Garden Inn hotel)

Beginning Wednesday, May 9: 24-hour drive-by

Election Day, Tuesday, May 15: open until 8 pm

Drive-By Drop Site

1000 SW Bradbury Way

(Box located across from the new Park & Rec Pavilion off of Simpson & Columbia)

Beginning Wednesday, May 9: 24-hour drive-by

Election Day, Tuesday, May 15: open until 8 pm

La Pine

La Pine Public Library, 16425 1st St

Drive-By Drop Site

(1st St & Huntington Rd)

Beginning Wednesday, May 9: 24-hour drive-by

Election Day, Tuesday, May 15: open until 8 pm

Redmond

Redmond Public Library, 827 SW Deschutes Ave

Drive-By Drop Site

(Located on west side of Library)

Available 7 days a week – opens April 27

Election Day, Tuesday, May 15: open until 8 pm

Sisters

Sisters City Hall, 520 E Cascade Ave

(Located inside City Hall)

April 27 – May 14: 8 am – 5 pm

(Usual Business Hours & Days)

Election Day, Tuesday, May 15: 8 am – 8 pm

Sunriver

Sunriver Area Public Library, 56855 Venture Ln

(Sunriver Business Park)

Beginning Wednesday, May 9: 24-hour drive-by

Election Day, Tuesday, May 15: open until 8 pm

Postmarks Do Not Count!

All ballots must be received at an official drop site or the Deschutes County Clerk's office no later than 8 pm, Election Day.

***If you have not mailed your ballot by Tuesday, May 8,
take your ballot to an official ballot drop site.***

County Clerk's Office, 1300 NW Wall St, Upper Floor, Bend ~ Privacy Booths Provided

Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm ~ Election Day, 7 am to 8 pm

Measure 9-115 City of Bend

Ballot Title

9-115

Five-year operating levy for fire and emergency medical services.

QUESTION: Should Bend issue a five-year local option operating levy of \$.20/\$1,000 assessed value for fire and emergency services beginning 2019?

This measure renews current local option taxes.

SUMMARY: The measure, if approved, would authorize the City of Bend to levy taxes to support the annual cost of fire and emergency medical services provided to Bend residents. The measure would provide for a local option operating levy at a rate of \$.20/\$1,000 of assessed value for five years, beginning July 1, 2019. Revenue from the levy would be used to maintain adequate staffing with the goal of assuring adequate response times.

The estimated revenue over five years is:

2019-2020: \$2,300,000
2020-2021: \$2,400,000
2021-2022: \$2,500,000
2022-2023: \$2,600,000
2023-2024: \$2,700,000

If the maximum levy is assessed, the estimated total revenue raised over five years would be approximately \$12,500,000.

The estimated revenue for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available at the time of estimate.

Argument in Favor

The Bend City Council encourages you to vote YES on Measure 9-115. This measure will renew the current operating levy rate with no increase.

Since passing an operating levy in 2014, an innovative service model was put in place sending the appropriate resources to an emergency situation. This has allowed the Bend Fire Department to improve its response times and in turn, cardiac arrest survivability rate to one of the best in the nation for Departments that report their rates.

With funds from the operating levy the Bend Fire Department has been able to partner with the Bend Police Department, placing Automated Electronic Defibrillators (AEDs) in police cars and training officers to perform CPR and use the AEDs if they arrive on a scene first.

Your Bend City Council unanimously voted yes to put this measure on the ballot and hope you'll support the men and women of Bend's Fire Department by voting YES on Measure 9-115.

Thank you,

Casey Roats, Mayor
Sally Russell, Mayor Pro Tem
Bruce Abernethy
Nathan Boddie
Barb Campbell
Justin Livingston
Bill Moseley

(This information furnished by Sally Russell, Bend City Council.)

Explanatory Statement

The measure, if approved, would authorize the City of Bend to renew an operating levy for fire and emergency medical services at a rate of \$.20 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value for five years, beginning July 1, 2019. The rate is the same as the levy approved by voters in 2014. If approved, the levy would raise a projected \$2,300,000 in fiscal year 2019-20, and an estimated total of approximately \$12,500,000 over the five year period.

The Bend Fire Department provides fire suppression, emergency medical care and transport, rescue, and fire prevention services. The population of Bend and the demand on fire and emergency services continues to grow. Approval of the 2014 levy allowed the Department to improve response times to meet national standards for cities of comparable size. Revenue from a renewed levy would be used to maintain staffing in order to ensure adequate emergency response times. The funding could also support additional training and equipment necessary to maintain services.

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

- Maintaining staff to ensure sufficient personnel can provide timely services in emergencies.
- Supporting positions in training and fire prevention.
- Firefighter and emergency medical safety equipment.
- Tools for firefighting and emergency medical response.
- Technology enhancements.

(This information furnished by Robyn Christie, City Recorder, City of Bend.)

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Measure 9-115 Arguments

Argument in Favor

I am encouraging you to support measures 9-115 and 9-116. These measures will continue to enhance Bend Fire and Rescue's staffing and innovation that you passed in 2013. This levy will not increase your taxes but simply renew what you passed 5 years ago.

When we came to you in 2013 Bend Fire had fallen behind in staffing for our growing population. Response times for emergencies, like heart attack and stroke, had risen to greater than 9 minutes. Those minutes are very precious to the severely sick and injured. Heart and brain damage increase every minute in those patients who are not receiving definitive care. One way we gauge system success is to look at sudden cardiac arrest survival. Although the national survival was approximately 33% from witnessed cardiac arrest, Bend was below this average in 2013. This was unacceptable to our EMS and medical community. We needed quicker responses.

Thanks to your support in 2013, the Bend Fire Department spent those funds to hire new paramedics and EMTs. The hiring of EMTs was to treat those emergencies that were not life threatening albeit often painful, like broken bones. These patients receive a paramedic evaluation and treatment on scene and are transported by EMTs. This division of labor keeps the paramedics available to treat life threatening emergencies. With this change an immediate improvement was noted with response times dropping to approximately 6 minutes and 30 seconds.

Returning to our gauge of system health, sudden cardiac arrest, we also saw the benefits of the community's investment. After intensive training on resuscitation and the reduction in response times, survival began to climb. In 2014 survival had risen to 50 % for witnessed cardiac arrest placing Bend among the best in the nation for survival. Last year survival hit a record 71%! This puts Bend among the top 1 % in the US.

Please join me in supporting our community's health.

(This information furnished by Helenka Marcinek, Physician Advisor, Bend Fire and Rescue.)

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Measure 9-116

Deschutes County Rural Fire Protection District #2

Ballot Title

9-116

Five-year operating levy for fire and emergency medical services.

QUESTION: Shall District issue an operating levy of \$.20 per \$1,000 assessed value for emergency services for five-years beginning in 2019-2020? This measure renews current local option taxes.

SUMMARY: The measure, if approved, would authorize the District to levy taxes to support the annual cost of fire and emergency medical services provided to District residents. The measure would provide for a local option operating levy at a rate of \$.20 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years, beginning July 1, 2019. Revenue from the levy would be used to maintain adequate staffing with the goal of assuring adequate response times.

