

voters' pamphlet



Oregon Vote-by-Mail Primary Election | **May 19, 2020**



To celebrate the 2020 Elections, the Deschutes County Clerk's Office is excited to announce a coloring contest. See details on page 9-16.

Illustration by Megan Marie Myers

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 19, 2020 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. There are no state measures this election. 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 29, 2020, 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 19, 2020** to be counted. Remember to sign your ballot envelope.
- ◆ **New this year** – Prepaid Postage – A stamp is not required to mail your ballot return identification envelope. Mail no later than Tuesday, May 12, 2020, to arrive at the Deschutes County Election Office by 8:00 pm on Election Day.
- ◆ Additional drop sites open Wednesday, May 13th. Check the Drop Site Location pages 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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Voting Information

Registering to Vote

To be eligible to vote in the May 19, 2020 Primary Election, a completed voter registration card must be postmarked by Tuesday, April 28, 2020.

Important Note: Last day to change party affiliation is Tuesday, April 28, 2020.

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:

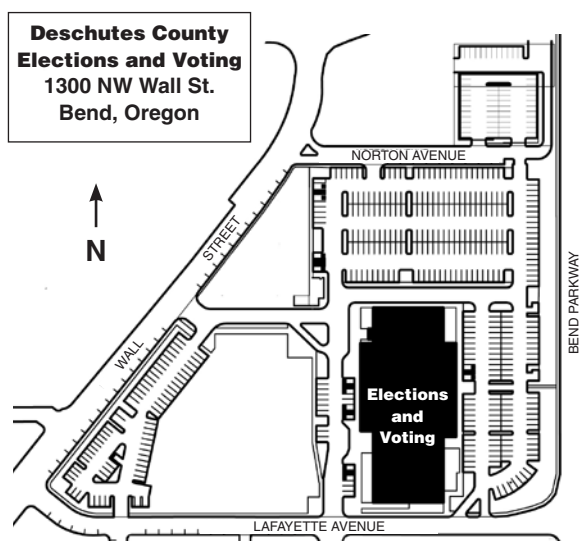
1. Your residence or mailing address changes.
2. Your name changes.
3. You wish to change your party affiliation.

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

Your Ballot Packet should contain at least the following items:

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

Examine your official ballot and vote it:

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

Review your ballot:

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

Prepare to return your ballot:

Place your ballot in the 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.

Signing your ballot return envelope:

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

Return your ballot:

By mail: Return your ballot in your signed and sealed return identification envelope. A stamp is not required. Mail no later than Tuesday, May 12, 2020 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.

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

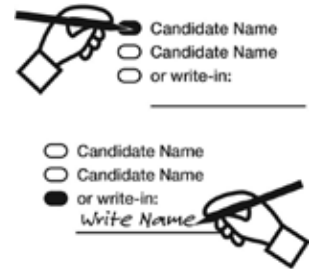
Contact:

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

How to cast your vote...

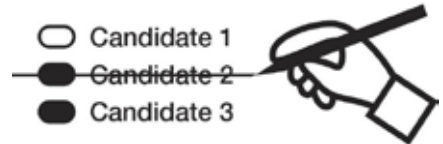
① Complete your ballot

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



② Check for errors

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



③ Using the optional “Secrecy” sleeve

If you use the optional “secrecy” sleeve, insert only your voted ballot (not another person’s ballot) inside. Then, insert only your secrecy sleeve inside your ballot return envelope.

(If we receive an envelope with more than one ballot inside, all enclosed ballots are rejected and not counted)



④ Sign your ballot return envelope

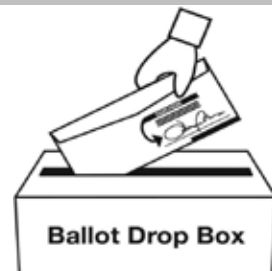
You must sign your ballot return envelope or **your vote will not count**.

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



⑤ Return your ballot

- Mail no later than Tuesday, May 12th. A stamp is not required.
- Beginning Wednesday, May 13th, ballots should not be mailed but will need to be taken to an official ballot drop site.
- At any Official Drop Site (see list on page 9-6 of this pamphlet).
- At the County Elections Office, 1300 NW Wall Street, Ste 202, Bend.



