

# voters' pamphlet

Oregon Vote-by-Mail General Election | **November 8, 2022**

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## Attention

This is the beginning of your Deschutes 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 November 8, 2022 General Election Voters' Pamphlet provided by your Deschutes County Clerk's office. It contains information about candidates and measures from local jurisdictions within the boundaries of Deschutes County.

This 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. Portions of this Voters' Pamphlet are translated into Simplified Chinese, French, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese, and available online at [sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-deschutes.aspx](https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-deschutes.aspx).

Ballots will be mailed on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 to each registered voter. Here are a few things you should know:

- ◆ **Mail** your voted ballot in your postage-paid return envelope or **drop it off** at an official drop site location by **8 pm, Tuesday, November 8, 2022**. Remember to sign your ballot envelope.
- ◆ Drop sites open Friday, October 21. Check the Ballot Drop Site 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 an 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 [www.deschutescounty.gov/elections](http://www.deschutescounty.gov/elections). After 8 pm on Election Night, preliminary election results will be posted online at [www.deschutescounty.gov/ElectionResults](http://www.deschutescounty.gov/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.
- ◆ **New this year**, Postmarks Count! Ballots that are mailed, postmarked by the United States Postal Service (USPS) by 8 pm on Election Day and received by the Clerk's office by Tuesday, November 15 will be accepted.
- ◆ **Also new this year**, the optional secrecy sleeve is no longer included with your ballot packet because the ballot return envelope has been enhanced with a printed security weave on the inside that protects the privacy of your ballot. Your privacy and the secrecy of your vote has always been and will continue to be protected throughout the ballot counting process. This decision has been formally approved by the Oregon Secretary of State's Office and will save money and staff time.

# Translation Information

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本县选民手册的部分内容提供简体中文版本。可以访问 [sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-deschutes.aspx](https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-deschutes.aspx)，获取译本。

Des sections sélectionnées des brochures de l'électeur de ce comté sont disponibles en français. Ces traductions peuvent être consultées en ligne à l'adresse suivante : [sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-deschutes.aspx](https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-deschutes.aspx).

주 유권자 팜플렛의 선택된 부분은 한국어 준비되어 있습니다. 번역은 온라인 [sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-deschutes.aspx](https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-deschutes.aspx) 에서 찾아볼 수 있습니다.

Отдельные части брошюр избирателей этого округа доступны на русском языке. С данными переводами можно ознакомиться в Интернете по адресу: [sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-deschutes.aspx](https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-deschutes.aspx).

Algunas secciones de este folleto para votantes del condado están disponibles en español. Estas traducciones están disponibles en línea en [sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-deschutes.aspx](https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-deschutes.aspx).

Ang mga piling bahagi ng mga pamphlet na ito para sa mga botante ng county ay mababasa sa Tagalog. Makikita online ang mga pagsasaling-wikang ito sa [sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-deschutes.aspx](https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-deschutes.aspx).

Các phần được chọn trong tập tài liệu cử tri quận này có bản ngôn ngữ tiếng Việt. Các bản dịch có thể xem trực tuyến tại [sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-deschutes.aspx](https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-deschutes.aspx).

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In 2021, the Oregon Legislature passed the Voter Language Access Bill (HB 3021) requiring the Secretary of State to translate portions of state and county voters' pamphlets into Oregon's most spoken languages. The law seeks to remove barriers to voting for those who are not fully proficient in English. The bill's requirements are being implemented for the first time this election.

To help in this effort, the Translation Advisory Council was created. The Council is made up of volunteer community members who represent the ethnic, linguistic, and cultural diversity of Oregon voters. Council members make sure translations are accurate and retain the original tone and meaning in a culturally appropriate manner.

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# Voting Information

## Registering to Vote

To be eligible to vote in the November 8, 2022 General Election, a completed voter registration card must be postmarked by Tuesday, October 18, 2022.

### November General Election:

All voters in the November 8, 2022 General Election will receive the same ballot, regardless of political affiliation.

### 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:

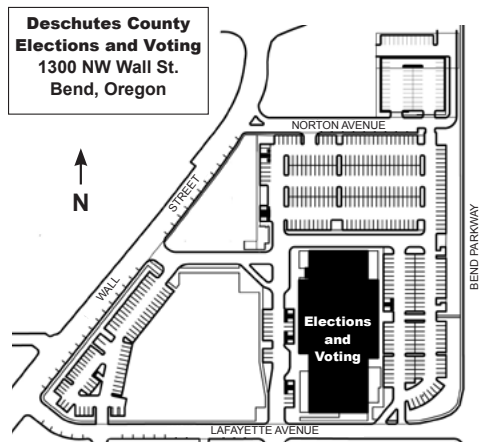
1. Your residence or mailing address changes.
2. Your name changes.
3. You wish to change your party affiliation.

**Important Note:** If you have moved or changed your name and you have not yet updated your registration, you are still eligible to vote. Call the Deschutes County Elections Office at (541) 388-6547 for further information.

### Voters with disabilities:

If you need assistance with voting or casting your ballot, call the Deschutes County Elections Office at (541) 388-6547. We will provide two staff to assist you in voting. You may also authorize a friend, family member, or other trusted person, who are not affiliated with your employer or union, 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 will contain the following items:

- Printed ballot
- Postage-paid return envelope to be signed
- Insert regarding the following:
  - Deschutes County Elections no longer uses the optional blue paper secrecy sleeve. The ballot return envelope has a printed security weave on the inside that protects your privacy and the secrecy of your vote.

### 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 postage-paid return envelope. Election staff will ensure the secrecy of your ballot. Read the voter's statement on the return envelope and sign in the signature box.

### 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 ballot return envelope. A stamp is not required. Mail your voted ballot no later than Tuesday, November 8, 2022.
- **At any official drop site:** Deliver the signed and sealed ballot return envelope to an official drop site no later than 8 pm on Election Day. Postage is not required.