The estimated revenue over five years is:

2019-2020: \$610,000
2020-2021: \$635,000
2021-2022: \$660,000
2022-2023: \$680,000
2023-2024: \$700,000

If the maximum levy is assessed, the estimated total revenue raised over five years would be approximately \$3,285,000.

The estimated revenue for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available at the time of estimate.

Explanatory Statement

The measure, if approved, would authorize the Deschutes County Rural Fire Protection District #2 to levy at a rate of \$.20 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value for five years, beginning July 1, 2019. The rate is the same as the levy approved by voters in 2014. If approved, the levy would raise a projected \$610,000 in fiscal year 2019-20, and an estimated total of approximately \$3,285,000 over five years.

The Bend Fire Department provides fire suppression, emergency medical care and transport, rescue, and fire prevention services. The population of Deschutes County Rural Fire Protection District #2 and demand on fire and emergency services continues to grow. Approval of the 2014 levy allowed the Department to improve response times to meet national standards for cities of comparable size. Revenue from a renewed levy would be used to maintain staffing in order to ensure adequate emergency response times. The funding could also support additional training and equipment necessary to maintain services.

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

- Maintaining staff to ensure sufficient personnel can provide timely services in emergencies.
- Supporting positions in training and fire prevention.
- Firefighter and emergency medical safety equipment
- Tools for firefighting and emergency medical response.
- Technology enhancements.

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

Measure 9-116 Arguments

Argument in Favor

The Deschutes County Rural Fire Protection District (DCRF-PD) #2 Board of Directors urges you to vote YES on Measure 9-116. This measure renews an operating levy that was passed in 2014. The rate will remain the same as it is now at 20 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, residents will help maintain their fire protection and emergency services through a contract with the Bend Fire Department. There is NO INCREASE in taxes to residents as a result of Measure 9-116 passing.

Crews in the 5 fire stations have a lot of miles to cover. Response times in the District have improved on average by nearly a minute. This has been achieved even with an increase in population.

The levy has allowed the Department to employ 24 emergency medical technicians and staff on two basic life support ambulances. This has resulted in cardiac survival rates going from about 33% in 2012 to 71% in 2016. That means people are going home to their families after this significant life-threatening event due to quicker response times. The national average has stayed just over 33% during that same time frame.

We need to renew the operating levy to continue the life-saving achievements of the Bend Fire Department and to keep us all safe.

SAME RATE, NO INCREASE

**INCREASED WITNESSED CARDIAC ARREST SURVIVABILITY
PLEASE VOTE YES**

Deschutes County Rural Fire District #2 Board of Directors
Ray Miao, Board President
George Roshak, Board Vice President
Kent Haarberg, Board Secretary/Treasurer
Dick Ridenour, Director

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

Argument in Favor

My name is Larry Bryant. I'm asking you to join me in supporting measures 9-115 and 9-116 on the May 2018 ballot. I am a Deschutes County resident in the service area of Rural Fire Protection District #2. On August 10, 2017 I experienced sudden cardiac arrest, due to ventricular fibrillation, collapsing at a residence in downtown Bend. As with most medical emergencies, timing and location critically influenced my survival.

Had my incident occurred 5 years earlier, my chance of survival and recovery would likely have been 30 to 40 percent, close to the national average for similar cardiac arrests. Had my incident occurred in most other communities, large or small, the likelihood of my survival would have been just as grim.

I am fortunate to live in THIS community! In 2014, the far-sighted residents of Bend and the surrounding area passed a 5-year operating levy which allowed Bend Fire Department to purchase Basic Life Support ambulances and other apparatus, hire additional EMTs and Paramedics, train its staff in high performance CPR, train police officers in CPR, and equip responding police units with defibrillators. Subsequently, average response times improved. In addition, the increased funding allowed the Fire Department to work closely with Deschutes County 911 dispatchers to assist callers in recognizing cardiac emergencies and coaching callers in the administration of high performance hands-only CPR, while responders are en route. Cardiac arrest survival rates in 2016 were over 70 percent, amongst the highest in the Nation! For me, these are not just mere statistics!

I strongly urge residents to join me in voting YES for measures 9-115 and 9-116 to renew the levy, at no additional cost, continuing to support the dedicated men and women of the Bend Fire Department and Rural Fire District #2 by providing the personnel, tools, and training to serve us now and into the future.

Larry Bryant, Cardiac Arrest Survivor

(This information furnished by Larry Bryant.)

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Measure 9-117 La Pine Rural Fire Protection District

Ballot Title

9-117

Renews for 5 years Operations Levy for the Fire District.

QUESTION: Starting July 2019, shall the District renew the current 5-yr. local option levy of \$0.64/1,000 assessed value to maintain operations? This measure renews current local option taxes.

SUMMARY: This measure renews the current tax rate for five years and provides continuing funds for operating costs for the La Pine Rural Fire Protection District that:

- Maintains two paramedic ambulances in service - 24/7
- Maintains at least one paramedic/firefighter officer in the District at all times to ensure response during multiple simultaneous calls and transports.
- Maintains operations of all three District fire stations - Huntington, Burgess/Day and South Century Drive.
- Maintains the ISO insurance rating which results in lower insurance costs.
- Allows continued grant matches for equipment, apparatus and facilities which lowers costs.
- Maintains 22 career firefighter paramedics.
- Maintains 12 volunteer student resident/scholarship firefighters programs which provide an average of 4 additional personnel per shift to respond to calls.

The local option levy is for five years, renewing in July 2019. The tax rate remains at \$0.64/1,000 assessed valuation. Estimated annual taxes to be received is \$1,010,973 in FY 19/20, \$1,041,302 in FY 20/21, \$1,072,541 in FY 21/22, \$1,104,717 in FY 22/23, and \$1,137,859 in FY 23/24.

\$100,000 pays an average of \$521 a year LESS in property insurance due to the District's rating.

- Allows continued grant matches for equipment, apparatus and facilities which lowers overall costs. The District has received over \$1,700,000 in competitive grants and equipment over the recent few years because it can be shown the community's ability and willingness to match this grant support.
- Maintains 22 career firefighter paramedics.
- Maintains 12 volunteer student resident/scholarship firefighters and reserve firefighters which provide an average of 4 additional personnel per shift to respond to calls.

The La Pine Rural Fire Protection District has highly trained and professional career and volunteer staff providing essential emergency services to the community. It maintains equipment and facilities without debt. The district continues to improve with the efficient and effective use of taxpayer funds without a tax rate increase for over two decades by the use of best management practices, ongoing strategic planning processes, ten-year budget planning, and continually analyzing and improving expense and revenue structures. The District's five elected Directors have significant public emergency management and business experience. The Directors set the District's service goals and provide oversight of Fire/EMS operations. The District has a yearly external audit of its finances and procedures which is open for review by the public.