Deschutes County May 19, 2020 Primary Election Official Ballot Drop Site Locations

Please Note: The COVID-19 pandemic may affect the availability of the drop boxes in the locations below.

Bend

--Change of Location--

Deschutes Services Center

1300 NW Wall St, Bend

(Exterior Box is now located on west side of building)

Available 7 days a week – opens May 1

Election Day, Tuesday, May 19: open until 8 pm

Drive-By Booth

Corner of Wall St and Lafayette Ave, Bend

(Parking Area)

May 15 & 18: 8 am – 6 pm

Election Day, Tuesday, May 19: 7 am – 8 pm

Deschutes County Road Department

61150 SE 27th St, Bend

Available 7 days a week – opens May 1

Election Day, Tuesday, May 19: open until 8 pm

Old Mill

459 SW Bluff Dr, Bend

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

Beginning Wednesday, May 13: 24-hour drive-by

Election Day, Tuesday, May 19: open until 8 pm

Bradbury Park & Ride

1000 SW Bradbury Way, Bend

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

Beginning Wednesday, May 13: 24-hour drive-by

Election Day, Tuesday, May 19: open until 8 pm

--New Location--

Pine Nursery Park

3750 NE Purcell Blvd, Bend

(East end of parking lot)

Beginning Wednesday, May 13: Usual Park Hours

Election Day, Tuesday, May 19: open until 8 pm

La Pine

La Pine Public Library

16425 1st St, La Pine

(1st St & Huntington Rd)

Beginning Wednesday, May 13: 24-hour drive-by

Election Day, Tuesday, May 19: open until 8 pm

Redmond

Redmond Public Library

827 SW Deschutes Ave, Redmond

(Located on west side of Library)

Available 7 days a week – opens May 1

Election Day, Tuesday, May 19: open until 8 pm

Sisters

Sisters City Hall

520 E Cascade Ave, Sisters

(Located in front of City Hall)

Available 7 days a week – opens May 1

Election Day, Tuesday, May 19: open until 8 pm

Sunriver

Sunriver Public Library

56855 Venture Ln, Sunriver

(Sunriver Business Park)

Beginning Wednesday, May 13: 24-hour drive-by

Election Day, Tuesday, May 19: 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 12, 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

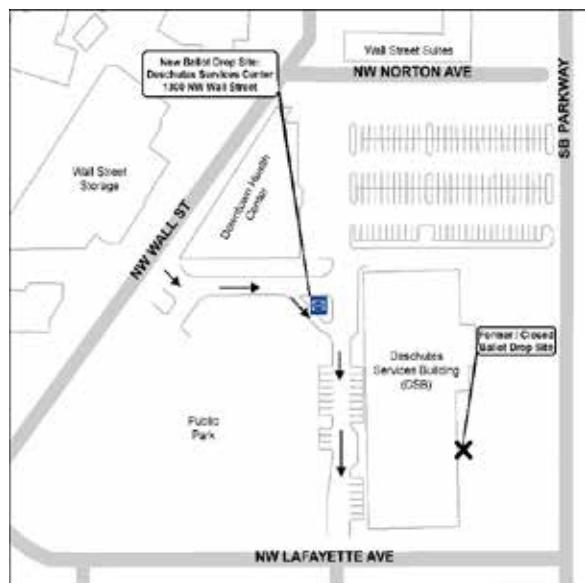
Directions to Bend's New Ballot Drop Sites

Deschutes Services Center

1300 NW Wall St, Bend

Drive-by box is now located on the west side of Deschutes Services Building (DSB).

Former box is now closed.



Pine Nursery Park

3750 NE Purcell Blvd, Bend

Drive-by box is located at the east end of parking lot.

Open usual park business hours.



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

Your Ballot Packet

Your ballot packet contains the following items:

- ~ Printed ballot
- ~ Pre-addressed return identification envelope to be signed
- ~ Secrecy sleeve

Returning Your Ballot

No stamp required.

Mail no later than Tuesday, May 12.