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

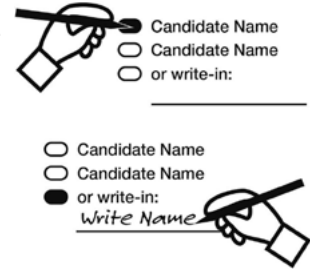
### Contact:

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

# How To Cast Your Vote

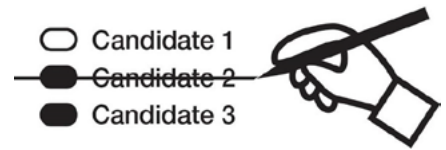
## 1 Complete your ballot

- 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. Do not 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.



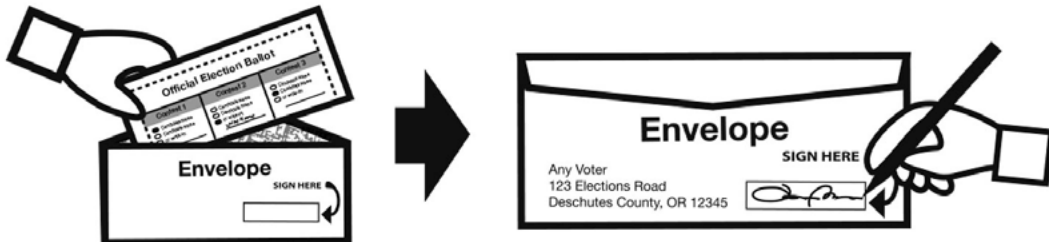
## 2 Check for errors

- 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 that you cannot correct
  - your ballot is damaged or spoiled
  - your ballot is lost



## 3 Insert ballot & sign your return envelope

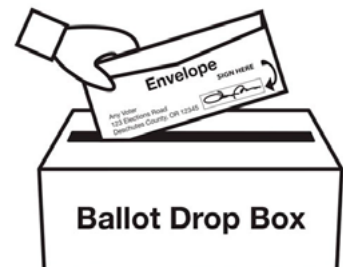
- Insert only your voted ballot (not another person’s ballot) inside your ballot return envelope. *(If we receive an envelope with more than one ballot inside, all enclosed ballots will be rejected and not counted).*
- You must sign your ballot return envelope or **your vote will not count.**



- 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.

## 4 Return your ballot

- By mail:** Return your ballot in your signed and sealed ballot return envelope. Postage is not required. Mail your voted ballot no later than Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Ballots that are mailed, postmarked by the United States Postal Service (USPS) by 8 pm on Election Day and received by the Clerk’s office by Tuesday, November 15, 2022 will be accepted.
- At any official drop site:** Deliver the signed and sealed ballot return envelope to an official drop site no later than 8 pm on Election Day. Postage is not required.



**Deschutes County November 8, 2022 General Election  
Official Ballot Drop Sites**

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**Don't Delay, Vote Today!**

**Drop off** your ballot at an official drop site location by **8 pm, Tuesday, November 8, 2022**. Remember to sign your ballot envelope.

**Drop Site Hours:**

- Open:** Friday, October 21, 2022
- Close:** Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at **8 pm**

**Drop Site Locations:**

Bend				
<b>Deschutes Services Center</b> 1300 NW Wall St, Bend <i>(Walk-up &amp; Drive-through exterior Drop Boxes located on west side of building)</i>	<b>Deschutes County Road Department</b> 61150 SE 27 <sup>th</sup> St, Bend <i>(Located on south end of parking lot)</i>	<b>Old Mill</b> 459 SW Bluff Dr, Bend <i>(Box located on the knoll above Old Mill District in parking lot south of Hilton Garden Inn hotel)</i>	<b>Bradbury Park &amp; Ride</b> 1000 SW Bradbury Way, Bend <i>(Box located across from the Park &amp; Rec Pavilion off of Simpson &amp; Columbia)</i>	<b>Pine Nursery Park</b> 3750 NE Purcell Blvd, Bend Open usual park business hours <i>(East end of parking lot)</i>
Redmond		La Pine	Sisters	Sunriver
<b>Deschutes County Expo Center (Fairgrounds)</b> 3800 SW Airport Way, Redmond <i>(Located on roundabout in east end parking lot)</i>	<b>Redmond Public Library</b> 827 SW Deschutes Ave, Redmond <i>(Located on west end of Library)</i>	<b>La Pine Public Library</b> 16425 1st St, La Pine <i>(1<sup>st</sup> St &amp; Huntington Rd)</i>	<b>Sisters City Hall</b> 520 E Cascade Ave, Sisters <i>(Located in front of City Hall)</i>	<b>Sunriver Public Library</b> 56855 Venture Ln, Sunriver <i>(Sunriver Business Park)</i>

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**Mail** your voted ballot in your postage-paid return envelope by **8 pm, Tuesday, November 8, 2022**. Remember to sign your ballot envelope. Ballots that are mailed, postmarked by the United States Postal Service (USPS) by 8 pm on Election Day and received by the Clerk's office by November 15 will be accepted.

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**County Clerk's Office, 1300 NW Wall St, Suite 202 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), Bend**  
Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm | Election Day, 7 am to 8 pm  
-- Voting Booths Provided --

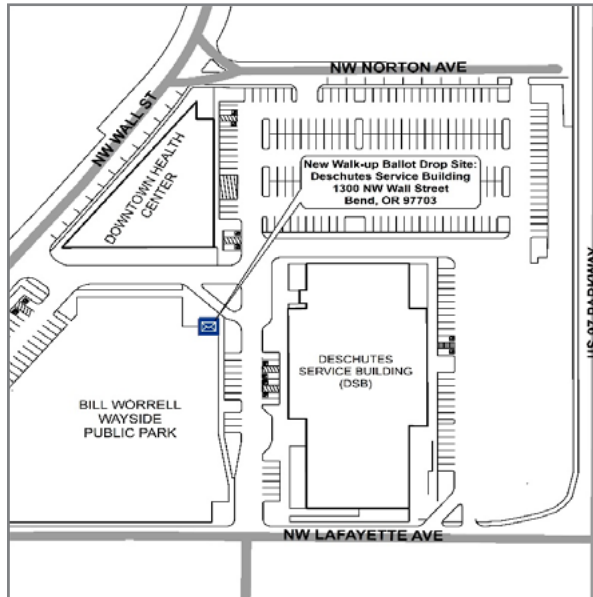
# Directions to Your Newest Ballot Drop Sites