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

Explanatory Statement

This measure maintains the current La Pine Rural Fire Protection District tax rate as well as the current levels of fire and emergency medical services. This local option operating levy has been in effect since 1998 and was last renewed in 2013 by the voters of the Fire District. In June 2019, the levy expires and the District is asking voters to renew the local option levy at the same rate, again for five years, starting in July 2019.

The tax rate remains the same at \$0.64/1000 assessed valuation. A home valued at \$100,000 would continue to pay \$64 per year (\$5.33/month). Estimated annual tax to be received by the District is \$1,010,973 in FY 19/20, \$1,041,302 in FY 20/21, \$1,072,541 in FY 21/22, \$1,104,717 in FY 22/23, and \$1,137,859 in FY 23/24.

The local option operating levy provides essential funds that:

- Maintains two 24 hour / seven days a week paramedic units in service. The District responds to at least two or more concurrent emergency calls 459 times a year.
- Maintains at least one paramedic/firefighter officer in the District at all times to ensure on-duty response to multiple simultaneous calls and/or when all paramedic units are out of the District and transporting patients to Bend. The District has three or more simultaneous calls 128 times a year.
- Maintains operations out of all three District fire stations - Huntington, Burgess/Day and South Century Drive.
- Maintains the community's ISO insurance rating which results in lower insurance costs. A home insured for

Measure 9-117 Arguments

Argument in Favor

The Board of Directors of the La Pine Rural Fire Protection District thank the voters for supporting the Fire District and we ask your continued support by voting YES on the renewal of our operating levy for another five years at the same tax rate of \$0.64/1000 of assessed valuation. No increase in the tax rate!

The local option levy has been in effect since 1998 and was last renewed in 2013. In June, 2019 the levy expires.

The levy allows for continued grant matches towards equipment, apparatus and facilities, which lower overall costs. In the last few years we have received over \$1,700,000 in grants and since we are debt free, all of the taxes go to support the District.

A YES vote will maintain 22 career firefighter/paramedics and 12 volunteer students, which provide an average of four additional staff per shift. It will also keep at least one firefighter/paramedic in the District 24/7 to ensure quality service.

For 20 years we have effectively used taxpayer funds without a tax rate increase.

We have upgraded Station 101 in La Pine, added living quarters at Station 103, which is our student station on Burgess and Day Road, and completed energy upgrades at all three stations to reduce operational costs.

The Fire Chief and staff, along with the Board, maintains and uses the District's strategic plan, ten-year budget plan, and continually reviews and seeks ways to improve expense and revenue structures. We also have a yearly external audit and provide the staff with the District's service goals and oversight of Fire/EMS operations.

We believe with your YES vote on the levy, we will be able to operate the most cost effective rural fire district in Central Oregon.

Please vote YES on our levy and we thank you for your continued support.

(This information furnished by Gerald M. Hubbard, La Pine Rural Fire Protection District.)

Argument in Favor

La Pine and its surrounding area are known for having "The outdoors at your front door". This same remoteness that makes our area a desirable place to live also creates a significant obstacle when it comes to providing emergency services in a timely manner. The District currently staffs two Paramedic ambulances providing prompt medical care to its residents 24/7. These items are funded through the resources provided by tax levy 9-117.

Rural areas such as La Pine require their emergency services providers to be highly trained professional Paramedics. Our Paramedics are the first line medical caregivers for the District's citizens. In many instances such as, motor vehicle accidents, heart attacks or strokes, the amount of time that passes before a person receives advanced lifesaving medical care determines whether or not the patient has a positive outcome. Paramedics have the ability to provide these life-saving interventions in the field and throughout the transport to the hospital.

To illustrate the staffing challenges, it is important for residents to know that it is common for there to be multiple concurrent emergencies within their Fire District. Two or more concurrent calls occur on average 459 times a year for the Fire District. Under the Fire District's current staffing requirements, and without the funding provided by this tax levy, the district would only be able to staff one Paramedic ambulance. If this ambulance is on an emergency when another alarm comes in, this second caller will see a significant increase in response times to their emergency.

The Citizens for La Pine Fire and EMS PAC would like to encourage residents of the La Pine Rural Fire Protection District to vote "YES" on measure 9-117. This measure will renew the current funding level for staffing and ensure the emergency medical and fire protection services are maintained at a safe level for all district residents. This levy will NOT increase your tax rate and will maintain the current level of service.

(This information furnished by Ty Miller, The Citizens for La Pine Fire and EMS PAC.)

Argument in Favor

In 2013, the La Pine Rural District Operating Tax Levy Renewal measure was passed and approved by an overwhelming 83%.

As Mayor of La Pine, I strongly support the levy renewal and urge citizens to do the same. It is imperative that La Pine RFPD be given continued funding as they continue to serve our community. We must ensure that La Pine's emergency medical and fire protection services are continued at optimal level, particularly with La Pine being a rural community and the need to keep response times as low as possible. This levy does not raise our taxes and it is very important to La Pine's health and safety.

(This information furnished by Dennis Scott, Mayor.)

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Measure 9-118 City of Bend

Ballot Title

9-118

Amends Charter to provide for a directly elected mayor.

QUESTION: Shall the Bend Charter be amended to have the voters directly elect the Mayor to a four year term?

SUMMARY: This measure amends the City of Bend Charter of 1995. Currently, the City Council appoints one of its members as mayor and mayor pro tem every two years. If approved, Sections 7, 8 and 9 would be amended to provide that a mayor be elected for a four-year term beginning in the general election in November 2018. The mayor pro tem would continue to be selected by Council for a term of two years every odd numbered year. The measure also proposes to amend Sections 10, 12, 13, 14, 19, 21, 22, 23 and 27 to provide that the mayor will serve as the political head of the City government, clarify vacancy provisions and make term of office, oath, compensation, and qualification provisions apply to all members of Council, including Councilors and a directly elected mayor.

The Oregon Constitution gives voters the right to adopt, amend and revise a charter. The Bend Charter grants legal home rule authority to the City and sets the duties of the Council, Mayor and City Manager.

The measure also makes minor amendments to Sections 10, 12, 13, 14, 19 and 27 of the Charter. These amendments change the terms “councilor” to “mayor and each councilor” or “council member,” related to the term of office, taking of the oath of office, compensation, and qualifications, so that they are also applicable to a directly elected mayor as well as Councilors. Amendments to Sections 21 and 22 clarify that a vacancy is created if a sitting Councilor is elected as Mayor or if a Council member takes the oath of office for another lucrative elective position in government. Such a vacancy would be filled by Council appointment within 30 days for the remainder of the term, or if not so filled, at the next available election as provided by state law. .

If approved by the voters, the revisions will take effect upon the City Council adoption of the May 15, 2018, election results, and the Mayor would be elected first at the election to be held November 6, 2018, and then every four years thereafter.

(This information furnished by Robyn Christie, City Recorder, City of Bend.)

Explanatory Statement

The Oregon Constitution gives voters the right to adopt, amend and revise a charter. The City of Bend Charter of 1995 grants legal home rule authority to the City and sets the duties of the Council, Mayor and City Manager. The Charter was submitted to and approved by the voters of the City of Bend in May of 1995.