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Signing Your Ballot Return Envelope

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Measure 9-130 La Pine Park & Recreation District

Ballot Title

9-130

Five-year local option levy for improving recreation and facilities

QUESTION: Shall LPRD improve programs and facilities by levying 27 cents per \$1000 of assessed value, beginning in 2021-2022? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: Voters approved formation of La Pine Park & Recreation District to provide the community with park, recreation, and cultural enrichment experiences. The District's tax base, approved in 2009, is 30 cents per \$1,000 assessed value. The proposed levy of 27 cents would supplement the tax base for a period of 5 years, commencing in November, 2021.

Levy funds would:

- Support and expand current youth programs for children from kindergarten to high school with adequate supplies, materials and personnel.
- Expand health, wellness, fitness, and active outdoor programs for adults.
- Address deferred maintenance of District owned properties, allowing them to stay available to the community.
- Fund necessary upgrades in technology/media, and service.
- Provide security systems.

A home with an assessed value (not market value) of \$200,000 would pay \$54.00 per year (or \$4.50 per month).

Estimated revenue for each year from the local option levy:

\$ 235,273 in 2021-2022
\$ 242,331 in 2022-2023
\$ 249,601 in 2023-2024
\$ 257,089 in 2024-2025
\$ 264,802 in 2025-2026

Explanatory Statement

The Board of Directors of the La Pine Park & Recreation District (LPRD) is seeking approval of a 5-year local option levy in the amount of 22 cents per \$1000 of assessed value starting in the tax year 2021-22.

What services does the District provide?

The District provides after-school, youth and adult programs to the greater La Pine Community. It also operates and maintains the La Pine Community Center, Heritage Park, the Finley Butte Ball Fields and community meeting room, Rosland Campground and Day Use river area, and Leona Park with river access.

Who does the District serve?

LPRD serves the residents of the greater La Pine area and is approximately 85 square miles, which includes the City of La Pine and the unincorporated portions of Deschutes County, generally from Fall River south to the Klamath County Line and generally east and west to the National Forest Boundaries.

How is the District funded?

LPRD is funded through a combination of property taxes, user fees and grants. In the 2017-18 fiscal year, 48% of the District's budget was funded by property taxes, 15% by user fees, and 37%

by donations and grants. Donations and grants are not guaranteed income and vary greatly from year to year.

The District's property tax base rate is 30 cents per \$1000 of assessed value (not market value). This rate has not changed since 2009. If approved, the 27 cent 5-year local option levy would supplement this tax base.

How would levy funds be used?

If approved, the levy funds would help:

- Support and expand current youth programs for children from kindergarten to high school with adequate supplies, materials, personnel and hours to meet community demand
- Address deferred maintenance of District owned properties, allowing them to stay available to the community
- Expand health, wellness, fitness and active outdoor programs for adults to meet increasing demand
- Fund essential upgrades to expand administration in technology/media and service
- Support a variety of capital improvements for the District such as ball park bleachers, safe dugouts, landscaping, upgrading restrooms, and compliance with ADA mandated requirements
- Ensure LPRD continues to attract and retain experienced staff who work to educate, mentor, and build relationships with children involved in the District's youth programs
- Provide security systems for the District

What is the cost to property taxpayers?

If approved, property owners with an assessed value (not market value) of \$200,000, about average for the District, would pay \$54.00 per year or \$4.50 per month added to the current tax base, for a period of 5 years.

What if the levy is not approved?

If the levy fails, programs 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 LPRD's website at <http://lapineparks.org/public-meetings> and read the "Comprehensive Plan Update" approved December 6, 2017 and the "Short Term, 5 and 10 Years Goals 2020 Update" adopted January 16, 2020 by the District's Board of Directors.

(This information furnished by Deren Ash, La Pine Park & Recreation District.)

Measure 9-130 Arguments

Argument in Favor

I am writing in favor of the local option levy for the La Pine Park & Recreation District. You probably don't like taxes, I don't either, but the La Pine Park & Recreation District needs us and this is how we can help. Our community needs us, and our neighbors need us to vote **YES**. It will cost the average home about \$4.50 per month, which isn't much to help our community. It's about the cost of a latte, and while I don't usually buy lattes, I'm happy to spend a few dollars to help our community. This will go into effect in the 2021 tax year, and our jobs and economy will have recovered from coronavirus by then. We are a strong community, and I am confident that we will each be willing to spend a few dollars to help each other.