*Watch for signs and banners to direct you to these drop sites.*

## Deschutes Services Center

**1300 NW Wall St, Bend**

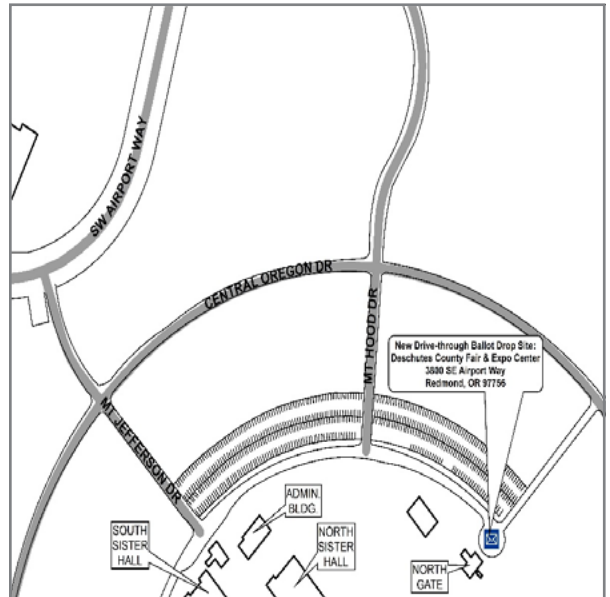
A new walk-up box is now located on the west end of the Deschutes Services Building (DSB).



## Deschutes County Expo Center (Fairgrounds)

**3800 SW Airport Way, Redmond**

Drive-through box is located on the roundabout in the east end parking lot.



## .... Reminders ....

### Your Ballot Packet

Your ballot packet will contain at minimum the following items:

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- Postage-paid return envelope
- Insert regarding the following:
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### 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 signature must match before a ballot can be counted. If your signature has changed, please update your voter registration.

### Returning Your Ballot

No stamp required.

Mail by Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2022.



## Ballot Title

# 9-147

## Proposed Amendments to City of Sisters Municipal Charter

**QUESTION:** Shall the legal voters of City of Sisters approve the proposed amendments to the municipal charter?

**SUMMARY:** Similar to a constitution, a municipal charter is a written instrument governing how a municipal government functions. If this measure is approved, the city's current charter, adopted in 1948 and last amended in 2003, would be amended by the proposed amendments. Many current charter provisions are outdated and hinder effective and efficient municipal operations. Among other things, the proposed amendments would (1) clarify certain city manager responsibilities, (2) permit the council to adopt council rules through resolution, (3) remove certain charter sections that may not be in conformity with state law, and (4) remove gender specific pronouns throughout the charter. A description of the proposed charter amendments is available for public inspection on the City of Sisters website (<https://www.ci.sisters.or.us>) and at City Hall.

## Explanatory Statement

The Oregon Constitution grants the legal voters of every municipality the right to adopt, amend, and revise their municipal charter. A municipal charter is a written instrument governing how a municipal government functions. Among other things, the charter sets forth the responsibilities of the council, mayor, and city manager. The current charter of City of Sisters was first adopted by the legal voters of the city in 1948. The Charter was first amended by approval of the voters in 1967 and subsequently in 2003.

The council, in collaboration with city's legal counsel, reviewed and evaluated the existing charter to determine whether revisions and/or modifications were warranted. The council determined many current charter provisions are outdated and/or hinder effective and efficient municipal operations. As a result, the council approved certain proposed charter amendments and now refers this measure to the legal voters. If this measure is approved, the city's charter would be amended to reflect the proposed amendments.

Among other things, the proposed amendments would (1) clarify certain city manager responsibilities, (2) permit the council to adopt council rules through resolution, (3) remove certain charter sections that may not be in conformity with state law, and (4) remove gender specific pronouns throughout the charter. A description of the proposed charter amendments is available for public inspection on the City of Sisters website (<https://www.ci.sisters.or.us>) and at City Hall.

If approved by the voters, the amendments to the charter will take effect January 1, 2023.

*(This information furnished by Kerry Prosser, City of Sisters.)*

# Measure 9-148 Deschutes County

## Ballot Title

# 9-148

**Makes County Commissioner seats and elections nonpartisan.**

**QUESTION:** Should Deschutes County Commissioners be nonpartisan and be selected in nonpartisan elections?

**SUMMARY:** Deschutes County Commissioners are the only countywide elected officials who serve with political party designations. This means that if they are a member of a political party, the Deschutes County Government notes this as part of official government records and may convey this information to the public.

Deschutes County Commissions are the only countywide elected officials chosen in partisan races. This means that political parties nominate candidates and the County Clerk places them on the general election ballot with other eligible candidates. The party affiliation of candidates is listed next to their names on the ballot.

If this measure is approved, Deschutes County Commissioners would serve with no notation in government records of their membership, or non-membership, in a political party (other than voter registration records).

If this measure is approved, political parties no longer would nominate candidates for Deschutes County Commissioner. The County Clerk would place all eligible candidates, regardless of political affiliation, on the ballot. No party affiliations would be listed on the ballot.

This measure would take effect beginning in 2022.

Further, once elected, Deschutes County Commissioners would serve with no notation in government records of their membership, or non-membership, in a political party (other than voter registration records).

If the measure is not approved ("No" vote), Deschutes County Commissioner elections will continue to be partisan races. As a result, Deschutes County Commission candidate's membership, or non-membership, in a political party will continue to be designated on the ballot and in Deschutes County records once the candidate is elected and while serving on the Board of County Commissioners.