Various community organizations and grassroots citizen groups have discussed a directly elected mayor over the years. The City formed the Charter Review Committee in 2017 comprised of Bend residents to make a recommendation to the City Council on Charter language on a directly elected Mayor and a recommended term. The Committee met regularly from August to December 2017 in noticed public meetings, and met with Council at two work sessions to review their recommendation. Council held a public listening session on the recommendations on December 20, 2017, to receive citizen input prior to recommending this ballot measure.

This measure amends the Bend Charter. Currently, the City Council appoints one of its members as a mayor and one as a mayor pro tem every two years in odd numbered years. If approved, Sections 7, 8 and 9 would be amended to provide that a mayor shall be elected to Position 7, beginning in the general election in November 2018, for a four-year term and every four years thereafter. The Mayor is a member of Council with all the powers of a City Councilor in addition to the duties of the Mayor. The Mayor Pro Tem would continue to be selected by the Council for a term of two years every odd numbered year.

The measure also amends Section 23 of the Charter to provide that the Mayor serves as the political head of the City government, consistent with recommended language in the 2004 League of Oregon Cities Model Charter, and clarifies language on mayoral duties related to committees to be consistent with Council practice.

Measure 9-119 City of Bend

Ballot Title

9-119

Amends Charter to remove council member pay from charter.

QUESTION: Shall the Bend Charter be amended to have council member and mayor compensation set by Council ordinance?

SUMMARY: This measure amends the City of Bend Charter of 1995. Currently, the Charter provides for councilor compensation of \$200 each month plus reimbursement for expenses incurred in serving the City, consistent with the plan for reimbursing City personnel. The amendment would take compensation for council members and the mayor out of the Charter, to be set by Council ordinance, based on a recommendation of an independent advisory committee. The amendment would continue the compensation for current councilors at \$200 per month until the end of their terms.

The Oregon Constitution gives voters the right to adopt, amend and revise a charter. The Bend Charter grants legal home rule authority to the City and sets the duties of the council, mayor and city manager. The Charter was submitted to and approved by the voters of the City of Bend in May of 1995.

This is an updated version of the Deschutes County Voters' Pamphlet that includes updated text for Measure 9-119.

The printed copies of the Deschutes County Voters' Pamphlet that were mailed to voters contained an incorrect question for this Measure.

If you have questions about this update, please call us at 541-388-6547.

Explanatory Statement

The Oregon Constitution gives voters the right to adopt, amend and revise a charter. The City of Bend Charter grants legal home rule authority to the City and sets the duties of the council, mayor and city manager. The Charter was submitted to and approved by the voters of the City of Bend in May of 1995.

This measure amends the City of Bend Charter of 1995. Currently, the Charter provides for council member compensation of \$200 each month plus reimbursement for expenses incurred in serving the City, consistent with the plan for reimbursing City personnel. The measure would amend Sections 13 and 27 of the Charter to take compensation out of the Charter, to be set by Council ordinance, based on the recommendation of an independent advisory committee. The amendment would continue the compensation for current council members at \$200 per month until the end of their terms.

The City formed a Charter Review Committee in 2017 of Bend residents to make a recommendation to the City Council on Charter language on a directly elected mayor, a ward system, and removing council member compensation from the Charter. The Committee met regularly from August to December 2017 in noticed public meetings, and met with Council at two work sessions to review their recommendation. Council held a public listening session on the recommendations in December 2017 to receive citizen input. The Committee recommended that the Charter be amended to remove council member compensation from the Charter, and to have council member compensation be set by the City Council by ordinance, based on the recommendation of an independent advisory committee. The proposed amendment is intended to implement the recommendation of the Charter Review Committee.

If approved by the voters, the revisions will take effect upon the City Council adoption of the May 15, 2018, election results.

(This information furnished by Robyn Christie, City Recorder, City of Bend.)

Measure 9-120 Sisters Park & Recreation District

Ballot Title

9-120

Five-year local option levy for improving recreation programs and facilities.

QUESTION: Shall SPRD improve programs and facilities by levying 15¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years, beginning in 2018-2019?

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

SUMMARY: Voters approved formation of Sisters Park and Recreation District to provide the community with park, recreation, and cultural enrichment experiences. The District's tax base, approved in 1998, is currently 22¢ per \$1,000 assessed value. The proposed levy of 15¢ would supplement the tax base.

Levy funds would help:

- Support youth programs offered to children from preschool through high school. In 2017, there were over 3,000 separate registrations for SPRD youth programs.
- Increase access to after-school and youth recreation programs by lowering fees to allow participation regardless of income.
- Expand health, wellness, fitness, and active outdoor programs for adults. In 2017 over 1,000 adults participated in current programs.
- Fund community events like the Luau, Buried Beef, Kids Appreciation Day, and Community Dinners attended by over 1,500 in 2016.
- Address deferred maintenance of District-owned baseball and softball fields, Skate Park, Disc Golf Course, and Coffield Community Center so these facilities continue to be available to the community.

A home with an assessed value (*not market value*) of \$276,000 would pay \$41.40 per year.

Estimated revenue for each year of the levy:

\$206,584 in 2018-2019
\$212,781 in 2019-2020
\$219,164 in 2020-2021
\$225,739 in 2021-2022
\$232,512 in 2022-2023

Explanatory Statement

The Board of Directors of the Sisters Park & Recreation District is seeking approval of a 5-year local option levy in the amount of 15¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value.

What services does the District provide?

The District provides preschool, after-school, and youth and adult recreational programs to the Sisters community. It also operates and maintains the Coffield Community Center, community baseball and softball fields, the Sisters Skate and Bike Parks, and the Hyzer Pines Disc Golf Course.

Who does the District serve?

SPRD serves the residents of the city of Sisters and the surrounding area, including the communities of Aspen Lakes, Camp Sherman, Crossroads, Desert Sun, Indian Ford, Plain View, Ponderosa Cascade, Sage Meadow, Squaw Creek Canyon Estates, and Tollgate.

How is the District funded?

SPRD is funded through a combination of property taxes, user fees, and grants. In the 2016/2017 fiscal year, 25% of the District's budget was funded by property taxes, 62% by user fees, and 13% by grants and donations.

The District's property tax base rate is currently 22¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value (*not market value*). This rate has not increased since 1998 when the District was originally established by the voters. If approved, the 15¢, 5-year local option levy would supplement this tax base.

How would levy funds be used?

If approved, levy funds would help:

- Support and expand programs that focus on area youth. Programs directly impacted would include after-school, youth sports, and summer programs. In 2017, there were over 3,000 separate registrations for these programs.
- Increase access to after-school and youth programs regardless of household income. Fees for the after-school program would be reduced by 50% and financial assistance for families in need would increase.
- Expand fitness, wellness, and active outdoor programs for adults of all ages. In 2017 over 1,000 adults participated in current programs.
- Support community events like the Luau, Buried Beef, Kids Appreciation Day, the annual lacrosse and Shootout Basketball Tournaments, Glory Daze Car Show, and Community Dinners. In 2016, these events were attended by over 1,500.
- Address deferred maintenance at the Coffield Community Center, District-owned baseball and softball fields, the Skate and Bike Parks, and the Disc Golf Course so these facilities continue to be available to the community.
- Ensure SPRD continues to attract and retain experienced staff members who work to educate, mentor, and build relationships with children involved in the District's youth programs.