I am on the District Board, and I have continually been impressed with how efficiently the District uses what little money it has, so I'm confident the Park District will use the money from this levy very efficiently too. The money they have now isn't quite enough though, if we all chip in a few dollars and the District had a little more, it could do even more for our community. Thousands of people in La Pine and the surrounding areas use the Park District's programs and facilities every year. From sports and activities for kids, adults, and seniors, to events such as Music in the Pines. Our community needs us now. They need us to vote **YES**.

With this small tax levy, the District will be able to expand its programs so more people can participate, and catch up on the maintenance of facilities so everyone can keep using them for programs and events.

Please help our community by voting **YES**.

If you're still not sure or want more information, I encourage you to visit yes4lapineparks.us. Thank you for voting **YES**!

(This information furnished by Deren Ash.)

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Measure 9-132 Black Butte Ranch Service District

Ballot Title

9-132

Black Butte Ranch Service District Five-Year Local Option Levy

QUESTION: Shall the District levy a five-year local option tax at \$.65 per \$1,000 for general operations starting in 2020-2021?

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

SUMMARY:The Black Butte Ranch Service District would use revenue from the five-year local option tax to maintain 24-hour patrols, 7 days a week. The Black Butte Ranch Service District's current yearly revenue increases are approximately 3-3½% per year. Approving the proposed levy will generate approximately \$450,000 in 2020-2021, approximately \$461,024 in 2021-2022, approximately \$477,160 in 2022-2023, approximately \$493,860 in 2023-2024, and approximately \$511,146 in 2024-2025. On a \$500,000 home, the assessment would be \$27.08 per month or \$325 per year. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.

Explanatory Statement

The Black Butte Ranch Service District (the "District") provides police services to its residents. The District's current permanent tax levy is \$1.0499 per \$1000 of the assessed value of property in the District.

In 2010 the voters within the District approved a local option levy of \$0.55 per \$1000 of assessed value. The voters within the District renewed the levy in 2015. The renewed levy expires June 30, 2020; the District is requesting approval of a local option tax to maintain existing operations. This proposed local option tax is \$.65 per \$1000 of assessed value of property. On a \$500,000 home, the assessment will be \$27.08 per month or \$325 per year.

This proposed levy will generate approximately \$450,000 in 2020-2021, \$461,024 in 2021-2022, approximately \$477,160 in 2022-2023, approximately \$493,860 in 2023-2024, and approximately \$511,146 in 2024-2025.

Approximately 75% of the District's budget is spent on payroll and related costs. The District currently has seven sworn law enforcement officers and one administrative person on staff.

The District currently has a \$.55 local option tax that expires this year. If this local option tax is not approved, there would be a budget shortfall. Options to address the shortfall would be a reduction in patrol staff and services.

(This information furnished by Patti Adair, Chair, BOCC of Deschutes County, Oregon as the Governing Body of the Black Butte Ranch Service District.)

Measure 9-133 Redmond Fire & Rescue

Ballot Title

9-133

Local Option Levy to Maintain Fire and Emergency Medical Services

QUESTION: Shall the District levy \$0.27 per \$1,000 of assessed value to maintain general operations for five years, beginning 2020-2021?

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

SUMMARY: The measure, if approved, would authorize Redmond Fire & Rescue ("the District") to levy taxes to support the annual cost of fire and emergency medical service. The measure would provide for a local option levy at a rate of \$0.27 cents per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value for five years, beginning July 1, 2020. For a home having an assessed value of \$200,000, the estimated annual cost would be \$54.00 per year or about \$4.50 per month.

Funds would be used to:

- * Maintain and support paramedic-level response to all life-threatening medical emergencies.
- * Update cardiac defibrillators, chest compression systems and other life-support equipment.
- * Replace thermal imagers, firefighting breathing apparatus and other fire suppression equipment.