*(This information furnished by Stephen Gunnels, Deschutes County District Attorney's Office.)*

## Explanatory Statement

Currently, Deschutes County Commissioner elections are partisan races in which Commission candidates are designated by their political party affiliations, if any. Political parties nominate candidates through a partisan primary election process and the County Clerk places their names on the general election ballot with other eligible candidates. The party affiliation of candidates, or lack thereof, is listed next to their names on the general election ballot.

Once elected, Deschutes County Commissioners are the only countywide elected officials who serve with political party designations. This means that if a Commissioner is a member of a political party, the Deschutes County Government notes the Commissioner's political party membership as part of official government records while the Commissioner is serving in office and may convey this information to the public.

If this measure is approved ("Yes" vote), it would make Deschutes County Commissioner seats and elections nonpartisan. Current Deschutes County Commissioners would be required to enact a law making the County Commissioner elections and seats nonpartisan.

Also, if this measure is approved, there would no longer be partisan primary elections and political parties would no longer nominate candidates for Deschutes County Commissioner. The County Clerk would place all eligible candidates, regardless of political affiliation, on the ballot. No party affiliations would be listed on the ballot.

# Measure 9-148 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

Why I support, hope you will also, making our three Deschutes County Commissioners nonpartisan positions.

I served as a Tillamook County Commissioner for twelve years. About half way through my second term folks in our county wondered why their County Commissioners were partisan (Democrat, Republican) when the rest of the county elected officials like the Sheriff, District Attorney, Clerk and Treasurer were nonpartisan. Good Question!

Well, the Commissioners looked around at other counties in Oregon and sure enough we found out that most of the 36 counties, 26 to be exact or 72% were already electing their County Commissioners in nonpartisan races. So, we put it on the ballot and sure enough about 70% of our Tillamook County citizens said yes, we want you to be nonpartisan, too. We were quite surprised as 70% is pretty much a landslide vote.

So, when we asked people why they supported us going nonpartisan here's what some said.

- We don't see our commissioners' roles and responsibilities as partisan jobs. Roles and responsibilities mentioned included such things as **"We want our county roads to be in good shape"**, **"We want you to keep us safe so keep the Sherriff adequately funded"**, **"We want you to have an effective county health program"**, **"We want an effective county trash disposal process"**, etc. all nonpartisan issues.
- I had heard from a number of people that were upset because a portion of our county citizens (30%) were not registered as either democrat or republican and didn't get a chance to vote in the primary. Now that our Commission election is nonpartisan, they can vote in the primary.

I hope you join me in supporting our commissioner positions to be nonpartisan seats and elections, like most of the rest of Oregon has been for decades.

Mark Labhart, past commissioner, Tillamook County, past five years resides in beautiful Sisters

*(This information furnished by Mark Labhart.)*

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## Argument in Favor

Let's reclaim our County Commission from party politics.

With nonpartisan elections all candidates run in one open race. If there is a primary, the top vote getters then face off in November. It doesn't matter what their political party is. Two Republicans could run against each other. Or two Democrats. Or one from each party.

We already vote for nonpartisan elected officials. Our school districts are nonpartisan. Our city councils are nonpartisan.

Oregon has 36 counties. Only 6 counties are fully partisan where all commissioners run as candidates from a particular party (such as Republican and Democrat). Deschutes County is one of them.

People are sick of the bickering between the parties. Let's have a system where our county commissioners are free of party influence. Let's have a system where the most popular of all the candidates actually wins.

Vote in favor of Measure 9-148.

*(This information furnished by John Gilbert, Owner of Acadia Properties and co-owner of Pacific Crest Affordable Housing.)*

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# Measure 9-148 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

There are many good reasons to vote yes on M9-148 to make the Deschutes County Commissioner seats and elections nonpartisan. A few facts to consider:

- In the last 15 years, many Oregon counties transitioned from partisan to nonpartisan commissioner elections. Currently, 26 of Oregon's 36 counties, 72% of them, are nonpartisan seats. Deschutes County? Not yet.
- When similar measures were placed on the ballot in other counties, the voters overwhelmingly supported the measure. People are tired of partisan elections at the local level.
- Deschutes County Commissioners are the only county-wide elected officials who have a primary (partisan) election and have a county seat showing a political party affiliation. All other elected officials in our county are nonpartisan seats and elections; judges, sheriff, Assessor, Clerk, District Attorney, etc.
- Our commissioners work on infrastructure, public safety, land use, county fairs, public health, legislating, judging, etc. These are all nonpartisan concerns and activities.
- This measure will not impact our county form of government nor change the terms of service of any commissioner.
- Oregon has closed primaries. Therefore, about 1/3 of our county voters who are not affiliated with a major party, may not run for office nor vote in any primary election.
- The major parties endorse candidates regardless their being in nonpartisan races. Your party will still help you decide. Checkout party slate cards mailed to you or left on your porch.
- Nearly 7,000 registered voters signed the citizen's initiative petition from all over Deschutes County in order to place this measure on the ballot.

Learn more: [www.nonpartisan-deschutes.org](http://www.nonpartisan-deschutes.org)

**VOTE YES on M9-148!**

Endorsed by:

Bruce Abernethy, former Mayor of Bend, Jim Cornelius, Carol Elwood,

Diane Hodiak, 350 Deschutes,

Andrew Kaza, Co-Chair, Independent Party of Oregon,

Zenia Kuzma, Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW),

Carol Loesche, League of Women Voters Deschutes County,

Roger Sabbadini, The Vocal Seniority,

Source Weekly Editorial Board

Dennis B. Tower, Bill Trumble, Walter Joe Weick, Indivisible

Sisters, and

ALAN UNGER, FORMER DESCHUTES COUNTY

COMMISSIONER.

*(This information furnished by Susan G. Cobb, Director, Nonpartisan County Commissioners Committee PAC.)*

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## Argument in Favor

Make Deschutes Nonpartisan

The partisan division that is straining our nation these days will not help us solve the complex problems facing Deschutes County. In fact, the partisan primaries and elections that we currently use to choose our county commissioners provide a funnel for toxic national partisanship to trickle into our commissioner races and our county governance.