What is the cost to property taxpayers?

If approved, owners of residential property with an assessed value (*not market value*) of \$276,000, about average for the District, would pay an additional \$41.40 per year or about \$3.45 per month.

What if the levy is not approved?

If the levy fails, program fees would increase and some programs would be eliminated. The backlog of deferred maintenance and repair of District facilities would not be addressed.

Need more information?

Visit SPRD's website at www.sistersrecreation.com.

(This information furnished by Kris Harwell, Interim Executive Director, Sisters Park & Recreation District.)

Measure 9-120 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Measure 9-120 provides critical funding to maintain and enhance the services of the Sisters Park and Recreation District (SPRD). Having grown from a small publicly supported agency providing only after-school programs, SPRD is now the leading provider of recreation programs for **all** citizens of Sisters Country. The district is now currently responsible for over 100 programs (including all middle-school sports) as well as many special events and festivals in Sisters. SPRD also maintains the Coffield Community Center, Hyzer Pines Disc Golf Course, Sisters Skate Park, Bike Park 242, and two ball fields.

This growth over the last 20 years has occurred without any additional tax support. Just 27% of the district's current operating budget comes from tax revenues compared to 43% in 2009. Today, the district relies heavily on user fees, fundraising, and donations which is beginning to create financial instability, maintenance backlogs, and high staff turnover. The time has come to re-invest in SPRD to insure that our outstanding facilities are properly maintained, our programs are affordable to all district residents, and our youth have fun, safe places to play, learn and grow.

The majority of homeowners will pay less than \$4 per month in additional property taxes if this measure passes. With these funds, SPRD will:

- provide more, and less costly, after-school programs allowing more families to afford high-quality, enriching, and safe activities for their kids;
- expand programs for all district residents including a strong emphasis on health, wellness, and outdoor programs for adults, especially seniors;
- continue to support and organize events which greatly benefit our tourism/hospitality industry;
- address an estimated \$270,000 in back-logged maintenance projects; and
- recruit and retain experienced staff who make it possible to provide high quality programs for all of us in Sisters Country.

Please join us in voting **YES on Measure 9-120**.

(This information furnished by Jeffrey Tryens.)

Argument in Favor

As an active Senior and local resident, I urge you to support the Sisters Park and Recreation Local option Levy. I have found a supportive and energetic group of friends at my weekly fitness classes; Zumba, Stretch and Flex, Step Aerobics, Hula dancing and Strength building workouts. The Sisters Ukulele group strums and sings there regularly. Pickle Ball is gaining wide popularity, taught by SPRD staff. Health workshops, Senior Resource Specialist, welcoming Senior Center, Senior Excursions and the summer Luau, Crest the Cascades bicycle ride, and "Glory Daze" car show are among the many adult services and events that are in jeopardy if this Levy doesn't pass.

The SPRD special district has not had a funding increase since 1998. Please vote yes on the SPRD Levy and insure that this wonderful organization can continue its important service to our community.

(This information furnished by Dixie Eckford.)

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Measure 9-120 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Sisters has seen much change since our families moved here over 40 years ago. Our family of three has had the opportunity to be here for much of that change, and one of the greatest and most remarkable changes was the addition of Sisters Park and Recreation District (SPRD - formerly SOAR). SPRD programs have been invaluable not only for our family, but for many other families in our community.

From its humble beginnings in a left-over modular classroom (on the current site of City Hall), SPRD was only able to offer limited youth and after school programs. With SPRD's current facilities and programs, ranging from daycare to senior activities, SPRD has been able to accomplish all of this without increasing its original tax levy from 1998. Yes, 20 YEARS without an increase in the tax rate! I am not sure another organization in the state could say the same.

SFRD has continued this through generous donors, fund raising events, and participant fees, which make up approximately 70% of its income. Tax funding only accounts for about 30% of income. This may sound great, but, unfortunately, SPRD has become a victim of its own success, as this is NOT a fiscally sustainable model. Inflation alone should have done SPRD in many years ago, but the community has always stepped up to help keep SPRD alive. It is now time for us to formally commit with a yes vote.

Our son, now 24, may not have had the life successes he has had so far if not for his experiences in the after school programs, summer camps, excursions, and middle school sports (SPRD partnered with the school district to keep MS sports alive when the district was almost forced to eliminate them). SPRD has contributed immensely to our community, expanding its offerings to people of all ages for over 20 years.

Please join us in voting yes to continue the tradition of excellence in Sisters Country.

(This information furnished by Darren, Donna and Brennan Layne.)

Argument in Favor

Sisters Parks and Recreation District was formed (as SOAR) in 1992 as a latchkey program for children. It has grown into such a multi-use district that the name was changed to reflect that. The district now serves adults, youth and visitors with a wide diversity of projects that include outdoor programs, sports fields, senior programs, a skate park and disc golf.

With a tax base that is the smallest in the tri-county area for any parks and rec district and a budget dependent on taxes that support about 1/4 of SPRD needs, the district has been dependent on user fees, donations and fundraisers to keep working and especially to increase its base of activities.

The senior programs at SPRD have grown spectacularly over the last five years and adult offerings also continue to grow. The district sponsors basketball and lacrosse tournaments, bring hundreds of families to the local region to shop, eat and stay overnight during tournament play.

This community has benefitted both financially and socially from SPRD, while SPRD scrapes by with a challenging budget.

With passage of this measure, the district could increase its youth services as latchkey, tutorial and activities center, make all programs more affordable for families with financial challenges and add more adult and senior programs.

In the initial development of the SPRD, the goal was to never turn a child away for lack of funding. There is great pride for those of us who were instrumental in getting SPRD started, building a facility at no cost to the taxpayer and involving the community in so many ways. The Sisters Country can also share this pride for its help in taking SPRD to where it is today and where it can be.

I hope everyone will join me in voting yes. This measure would cost each property owner (at a \$276K assessment) \$41. Our children and seniors are worth that.

(This information furnished by Bonnie Malone.)

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Measure 9-121 Sisters School District No 6

Ballot Title

9-121

Renew local option levy for school operations, five-year term

QUESTION: Shall Sisters School District renew its \$.75 per \$1000 of assessed value for general operations beginning 2018-2019, for five years? This measure renews the current local option levy.

SUMMARY: In March of 2013 voters approved renewal of the local option levy at \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value to support Sisters School District. It expires June 2018. This measure would renew the levy expiring June 2018 for five years at the same rate approved by voters in 2000,2004, 2009 and 2013.