Total ESTIMATED revenue for each year of the levy:

\$1,050,000 in 2020-2021
\$1,081,500 in 2021-2022
\$1,114,000 in 2022-2023
\$1,147,000 in 2023-2024
\$1,180,500 in 2024-2025

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

five-year local option levy would supplement the tax base.

How would levy funds be used?

Funds would be used to maintain the District's current level of response to fire and medical emergencies, as well as ambulance transport. Population growth and aging have contributed to a 30% increase in emergency calls in the last 6 years. Passage would help ensure continued response to each emergency by a minimum of two, fully-trained firefighters or medics at all hours of the day and night.

If approved, the levy would:

- Help ensure paramedic-level response to all life-threatening medical emergencies. (Paramedics with Advanced Life Support skills are able to provide procedures on scene that were once only available in emergency-rooms.)
- Support continued response to all medical calls by a team of at least two medics. (Medical emergencies make up approximately 85% of the calls Redmond Fire & Rescue responds to.)
- Keep medical responders supplied with up-to-date equipment such as cardiac defibrillators, chest compression systems, and other life-support equipment that can improve patient survival rates.
- Allow for the replacement of out-of-date thermal imagers and expiring breathing apparatus used by firefighters to enter burning structures to fight fire and save lives.
- Help the District keep pace with recent increases in call volume.

What is the cost to property taxpayers?

The levy would be at a fixed rate of 27¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value (assessed value is different than market value). The cost of the levy for property assessed at \$200,000, about average for residential property in the District, would be \$54.00 a year, or about \$4.50 per month.

What if the levy is not approved?

If the five-year levy is not approved, the District may need to reduce medic positions, resulting in the elimination of one of the five ambulance teams that currently serve the District each day, or make other operational changes that could delay response time.

Need more information?

Visit the District's website at <http://www.redmondfireandrescue.org>.

(This information furnished by Kenneth Kehmna, Redmond Fire & Rescue.)

Explanatory Statement

What services does Redmond Fire & Rescue provide?

Redmond Fire & Rescue (the District) is the first responder for fire and medical emergencies in its service area providing Basic and Advanced Life Support ambulance transport for patients. Fire prevention, public education, aircraft rescue firefighting, and basic rope, water and ice rescue are also provided. It is staffed by 48 career firefighter/paramedics, paramedics and EMTs. The District also hosts up to 6 student volunteers who are studying to become firefighter/paramedics.

Who does the District serve?

Redmond Fire & Rescue provides emergency response services to residents of a 294 square mile area including Redmond, Terrebonne, Eagle Crest and surrounding areas as well as the Redmond Airport. The District responded to approximately 6,000 calls in 2019 for the District's approximately 50,000 full-time residents and the many part-time residents.

How is the District funded?

The District is funded primarily through a property tax base. In addition, it receives revenue from ambulance billings and a contract to provide services to the Redmond Airport. If approved, the

Measure 9-133 Arguments

Argument in Favor

RF&R BOARD MEMBERS SUPPORT MEASURE 9-133

We have been elected by you to provide oversight of Redmond Fire & Rescue (RF&R).

We have referred RF&R's local option levy to the ballot for these reasons:

1. We know that your **top priority for RF&R is to provide fast and effective emergency response**. This levy maintains the 48 career firefighter/paramedics, paramedics and EMTs, as well as staff that support emergency operations. These men and women are critical to ensuring immediate action at serious medical events, motor vehicle crashes, and firefighting emergencies.
2. We know that RF&R has experienced a **34% increase in emergency calls over the last 6 years**. This is mostly driven by the increasing and aging population within our district. And the daily operating costs necessary to serve our community continue to outpace our revenues.
3. We believe **this levy is a good value**. For less than \$5 per month, we can maintain an adequate number of emergency responders to send the right resources to the right call at the right time. This levy enables us to continue to adequately staff for emergency events and purchase essential medical equipment and firefighting tools.

Approving the levy will maintain the quality service levels and rapid response times that our citizens have come to expect. Please join us in supporting this measure.

(This information furnished by Carroll Penhollow, RF&R Board President.)