Partisan commissioner elections:

- disenfranchise voters that aren't registered Democrat or Republican,
- encourage candidacies that appeal more to the party base than to the general electorate, and
- do not represent or serve our very purple community.

There are currently 154,439 registered Deschutes County voters, including:

- 44,554 Republicans (28.8%)
- 47,577 Democrats (30.8%)
- 50,541 Non-Affiliated Voters (32.7%)
- 8,983 Independents (5.8%) and
- 2,784 Other/Minor Party Registrants (1.8%)

There are thousands more Deschutes County voters who choose NOT to affiliate with one of the major parties than who belong to either one.

To represent the people of our community and to effectively tackle difficult issues, our commissioners need to be able to use policy strategies from across the political spectrum. But partisan primaries aren't designed to select moderate, pragmatic centrists. They are designed to select candidates that demonstrate loyalty to a major party. Worse, with the closed, 2-party, partisan, primary system we currently use in Deschutes County, the 62,308 voters who are not registered D or R don't even get to vote for commissioner candidates in May. The largest voting bloc in the county has no say in who will appear as a commissioner candidate on the November general election ballot.

I was elected in 2020 through partisan elections and primaries and I'm grateful to the Democratic voters who nominated me. Yet I am keenly aware that there are community leaders who would make excellent commissioners who have no viable pathway to run because they aren't registered with either major party. Let's make these candidacies possible and give all registered voters a say in Deschutes County commissioner elections.

Commissioner Phil Chang

*(This information furnished by Phil Chang, Deschutes County Commissioner.)*

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# Measure 9-148 Arguments

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## Argument in Opposition

I encourage you to vote No on this measure.

The system we have had in place in Deschutes County for many years has worked well. We have elected many qualified Republicans and Democrats to County office. Let's keep this system in place and keep balance in our county government.

Whether you are a Republican, Democrat, Libertarian, Non-Affiliated, or Independent voter, this proposed change will decrease your choices in County Commission election candidates. Instead of two elections each year -- a primary and a general election -- there will only be one election. The loss of a primary election will lead to much less "vetting" of candidates, much less exposure of policy choices and the strengths and weaknesses of candidates -- and more control by the "party insiders".

As Republicans we favor "competitive primaries" where there can be several contestants for a given position. This can be hard for the candidate, but good for voters. We get variety and choice. Voters get to vote on more options and become more informed.

The Deschutes Democrat Party has gone away from all that in recent years. In the last several years there has been no competition in so-called "non-partisan" races for major governing bodies, between Democrat candidates.

In the 2021 Bend-Lapine School Board election, the Democrat Party had their slate of 4 candidates named and running by January 2021 and excluded others in the race for the election in May. The same was true for the 2021 Bend Metro Parks and Recreation District election. 3 slots, 3 candidates. In the 2020 Bend City Council races, they had their candidates early in the election season and never changed them. Likewise, in 2022, they had no competition in their two County Commission races for the Democrat nominees. Who picked all of those candidates and made your choices for you?

Voters should oppose this change in the election process for the Deschutes County Commission.  
Non-partisan elections don't guarantee "non-partisan" Boards.

*(This information furnished by Phil Henderson, Chair, Deschutes County Republicans.)*

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## Ballot Title

# 9-149

**Prohibits psilocybin-related businesses within City of La Pine.**

**QUESTION:** Shall City of La Pine prohibit psilocybin-related businesses in the city?

**SUMMARY:** Psilocybin is the psychedelic drug found in certain mushrooms. State law allows operation and/or manufacture of certain licensed psilocybin services. State law provides that a city council may adopt an ordinance to be referred to the voters to prohibit (i.e., ban) the establishment and/or operation of psilocybin-related registered or licensed activities. City of La Pine has adopted an ordinance to prohibit psilocybin-related businesses in the city, subject to voter approval. Approval of this measure would prohibit the establishment and/or operation of psilocybin manufacturers and/or service centers within any area subject to the city's jurisdiction. The proposed ordinance is available for public inspection on the city's website and at City Hall.

## Explanatory Statement

Approval of this measure would prohibit (i.e., ban) the establishment and operation of psilocybin related businesses in City of La Pine.

Ballot Measure 109 was passed by Oregon voters in November 2020 directing the Oregon Health Authority ("OHA") to license and regulate the manufacture, transportation, delivery, sale, and purchase of psilocybin products. Psilocybin is the psychedelic drug derived from certain mushrooms.

ORS 475A.235 provides, in pertinent part, that OHA will regulate the manufacture, transportation, delivery, sale, and purchase of psilocybin products and the provision of psilocybin services in the State of Oregon. OHA has initiated the rulemaking process to implement the state's regulatory program. However, because the rulemaking process has not been completed to date, the city is uncertain how the manufacture, delivery, and administration of psilocybin at licensed psilocybin facilities will function or operate.

ORS Chapter 475A.718 provides a city council may adopt an ordinance prohibiting the establishment and operation of psilocybin-related businesses within the city, but the city council must refer the ordinance to the voters at a statewide general election. The city has adopted Ordinance No. 2022-02, the Psilocybin Prohibition Ordinance, prohibiting the establishment and/or operation of psilocybin related businesses within the city's jurisdictional boundaries. Ordinance No. 2022-02 will take effect and become operative 30 days after voter approval (if applicable).

If approved, this measure will prohibit psilocybin-related businesses within the city.

*(This information furnished by Geoff Wullschlager, City of La Pine.)*

# Measure 9-150 Redmond Area Park and Recreation District

## Ballot Title

# 9-150

## BONDS TO CONSTRUCT NEW COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITY TO EXPAND PROGRAMS

**QUESTION:** Shall Redmond Area Park & Recreation District construct recreational facilities, expand programs by issuing not to exceed \$49,000,000 in bonds? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**SUMMARY:** If approved, not to exceed \$49,000,000 in principal amount of general obligation bonds are expected to finance construction of a new recreational facility anticipated to include:

- Pools for swimming lessons, aquatic exercise classes, therapy, recreation and lap swimming.
- Gymnasium for multipurpose programming use
- Indoor Walking track
- Exercise facilities and equipment
- Group fitness room(s)
- Classroom/special events and meeting space for recreation programming, events and meetings
- Administrative and support spaces including locker rooms, lobby and office space
- Other amenities; which may include outdoor sports fields, sport courts, playground and walking paths
- Site improvements, demolition, furnishing and equipment and bond issuance costs.