Sisters School District would use the funds from the levy to maintain current programs and staffing levels provided by the expiring levy. The current levy provided approximately 9% of the school district's annual operating resources over the past four years. This funding equates to approximately 15 teachers or 26 school days.

The owner of a home assessed at \$350,000 would pay \$21.88 per month or \$262.50 per year.

Sisters Schools are focused on excellence. During 2016-2017:

- Full-time, professional counselor in each of the buildings
- The Oregon State Department of Education rated Sisters graduation rates amongst the highest in the state. The graduation rate at Sisters high was 86.54% compared with the state average of 76.65 %
- Best state school test results in Central Oregon with science results at the top of the entire state
- Ranked 11th Best School District in Oregon by Niche

The citizens of Sisters have repeatedly affirmed the value of education to their community by supporting the Local Option for the past seventeen years. As a result, Sisters students have been provided a comprehensive and personalized education.

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

Explanatory Statement

The Sisters Local Option Levy has been in place since 2000 and renewed by Sisters School District voters in 2004, 2009 and 2013. If renewed in 2018, the proposed levy would provide the Sisters School District (SSD) with a continuation of these local levies at the rate of \$.75 per \$1,000.00 of a property's assessed value for the next five years. A home with an assessed value of \$350,000 (average assessed value of residential property in the District) would pay \$21.88 monthly or \$262.50 annually. This year, the Local Option provided the District with \$1,408,300.43 to supplement its \$13,112,795 budget or 9.02% of the District's annual budget.

If not renewed, the District will have to cut an average of \$1,332,015.76 annually from the budget for the next five years. This loss equates to the reduction of 26 school days or 15 teachers or the elimination of art, music, sports, and other extra-curricular opportunities.

In the face of unpredictable funding from the State of Oregon, the Sisters Local Option has allowed the District to preserve school days, retain highly qualified staff, maintain small class sizes, and offer a well-rounded academic program including honors and remedial offerings in core subjects: mathematics, reading, and writing. The Local Option finances enriched program offerings including inter-disciplinary environmental education, one of three luther programs in the nation, flight science, music, art, foreign languages, AP and dual college credit classes, plus co-curricular activities and sports.

Measure 9-121 Arguments

Argument in Favor

I encourage voters to renew the Sisters Schools Local Option Levy which provides the district with the necessary resources to continue delivering a quality education and student experience. Since 2000, the Local Option has supported Sisters Schools in providing a safe, healthy, and engaging environment for students to learn.

Education is the most critical factor for ensuring our young residents stay on a path to become a productive citizen and contributing member of our county. Successful public safety depends on this. Sisters is a wonderful and welcoming community that has a history of supporting their school district. I have heard from residents who value the connections with caring adults and supportive peers as well as the relationships and mentoring that is created in smaller schools with smaller class sizes. This tight bond can help sustain a safe school environment.

Unique programs keep kids positively engaged, keeping them out of trouble while offering direction for their future. The Sisters School District has an example through their Aviation program. All of this together keeps Sisters a wonderful community, and a better place to live and learn.

I am proud to serve this county as your Sheriff and the Sister's community. Through the Local Option Levy, you have an opportunity to ensure the community stays strong, safe, and a great place live.

Respectfully,

L. Shane Nelson
Deschutes County Sheriff

(This information furnished by L. Shane Nelson, Sheriff.)

Argument in Favor

As business owners in the Sisters Community, we are voting YES to renew the Sisters Schools Local Option.

The Sisters Schools Local Option has been in place since 2000 and represents a key funding piece for our schools. A YES vote does not increase our taxes further, it simply renews the support the community has given to the schools for close to 20 years.

A quick survey of school taxes for neighboring school districts proves that we pay less for Sisters Schools than businesses and homeowners alike in the Bend-LaPine, Redmond, Culver and Madras Districts. Further, our testing scores and graduation rates are superior to these same districts. Our children are successful because of funding from the local option. It has proven to be a good return on investment.

Beyond the comparative lower tax rates and superior performance indexes, it just makes good sense to support our future workforce. Well educated children lead to future workers with more opportunities who will positively contribute to our society. Our continued investment in these kids will provide for a more stable future for us all.

Join us in renewing the Sisters Schools Local Option. Renewing our investment in our schools makes for a stronger community.

In support:

Hoyt's Hardware & Building Supply
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Blazin Saddles
Stitchin' Post
Sisters Athletic Club
Green Ridge Physical Therapy & Wellness
Sisters Coffee Co.
Shibui Spa at FivePine
Sisters Meat and Smokehouse
Noble 911 Services
The Paper Place
Hike-N-Peaks
Common Threads
Elements Hair Studio
The Open Door
Clearwater Gallery and Framing

(This information furnished by Winter Lewis, Sisters Local Option Levy PAC Chair.)

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Measure 9-121 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Please join me in voting YES to renew our Schools Local Option Levy this May, 2018. The Sisters Schools Local Option Levy is an integral part of funding a healthy, successful school district that our community has supported since 2000. A renewal does NOT represent an increase to our taxes. Per Oregon law, all levies must be renewed at a maximum of 5 years. In 2013, our community renewed the Levy at a 79% majority.

I have seen firsthand the benefits of our strong schools. I have been fortunate enough to have two sons come through Sisters Schools. With one thriving as a sophomore in college and another getting ready to graduate high school, I have seen and felt the importance of the educational experience here in Sisters. Co-curricular activities, special 'out of the box' courses like IEE, and small classroom sizes provided for rich educational experiences. These experiences served as solid foundations for our kids as they move forward into young adulthood.

Beyond personal experiences, the history of public funds usage in the District makes it easy for me to support the renewal. A brief review of the tax liabilities for our District proves that we have some of the lowest school tax rates in Central Oregon (Renewforsisters.org) while consistently performing the highest in testing and graduation rates.

Join me in supporting the renewal of the Schools Local Option Levy. Healthy schools, rich classroom experiences and fiscal responsibility are all attributes that deserve our support.

(This information furnished by Joseph F. Bachtold.)

Argument in Favor

I am writing to urge Sisters School District voters to help ensure the quality of our schools by voting yes on Measure 9-121 to renew the existing funding vehicle for our schools. The quality and reputation of our schools has a material impact on property values in Sisters Country.

As a co-owner of Howells Realty Group, I understand the importance of quality education has on the viability of our community which directly impacts the value of our real property. I understand the importance of a quality education and keeping our schools properly funded is a key ingredient in providing a quality education for our young people. So, let's support our schools by continuing the current funding level by voting yes on Measure 9-121 this May 15.

Please join the Bowlers in voting YES!

(This information furnished by Don Bowler, Howells Realty Group.)

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Measure 9-121 Arguments

Argument in Favor

As an educator of 35 years and a former Sisters School Board member, I urge you to vote YES to renew the Local Option for Sisters schools.