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Argument in Favor

Your Investment in RF&R is Used Wisely

I am a citizen volunteer who participates in Redmond Fire & Rescue (RF&R)'s annual budget process. I am acutely aware that you want the cost of service to be as value-driven as possible. I also understand that when an emergency happens to you or your family, you want RF&R's firefighters, paramedics and EMTs to respond quickly and with the necessary tools and equipment.

As a budget committee member, my job is to balance these competing interests. Budget committee members must also keep an eye on the fire district's financial priorities. I feel RF&R uses your tax dollars wisely. I also feel they have the proper financial controls in place and adhere to effective fiscal practices, including having an annual external audit.

I encourage you to support this five-year local option levy.

(This information furnished by Jack Hoxie, RF&R Citizen Budget Committee Member.)

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Argument in Favor

Community Leaders Support RF&R's Local Option Levy

Most of us have worked years, if not decades, on issues that affect the livability and vitality of our community. The Redmond City Council understands the top two responsibilities of local government are public health and public safety. Redmond Fire & Rescue (RF&R) personnel are key players in these vital community services. We want our constituents to feel secure in the service they'll receive if they must call 9-1-1 and we have high expectations of our public agency partners.

COVID-19 brought the need of Fire and Emergency Services into an unprecedented light. These first responders put themselves at risk with nearly every call for service. They showed up, they answered the call and they saved lives amidst the danger of contamination.

RF&R is an integral part of our community and a true partner to all of us that serve the Central Oregon region. They are there to support the City of Redmond, the Redmond Police Department, the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office and all of us in our mission to keep our community a safe place to live, work and play.

Measure 9-133 provides essential operating revenue to pay for firefighters, paramedics, and EMTs.

We believe it's important for our community public safety system.

(This information furnished by George Endicott, Redmond Mayor.)

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Measure 9-133 Arguments

Argument in Favor

SHERIFF NELSON SUPPORTS MEASURE 9-133

Serving as your Sheriff it has always been my goal and duty to ensure our community has the best in public safety and customer service our citizens expect and deserve from their Sheriff's Office. We strive to accomplish this by treating our community members how we would want our family members to be treated.

In the current National, State, and Local Emergency Declarations we are reminded how critical first responder medical aid and public safety is. We want to ensure our family members and community members are taken care of in an emergency and that is why I ask you to join me in supporting this measure when we vote in the Primary Election.

Redmond Fire & Rescue needs the additional funding for critical resources to continue the level of service our growing community expects and deserves. With the increase in call volume over the last several years, additional paramedics, equipment, and skills are crucial for Redmond Fire & Rescue to continue having efficient response times to emergencies ensuring the best outcome for providing lifesaving medical aid.

I have been in law enforcement over 26 years and have had many interactions with the hardworking, competent, positive, and efficient team at Redmond Fire & Rescue. Their response has made the difference in our community's public safety. Their leadership is asking for this investment from us, the taxpayers, so they may continue to deliver excellent service and public safety.

Approving the levy will enhance the quality service levels and rapid response times that our citizens have come to expect in our growing county. Please join me in doing our part to save lives by voting yes on this measure to fund the critical need for resources in our compassionate, professional, and competent Redmond Fire & Rescue team.

(This information furnished by Deschutes County Sheriff L. Shane Nelson.)

Argument in Favor

REDMOND EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS MEASURE 9-133

The Redmond Education Association supports our brothers and sisters of the Redmond Firefighters Association in their quest to improve equipment and maintain staffing levels, which will happen if the May levy passes. We recognize the need to best serve those in our community who are counting on us to provide these necessary services. Please vote in support!

(This information furnished by Barry Branaugh, REA President.)

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**Deschutes County Commissioner
Position 2**



**Ron
Boozell**
Democrat

Occupation: none
Occupational Background:
Ex-BillCollectionAgency Owner
Educational Background:
Some college, various manage-
ment courses

Prior Governmental Experience: none

THC HEALS
Which is why I am a dedicated marijuana activist.
Stoners need a loud spokesperson on our county commission.
We have been Criminalized. Incarcerated. Demeaned. Now we
are Voters. Hear us roar.