The District would establish a citizen oversight committee to ensure proceeds are used for purposes indicated.

Bonds would mature in not to exceed 21 years from issuance and may be issued in series. The estimated annual average tax rate is approximately \$0.56 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Actual levy rate may differ due to changes in interest rates and/or assessed value.

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- Group fitness room(s)
- Classroom/special events and meeting space for recreation programming, events and meetings
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- Other amenities; which may include outdoor sports fields, sport courts, playground and walking paths
- Site improvements, demolition, furnishing and equipment and bond issuance costs.

This community recreation center will also include other amenities that are consistent with the recreation and aquatics needs of the community. The Cascade Swim Center would remain in use for competitive swim programs and lap swim at least through the current lease term.

The general obligation bonds would be repaid by an annual property tax. The proposed ballot measure is estimated to cost property owners an annual average of \$0.56 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value each year of the repayment period. The property tax rate is applied to the assessed value of a property, which is often lower than the market value of a property. The median taxable assessed value of a home within the Redmond Area Park and Recreation District boundary is approximately \$225,000 and a home with that assessed value would pay approximately \$126 per year or \$10.50 per month. 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. Actual levy rates may differ due to changes in interest rates and/or assessed value.

The District would establish a citizen oversight committee to ensure proceeds are used for purposes indicated.

*(This information furnished by Katie Hammer, Redmond Area Park and Recreation District.)*

## Explanatory Statement

The Redmond Area Park and Recreation District (RAPRD) Bond Measure, if approved, will provide funds to finance site design and construction of a new Community Recreation Center. This community center is expected to be constructed at SW 35<sup>th</sup> and Lava in Redmond. This land is approximately 10 acres and was purchased by RAPRD in January 2009.

The Redmond Area Park and Recreation District is a special taxing district that serves the greater Redmond community through a variety of recreation programs and facilities. The current aquatic facility, the Cascade Swim Center, is located on property that RAPRD leases from the Redmond School District. The Cascade Swim Center opened in 1979 to serve an approximate population of around 6,500. RAPRD currently serves a population of approximately 45,000.

This measure, if approved would authorize the District to issue up to \$49 million in general obligation bonds to expanded indoor multigenerational recreation space for our community. The center will be approximately 74,000 square feet and is planned to include the following amenities:

- Pools for swimming lessons, aquatic exercise classes, therapy, recreation and lap swimming.
- Gymnasium for multipurpose programming use
- Indoor Walking track

# Measure 9-150 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

Redmond, the time is NOW! RAPRD was formed in 1975 when the community came together for the need of a new pool, which opened in 1979, when the population hovered around 6,500.

Since then, the fiscally responsible and transparent municipality hasn't raised their tax rate, despite adding programming, far beyond aquatics, to a community of nearly 45,000 people.

RAPRD offers activities for all ages. From soccer, swim lessons and tech classes to adult sports and senior fitness and aqua-aerobics classes. Participation numbers have grown steadily since its foundation, but demand has outstripped capacity as Redmond has grown.

The current facilities have not kept pace with the population. The swim center is outdated and crowded with waitlists for swim lessons and teams. On a typical day, there may be ten different activities vying for pool space, none of which are happy with the 84°F water and small locker rooms.

In addition to the pool, the Odem Medo Center, which hosted fitness & enrichment classes, a half gym and weight room, recently closed its doors due to Redmond's master plan. The bygone facility coupled with our aged pool are completely inadequate for the needs of Redmond today, much less our community needs for decades to come.

You should be proud to back the new REC! With both a recreation pool (lazy river, splash pad and shallow water class areas) and a competitive pool, Redmond's population will have an aquatics facility that we deserve. With a giant state-of-the-art multi-use gymnasium, fitness and cooking rooms, walking track, climbing walls, community lounges and weight rooms, Redmond Area citizens will have a place to congregate around healthy lifestyle activities all year around.

The time is now to get your tax dollars behind improving our entire community. Vote YES for the REC!

Matthew Gilman, Chairman, RAPRD Board of Directors  
Greg Hodecker  
Angela Boothroyd  
Linda Anspach, DD Ranch  
Kevin Palmer  
Bright Wood Corporation

*(This information furnished by Matthew Gilman, Redmond Recreation PAC.)*

## Argument in Favor

I am a firm believer and an advocate for preparing our youth for the future. In order for us to begin this process, we must invest in a Recreation Center in Redmond. The youth and the citizens of Redmond deserve a safe place where they can socialize and interact with each other. Recreation Centers have a positive impact on our communities and it's a place where kids and adults of all ages can go to participate in organized activities.

A quality Recreation Center would be an asset to our community. They provide opportunity for education and they create an active and healthy community. They also help to build future leaders in our community. We spend millions of dollars on infrastructure and new equipment for the city which is a necessary investment and now we need to focus on investing in our youth. The Recreation Center will be a multi-generational facility and accommodate everyone. It is Easier to Build Strong children, then to repair Broken Humans. Please vote to make the new Recreation Center a reality and move Redmond into the 21st Century with youth that will be prepared to face the challenges of tomorrow. The need for a Recreation Center is long overdue.