In all of my years as a public school educator, I've never been more impressed by the teachers and the quality of the students they educate. Teachers and students in Sisters consistently demonstrate a superior level of commitment to academics while devoting endless hours striving to imagine and create unique, life-changing programs. These include a thriving and expanding arts curricula (thank you Sisters Folk Festival!), students soaring with the Sisters High School aviation program in cooperation with Sisters Airport, challenging students at all grade levels with **Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics** experiences (thank you Sisters Science Club!), and working diligently to make further personal connections through outdoor experiences via Farm to Table, Integrated Environmental Education and community volunteerism.

Renewing Sisters Local Option ensures these unique programs will continue, as will our ability to maintain small class sizes, engaging electives for all kids, and in the end achieve outstanding results. Local option accounts for 9% of Sisters School District operating budget and equates to 15 teachers or 26 school days. Losing this important local investment would be devastating to our schools and ultimately the vitality of our community.

Please join me in voting YES on Measure 9-21. Together we thrive and together we continue to maintain our uniquely educated and vibrant community.

(This information furnished by Kay Grady.)

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Deschutes County Commissioner Position 1



**Amy
Lowes**
Democrat

Occupation: Business Consultant

Occupational Background: Member, MJ Farms, CannaCopia & Kokanee Cafe; Registered Nurse, Hospice Center / Partners in Care; Registered Nurse, St. Charles Medical Center

Educational Background: Certification of Hospice and Palliative Care Nursing; Central Oregon Community College, ASN; University of Colorado, BA.

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Deschutes County has an opportunity to become more prosperous while maintaining our quality of life. As a hospice nurse, small business owner, and resident of Deschutes County for over 21 years, I have cared for and served citizens of all income and educational levels. I have succeeded in our community through thriving economic conditions and weathered the storms of recession. I will bring my experience and values to the role of County Commissioner to make our county a better place to live.

As County Commissioner, **I will advocate for our economic opportunities, while protecting our natural resources**, in industries including technology and research, wood products, cannabis, craft brewing, and tourism. I will focus on supporting these industries that bring an enormous revenue source into our county that we can use to benefit our schools, roads, healthcare and law enforcement.

I support labor unions and the creation of **higher-paying jobs** with paid-time-off and **family leave** to keep Deschutes County a great place to live and raise a family. We are a dynamic and entrepreneurial community and deserve the support of our governing bodies.

Quality of life means access to health care. I will collaborate with my fellow commissioners to ensure that Deschutes County offers addiction support and mental health care services. As a Registered Nurse, I know how lack of these services can lead to future homelessness and potential gun violence in our community. It is essential to the safety and health of our community that we provide affordable access to these services.

I have had the privilege of raising two children in Deschutes County and would be honored to serve as a forward-looking County Commissioner.

AmyForDeschutes.com

(This information furnished by Amy Lowes.)

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

Deschutes County Commissioner Position 1



**Ed
Barbeau**
Republican

Occupation: Restaurant Owner

Occupational Background: Private Investigator, Surveillance Specialist; General Contractor

Educational Background: Fullerton College, 3 years; Investigator Continuing Education 10 years

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I've lived in Central Oregon most of my life, there are so many things to love here. Cycling, skiing, hiking....We have it all!

But important livability issues still face our county including workforce housing better paying jobs in the Tech sector and Outdoor industries. It's important that the Commissioners office plans ahead, but without changing what gives Central Oregon it's unique flavor.

With our four year university plan underway, along with expanded technical education opportunities, we've made great progress towards creating an environment that keeps our children here in Central Oregon after graduation. But our work in this area has just started. I have the insight and broad business relationships to serve our community in this way. Bringing in more Outdoor industry jobs, Tech jobs and Service industry jobs is the key, working with EDCO and leaders at the City level is crucial.

Workforce housing and School safety will be a priority.

Past decisions made by the Commissioners are having long term impacts and distractions to the region. Federal and State decisions and inconsistencies regarding Cannabis and Hemp are one such issue. Even OLCC is over a year away from having enough trained investigators. However the course is set, but the rules continue to change. We need well thought out answers to these decisions, not just popular political opinions. Let's work together. My business experience and judgement on these and future issues will enable me to make a difference.

Endorsements:

Bob Perry; former Redmond School Board Director; Post Chair, Deschutes Republicans; Chair- Redmond Patriots

Jim Cunningham; Brig. General USAF (ret.) Oregon Natl. Guard

Jeffery P. Boguss M.D

Oregon Family Farm Assn. PAC

Peter Hammett; CDR USN (ret.)

Ernest A. Hernandez; retired San Jose Police/Investigator

(This information furnished by Ed Barbeau.)

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Deschutes County Commissioner Position 1



**Anthony (Tony)
DeBone**
Republican

Occupation: Deschutes County Commissioner; past small business owner

Occupational Background: Associate Computational Biologist; Software Engineer, Observatory Operator (U.S. Air Force contractor).

Educational Background: Bachelor of Science, Electronics Technology, Northern Michigan University – 1989.

Prior Governmental Experience:

Deschutes County Commissioner 2011 – Present; La Pine Park and Recreation District, Board Member 2005-2011.

I provide steady, conservative leadership for Deschutes County. Last year, under my leadership, Deschutes County cut property taxes for all county residents. With your support, I will be able to continue to bring fiscal discipline to our county government, as we work together on the following priorities:

ECONOMY AND FAMILY WAGE JOBS: Deschutes County's unemployment rate of around 4% is historically good, but we still need better paying jobs for our residents. By supporting local, emerging industries that provide good-paying jobs, I am working every day to ensure that our kids can get living wage jobs right here at home.

SHAPING AN AFFORDABLE COMMUNITY: Living in Deschutes County is not cheap, and it's a big problem for people in almost every income bracket. I support local control of land use decisions so that private developers can provide more housing at a better price. Most importantly, I support further reducing the tax burden on local residents - including residents on a fixed income - so that government doesn't directly add to their burden.

LESS SMOKY SUMMERS - Our summers have become dangerously smoky, as federally owned forests near and far burn with increasing frequency and intensity. I have pushed for aggressive forest management. I also support Project Wildfire, our community committee that works to reduce the risk of wildfire in our community.

What are the issues you care about? I'd love to hear from you. My direct phone number is (541)728-3012. My email is tony@electtonydebone.com.

Together, we can continue to make Deschutes County a great place to live.

Please vote Tony DeBone for Deschutes County Commissioner!

www.ElectTonyDeBone.com

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Deschutes County Commissioner Position 3



**James
Cook**
Democrat

Occupation: Small Business Owner; Web Developer; Illustrator

Occupational Background: Owner studioJMC; Columnist St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Educational Background:

Bachelor of Architecture Degree University of Illinois

Prior Governmental Experience: Chairperson of Redmond Urban Area Planning Commission; Redmond Budget Committee; Parks Committee; Dry Canyon Master Plan Update Committee

Deschutes County is experiencing growth that offers great opportunities and greater challenges. If we work together, we can build the foundation to meet those challenges and create a community that works for all residents; from ranchers to small business owners, from workers on the shop floor to tech entrepreneurs.

The influx of people is a large challenge: how to grow while retaining that which makes us unique. **In addressing this we must be true to the shared values that make Deschutes County the place we are proud to call home;** respect for each other, respect for our traditions - old and new, and respect for the environment that surrounds us.