Our three-Republican Deschutes County Commission, and our
President, hates marijuana, and they love big pharma, and they
love their Prohibition. They love the fact that local Democrats
have been completely impotent on the issue.

The War on Marijuana is not over!
For the last five years of legal-pot in Oregon, our commission
has perpetuated a fraud against the residents of Deschutes
County. Refusing marijuana producers in farm-country for the
smell, while facilitating hemp-grows in the same neighborhoods.
Same plant. Same smell!

The Opt Out crowd intends to Re-criminalize Marijuana in Or-
egon, on the November 2020ballot. Legal Hemp and criminal-
ized marijuana cannot coexist! The cost of law enforcement will
get very expensive.

Stoners have different ideas. We want to lower the cost of living.
AS BEER IS TO BEND, Marijuana will be to Deschutes County.
Marijuana Prosperity for everyone!

We will all benefit, but it won't happen by accident, and it won't
happen with three antiPot Republicans keeping us from our
goals. To facilitate marijuana and hemp producers. To restore
the marijuana and hemp culture that was taken from us by
force and fraud. To welcome back a vibrant healthy marijuana
and hemp economy.

Other issues:
State-sponsored Family Separation, the intentional alienation of
children from their parents, and the criminalization of fathers.

Deschutes County Jail Reform
-To end the starvation of inmates for profit
-To end unsafe jail conditions

Affordable Camping Plan, and ending homelessness. Net-
Zero Energy County, smart transportation and transit, realistic
environmental policy, Childcare subsidies, and Mental Health
funding.

...and ending the culture of Donald J Trump.

LOVE WINS
~Rondo2020
30-year resident. Navy Veteran. Father.

(This information furnished by Ron Boozell.)

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

**Deschutes County Commissioner
Position 2**



**Greg
Bryant**
Democrat

Occupation: Retired
Occupational Background:
Over 30 years of accountin
Educational Background:
Indiana University. B.S. degree
Accounting. Ball State Univer-
sity. M.B.A.

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Born and raised in rural Indiana.
Vietnam War Veteran.

Platform:
I would bring an objective eye to current issues and future
planning.

- *Transportation(current bond issue advocate)
- *Work with ODOT to create efficiencies around highways 97,
20 and 26
- *Affordable housing in Deschutes County
- *Wildfire preparedness
- *Ensure all County departments exercise financial efficiencies.

Currently Active:
*City Transportation Advisory Committee Member
*Cascade East Transit Advisory Committee Member
*Wildfire USA Coordinator Deschutes River Woods #1
*Vice President, Deschutes River Woods Neighborhood
Association

(This information furnished by Gregory O. Bryant.)

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

Deschutes County Commissioner Position 2



**Phil
Chang**
Democrat

Occupation: Natural Resource
& Renewable Energy Specialist

Occupational Background:
Forest and Watershed Man-
agement, Collaboration and
Partnerships, Public Policy

Educational Background:

Columbia University, B.A.; U.C. Berkeley, M.S.

Prior Governmental Experience: Federal Forest Restoration Program Lead, Oregon Department of Forestry; Central Oregon Field Representative, U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley; Natural Resources Program Administrator, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council.

Sixteen years ago I chose Deschutes County as the place to start a family and continue my career as a natural resource professional. I have served communities across Oregon, helping build sustainable economies where workers could combine making a living with being good stewards. We can achieve great things and solve tough problems by working together.

**LET'S KEEP DESCHUTES COUNTY A GREAT PLACE
TO LIVE AND TO RAISE A FAMILY**

As your County Commissioner, I will work to:

- Improve housing affordability,
- Reduce traffic congestion,
- Preserve habitat and open space,
- Effectively deliver health services,
- Strategically manage our solid waste system,
- Prioritize fiscal responsibility.

"Phil's thoughtful and balanced leadership can help Deschutes County build the new housing that it needs to grow while preserving farms, forests, wildlife habitat and scenic beauty."