Clifford B. Evelyn, Redmond City Councilor  
Jay Patrick President City Council  
Cat Zwicker, Councilor  
Ed Fitch, Councilor  
J. Stout, Physio LLC  
Kent RookStool, Central Oregon Chiropractor

*(This information furnished by Matthew Gilman, Redmond Recreation PAC.)*

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# Measure 9-151 Redmond Area Park and Recreation District

## Ballot Title

# 9-151

## FIVE-YEAR OPERATING LEVY FOR PARK AND RECREATION SERVICES

**QUESTION:** Shall Redmond Area PRD issue a local option levy for park and recreation services for five years beginning in 2023-2024? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**SUMMARY:** The measure, if approved, would authorize the Redmond Area Park and Recreation District to levy taxes to support the annual operating costs for existing services, support the operation of the District facilities, and to expand programs for the citizens of the District. The measure would provide for a local option operating levy at a rate not to exceed \$0.24 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value within the District for five years, beginning July 1, 2023. The proposed rate will raise approximately \$1,179,375 in 2023-24; \$1,214,756 in 2024-25; \$1,251,199 in 2025-26; \$1,288,735 in 2026-27; and \$1,327,387 in 2027-28 for a total of \$6,261,463.

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.

If approved by the voters, the local option levy would be at a rate of \$0.24 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value, beginning July 1, 2023 and lasting for five years. The median taxable assessed value of a home within the District boundaries is approximately \$225,000 and a home with that assessed value would pay approximately \$56.00 a year or \$4.50 per month. 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. Actual levy rate may differ due to changes in interest rates and/or assessed value. This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

*(This information furnished by Katie Hammer, Executive Director, Redmond Area Park and Recreation District.)*

## Explanatory Statement

Redmond Area Park and Recreation District (RAPRD) was established on July 8, 1975, for the purpose of providing park and recreation facilities and activities for the residents residing within the greater Redmond, Oregon community. Currently, the District's facilities include the Cascade Swim Center, Pleasant Ridge Community Hall, the High Desert Sports Complex, Borden Beck Wildlife Preserve, and undeveloped park property in Lake Park Estates, Majestic Ridge in Redmond and at Tetherow Crossing.

The District offers a variety of recreation programs including youth and adult sports leagues, STEM programs, cooking classes, art classes, music lessons, sports camps and swim lessons, among other programs and services.

In addition to this local option levy, the District has a general obligation bond measure on the November 2022 ballot for the purpose of financing the construction and related improvements of a new 74,000 square foot community recreation center which would accommodate a wide variety of multi-generational recreational, fitness, therapeutic, and enrichment activities. The tax revenue from this measure would be used to support the operation of this new facility including the operation of aquatic, wellness, and recreation programs.

The District presently has a permanent tax rate of \$0.3717 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value and this additional levy would supplement the permanent rate to support the operation of the recreation and fitness programs and services for the greater Redmond area.

# Measure 9-151 Arguments

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## Argument in Favor

Vote YES to future Redmond Area Park Recreation District (RAPRD) services!

This 5-year levy will provide the support RAPRD needs to operate the proposed recreation center (measure 9-150) and expand recreation programs offered by RAPRD at this new facility. The new recreation facility will provide an opportunity for existing programs to grow and new programs to develop. Programs include all age fitness classes, aquatics programming, art & cooking classes, youth and adult sport programs including volleyball, basketball, pickleball, badminton, and many more.

As Redmond votes in favor of a new Recreation Center (estimated to be completed in 2025), funds will be required to run the facility. These funds will go toward expanded programming, new staffing hires and general maintenance and upkeep of the building. Your YES vote on the levy (Measure 9-151) will help create new jobs and ensure that Redmond Area citizens will have top notch recreational opportunities for years to come.

This levy is needed as the foundation for the future Redmond Recreational Center. RAPRD has a history of transparency and austerity when it comes to how your tax dollars are spent. Taxpayers should feel confident that these funds will go ONLY to the expansion of opportunities for ALL of our residents. The levy will ensure that safe, affordable, and fun spaces for people of all ages will continue to exist and operate. Let's come together as a community to support a happier, healthier future!

J. Stout, Physio LLC  
Linda Anspach, DD Ranch  
Clifford B Evelyn  
Matthew Gilman, Chairman, RAPRD Board of Directors

*(This information furnished by Matthew Gilman, Redmond Recreation PAC.)*

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# Measure 9-152 Deschutes County

## Ballot Title

# 9-152

**Concerning psilocybin manufacturing and service centers in unincorporated Deschutes County.**

**QUESTION:** Shall Psilocybin Product Manufacturing and Service Centers be prohibited in Deschutes County's unincorporated areas (outside of city limits)?

**SUMMARY:** In November 2020, Ballot Measure 109 was passed by the electors of Oregon. Ballot Measure 109 was approved by 52.8% of the electors in Deschutes County. The Measure created a statewide program to allow licensed providers to administer psilocybin-producing mushroom and fungi products to individuals 21 years of age or older.

Measure 109 (codified as ORS 475A.718) allows the governing body of Deschutes County to adopt an ordinance to be referred to the electors to determine whether the statewide program will be allowed to operate within the unincorporated areas (outside of city limits) of Deschutes County.

A "yes" vote will prohibit the establishment and operation of Psilocybin Product Manufacturing and Psilocybin Service Centers within the unincorporated areas (outside of city limits) of Deschutes County.

A "no" vote will allow establishment and operation of Psilocybin Product Manufacturing and Psilocybin Service Centers within the unincorporated areas (outside of city limits) of Deschutes County.

## Explanatory Statement

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*(This information furnished by Patti Adair, Board Chair, Deschutes County.)*

# Measure 9-152 Arguments

## Argument in Opposition

### Vote NO to prohibiting psilocybin services

Deschutes County residents and business owners are ready for psilocybin services. This measure to prohibit access is a wasteful and needless diversion. Support your neighbors and vote NO to send the message:

### Respect the will of the voters

In 2020, the majority of Deschutes County residents voted in favor of providing access to the clinically proven mental health benefits of psilocybin services. Rather than support their constituents, county commissioners are actively attempting to restrict and limit access in direct opposition to now near unanimous public support. This prohibition measure is a waste of taxpayer time and money. Keep our elected leaders on track and vote NO.

### Deschutes County residents deserve MORE access to mental health services, not LESS.

Psilocybin assisted therapy has been designated a “break-through” treatment and will provide mental health professional in Deschutes County another tool in combatting PTSD, depression, and addiction. Access to this treatment should be approachable and local for all residents seeking it.