I have chosen to be involved in local government to help meet that challenge. As Chair of the Redmond Planning Commission I've seen and addressed both the opportunities and problems growth presents. **As a County Commissioner, I will:**

- Work to attract businesses that provide a broad and sustainable spectrum of economic opportunities for all our citizens.
- Strive to ensure our dynamic growth benefits all residents through an improved standard of living, quality education, access to healthcare and well-maintained infrastructure.
- Protect our natural resources and rural lands.
- Encourage individuals and businesses to help shape our future by giving back to the community because that is the spirit that built and sustains Deschutes County.

Living in Deschutes County has given me the privilege of sharing in the lives of my two grandchildren. My goal is that, as adults, they and others will continue to find Deschutes County as dynamic, thriving, welcoming, and beautiful as I have. All my efforts as a Commissioner will focus on this goal.

www.cookfordeschutes.com

(This information furnished by James Cook.)

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Deschutes County Commissioner Position 3



**Patti
Adair**
Republican

Occupation: Horse Farm Manager; Accountant: Room at the Beach Inc.; Chairperson, Deschutes County Republican Party, 2016-2018

Occupational Background: Accountant: Greenside LLC;

Administrator: Southern California Head & Neck Medical Clinic; Fundraising Chair: Loyola, Crespi, Our Lady of Malibu schools & Saint John's Hospital.

Educational Background: University Oregon, B.A., History; Central Washington University, Accounting & Law for Washington CPA certification; Heppner High School, Heppner, OR

Prior Governmental Experience: Deschutes County Precinct Committee Person 2016-2018

Deschutes County citizens deserve a commissioner that treats taxpayer dollars respectfully. During my opponent's twelve years tenure our population has grown roughly 20% BUT the county's general fund property tax has grown more than a whopping 60%. Every year she allowed our property taxes to increase by 3%. My goal is to achieve more careful utilization of our county's financial resources.

My other main goal is protecting our cherished way of life including effective marijuana regulations. I'll work tirelessly to protect our beautiful mountains, blue skies, limited water resources and endangered forests. I dedicate myself to making Deschutes County the safest and appealing place to live, work and recreate—for us and our children and grandchildren. President Reagan declared: the preservation of our environment is "our great moral responsibility."

Sam Carpenter, Oregon Gubernatorial candidate: "My expertise is turning around struggling businesses, and I know this for sure: Our County government needs help fast, and Patti Adair gets things done precisely and quickly and with a smile. She's the energizer bunny and perfect for this job"

Robert Perry - former Redmond School Board Director: "The current commissioner has done very little over her twelve year tenure to control costs of county services. Equally concerning is her non-responsiveness to constituents. In contrast, Patti Adair CARES...Patti LISTENS...and proposes COMMON SENSE answers to help solve complex issues."

As a fourth generation Oregonian with my grandparent's sawmill at our High Desert Museum, I was President Trump's Political Director for Central and Eastern Oregon. Your support is appreciated.

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Deschutes County Commissioner Position 3



**Tammy
Baney**
Republican

Occupation: Deschutes County Commissioner

Occupational Background: Real Estate Sales/Investments; Hospitality and Business Management

Educational Background:

Central Oregon Community College; County Leadership Institute

Prior Governmental Experience: Present: Chair, Oregon Transportation Commission; Chair, Oregon Housing Stability Council; Local Public Safety Coordinating Council.

Recognitions: Oregon Statesman of the Year, Oregon Business Association; Public Official of the Year, Central Oregon Builders Association; Mental Health Award of Excellence, Association of Oregon Counties; Central Oregon Volunteer of the Year.

Raised in Deschutes County, I am passionate about serving our community. I am a proven fiscal conservative. I have cut taxes, supported the reduction of regulations and created opportunities to retain, grow and attract businesses. I am a dedicated community leader and volunteer.

CONSERVATIVE FINANCES – I am a proven fiscal conservative. During my time as commissioner, we were the only county in Oregon to reduce property tax rates, not once but twice. I've fought for fiscal accountability through leveraging resources, privatizing and partnering with other local jurisdictions and non-profits.

Every year I've been in office, Deschutes County has received the highest credit rating and financial reporting awards for strong financial practices.

EXPERIENCE - I am fighting for you. Deschutes County is not Salem or Portland. As chair of the Oregon Transportation Commission, I've helped give flexibility and control to local government, which directly affects Deschutes County.

I am currently working to address land use policies that hinder the development of affordable housing.

DEDICATION TO OUR COMMUNITY – I have helped to improve services for our Veterans, children and families. By supporting access to preventative care, early childhood programs, a strong educational system and workforce development, I believe we create opportunity and hope for our community.

I love serving you and fighting for Deschutes County. I would be honored to have your support.

"I endorse Tammy Baney because she is a proven fiscal conservative and a strong leader for Deschutes County," State Senator Tim Knopp.

Thank you!

www.tammybaney.com

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Deschutes County Assessor



Scot Langton

Occupation: Deschutes County Assessor

Occupational Background: Deschutes County Chief Appraiser; Wallowa County Assessor; Wallowa County Deputy Assessor/Appraiser; Forester

Educational Background: Oregon State University, B.S. in Business; State of Oregon Registered Appraiser; Completed extensive continuing education seminars including residential, commercial, & industrial appraisals, and Oregon's Property Tax System

Prior Governmental Experience: Elected Assessor Deschutes County; Former President of the Oregon State Association of County Assessor; Current Board of Directors Association of Oregon Counties; International Association of Assessment Officers member; Former Deschutes County Audit Committee; Elected Assessor Wallowa County Oregon; Board of Directors United Way; Board of Directors Bend Volunteer Community

Scot Langton

OFFERS KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE

- ✓ 25 Years' experience working with Oregon's complex property tax system
- ✓ As the Assessor oversaw the successful implementation of Measure 47/50
- ✓ Serve on various committees at the State level working with the Legislature, Department of Revenue, Assessors Association, and other groups to help define issues relating to the property tax system and valuation
- ✓ Past President of the Oregon Association of County Assessors; good working relationship with the Oregon county assessors and the Department of Revenue
- ✓ Former Assessor Wallowa County, Oregon
- ✓ Assessor for Deschutes County

Scot Langton

WILL CONTINUE TO WORK FOR THE CITIZENS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY

- ✓ Will continue to work hard to achieved and maintain equitable, fair, and accurate appraisals of the entire county
- ✓ Proven fiscally responsible for and office and staff of over 30 employees
- ✓ Always willing and available to work with and be a resource for the Taxpayers and Taxing Districts of Deschutes County to insure the property tax system is understood and equitable under state laws; including informational website, video, and town hall meetings
- ✓ Will continue to take concerns and ideas to the State level to insure Deschutes County counts

PLEASE JOIN US IN RE-ELECTING
SCOT LANGTON
YOUR DESCHUTES COUNTY ASSESSOR

(This information furnished by Committee to Elect Scot Langton Deschutes County Assessor.)

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