- Jamie Mcleod-Skinner, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Member

**PROTECT OUR NATURAL HERITAGE
AND SUPPORT RURAL SUSTAINABILITY**

"When I was Deschutes County Commissioner, Phil was the architect of the Forest Collaborative I chaired. His ability to bring people together was critical to ending the timber wars locally and fixing our forest." - Alan Unger, former Deschutes County Commissioner

We endorse Phil!

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley; Bruce Abernethy, Bend City Councilor; Gena Goodman-Campbell, Bend City Councilor; Amy Tatom, Bend-La Pine School Board Member; Melissa Barnes Dholakia, Bend-La Pine School Board Member; Liz Goodrich, Redmond School Board Member; Carrie McPherson Douglass, Co-Chair, Bend-La Pine School Board Member; Judy Stiegler, Former Oregon State Representative; Caroline Skidmore, Bend-La Pine School Board Member; James Cook, Homeless Advocate; Oliver Tatom, COCC Board Member; Erika Skatvold, COCC Board; Alison Hohengarten, Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Member; Oregon League of Conservation Voters

www.votephilchang.com

(This information furnished by Philip Chang.)

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Deschutes County Commissioner Position 2



**Phil
Henderson**
Republican

Occupation: Deschutes County
Commissioner (2017-2020)

Occupational Background:
Attorney: Henderson Law Of-
fice, Private civil law practice
(Deschutes County) (1989-
2003); Executive: Regional

Construction Company: Director of Sales, Vice-President, President (2003-2011); General Contractor: Phil Henderson Homes, (2011-2016).

Educational Background: Hood River Valley High School (Oregon), Valedictorian; Yale University, Political Science (Honors), B.A.; University of Oregon, School of Law, J.D.

Prior Governmental Experience: City of Bend, Budget Committee, 1997-2002.

I am proud to be your Deschutes County Commissioner. As a 30-year Deschutes County resident and fifth-generation Oregonian, I offer common-sense solutions for issues facing Deschutes County.

LOWER PROPERTY TAXES

Twice in the last three years, I successfully led efforts to reduce the Deschutes County property tax rate. When re-elected I will lead efforts for a third reduction.

My sound financial decisions have resulted in savings on contracts, construction projects and personnel decisions. I will continue fighting to not tax and spend more of our hard-earned money.

HOUSING and HOMELESSNESS

An experienced home builder, I know what it takes to develop affordable housing options to meet county needs.

In three years, I've started work on affordable housing developments in urban and rural Deschutes County. As our population grows, my knowledge and voice on this issue are essential.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

Recent fire seasons have caused public health risks to our residents and led to devastating loss of wildlife habitat and natural resources.

I understand the importance of active forest management to keep our forests and air quality healthy and create rewarding jobs. I will continue to work with federal, state, and private partners to improve our forestlands.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Ensuring the safety of Deschutes residents is a top priority of mine. I have worked on many public safety projects. I partnered with our County Sheriff to provide a warming center for the homeless, finalized an employee union contract, and improved our 911 radio system to make our emergency response systems effective.

I appreciate your continued support!

(This information furnished by Phil Henderson.)

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Deschutes County Clerk's Office Coloring Contest

Deschutes County Clerk's Office invites local students to enter the Deschutes Elections' Coloring Contest. The Clerk's Office has partnered with local artist Megan Marie Myers to design this year's coloring contest art.

"It's important that students, no matter their age, recognize the amazing impact voting has in shaping the communities we live in," said Blankenship. "This year's coloring contest is just one way we hope to get our youngest residents thinking about voting at an early age."

Coloring contest submissions will be accepted through mid-August. Winners will be recognized in early fall.

- K-8 students in Deschutes County are invited to participate.
- Prizes will be awarded in three age groups: K-2, 3-5 and 6-8.

Coloring contest entry forms are printed on the front of each Deschutes County Voters' Pamphlet and are also available www.deschutes.org/coloring-contest.

Students should mail or deliver their entries by August 14, 2020:

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

By Mail: Deschutes County Clerk's Office, Elections Coloring Contest, PO Box 6005, Bend, Oregon 97708

Email: artcontest@deschutes.org

Winning artwork will be used in Deschutes County Elections materials, promotions and outreach and exhibited throughout the Deschutes County Services Building in downtown Bend.