### We are prepared for the psilocybin industry

OHA has spent two years collaborating with mental health experts and industry leaders to develop robust regulations ensuring psilocybin services are safe, reliable, and effective. Multiple tiers of license requirements will ensure only the most qualified professionals will be able to build and maintain psilocybin businesses in the county.

### Psilocybin is not cannabis

Growing and manufacturing psilocybin uses a fraction of the resources required by cannabis and must occur entirely and securely indoors. The land use impacts of a psilocybin manufacturing and service center will be less than a single-family home. Psilocybin products will not be available for retail sale, cannot leave the service center, and the entire session requires the presence of a licensed facilitator. Legal psilocybin is for therapy, not recreation.

*(This information furnished by Ryan Banks Reid, The Stoop Foundation.)*

## Argument in Opposition

### Local Mental & Behavioral Health Providers OPPOSE Measure 9-152. Here's why:

- Our county, state and nation are currently facing an **unprecedented mental health crisis**.
- Research from respected institutions like Johns Hopkins University has shown that psilocybin is an **effective therapeutic agent in treating depression, anxiety, addiction and other mental health disorders**. It is also being studied in PTSD, migraines, anorexia and Alzheimer's disease.
- The evidence is so strong that the **Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has designated psilocybin a Breakthrough Therapy**.
- Many people do not respond to the medications that are currently available, leaving them with chronic conditions that continue to perpetuate suffering. **Mental health professionals badly need more tools to help address this**.
- When administered in a facilitated session with the safeguards written into the Oregon law, **psilocybin is a safe, effective, and non-addictive option for our patients**.

**Measure 9-152 would limit access to this therapy** by preventing service centers from operating in many parts of the county. **Our community needs greater access to a broader range of mental health therapies, not less.**

Please protect access to mental health treatment options in our community by voting NO on Measure 9-152.

Sincerely,

Kyle Ahlf, Psychologist  
Tara Renee Breitenbucher, MA, LPC  
Sean Dodge, PsyD  
Ray Gertler, Ph.D. Licensed Psychologist  
David Goldstein, Ed.D. Licensed Psychologist  
Vicki Kalira, M.D., Addiction Psychiatrist  
Susan Kolb, LPC  
Claire LaPoma, MS, Licensed Professional Counselor  
Kristen Poppert, LPC  
Ryan F. Reese, PhD, Licensed Professional Counselor  
Kelly Scheuerman, MCOUN, Professional Counselor Associate  
Jessica Sinacori, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist  
Amelia Smith, PsyD.  
Brynn Zagunis, LPC

*(This information furnished by Piper Lucas.)*

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# Measure 9-152 Arguments

## Argument in Opposition

### Support the Troops, Vote **NO** on 9-152!

We, the undersigned US combat veterans, urge the voters of Deschutes County to Vote **NO** on 9-152. Passage of this initiative would **ban** the therapeutic use of psilocybin which **holds promise for addressing PTSD, addiction, depression, and other conditions related to trauma from military service**. Thousands of our nation's young men and women have experienced mental, and emotional injury in the defense of freedom. Our veterans deserve psilocybin therapy in natural settings **Right here, at home in Deschutes County**.

"After 18 years as a Navy SEAL and numerous combat deployments, I felt totally disconnected and was battling with PTSD, depression, and dependence on drugs and alcohol. Psilocybin taken in a safe setting, with caring support, and the intention of healing, provided me immediate relief from suffering and enabled me to start living a full life again. I have since witnessed hundreds of other veterans, their spouses, and gold star family members experience the same transformational healing after taking psilocybin."

Chad Kuske, US Navy SEAL (Ret.)

"I was an interrogator in the US Army. After my military service I was diagnosed with PTSD and struggled for years. I was prescribed a grocery bag of pharmaceuticals, but psilocybin was what actually helped me heal. My wife felt she finally had her husband back.

Today I am working to become a Licensed Professional Counselor and hope to work with other vets using the same medicine that helped me."

Richard Drew Snyder, MS, NCC, Professional Counselor Associate, US Army Veteran

"I was medically retired from the SEAL Teams for PTSD and TBI. I tried everything doctors had to offer, but nothing worked. Psilocybin brought me out of active addiction and allowed me to have my life back! This medicine works. Give people the hope they need to live!

I hope to make a new career of offering these services right here at home."

Christopher Maddox, US Navy SEAL (Ret.)

*(This information furnished by Melissa Sanchez, Juniper Institute.)*

## Argument in Opposition

### PSILOCYBIN TREATMENTS WILL HAVE MINIMAL IMPACT ON THE RURAL COMMUNITY – VOTE NO ON 9-152!

We are rural Deschutes County landowners who **oppose Measure 9-152**.

We believe that a significant amount of misinformation is being spread about psilocybin services with the intent of creating unfounded concerns among our rural neighbors.

**PSILOCYBIN IS NOT CANNABIS**. There is no odor. There are no fields or greenhouses. It is grown entirely indoors and in small amounts.

**TREATMENT CENTERS WILL BE SECURE FACILITIES WITH LICENSED OPERATORS**. Psilocybin Services, which is overseen by the Oregon Health Authority, is a heavily regulated program with many safeguards in place for the clients and our community.

Treatment sessions may only take place in licensed centers and by licensed facilitators. Those undergoing therapy will be monitored and supervised at all times. Due to the strict regulations in place, we are not concerned about psilocybin manufacturers or services centers being created in the county, and we believe that there will be no adverse impact upon us as rural landowners.

**WE SUPPORT OUR VETERANS**. Psilocybin has shown great promise for addressing PTSD, addiction, depression, anxiety, and other conditions related to trauma from active military service. Many veterans currently travel overseas for psilocybin therapy. Our brave, selfless veterans deserve access to psilocybin therapy right now, right here in Deschutes County.

**Given the severity of the mental health crisis in this state and in our community, we cannot ban access to important therapies for our community members who continue to suffer.**

Please help those in our community by not prohibiting access to available and effective treatment options. **Vote NO on Measure 9-152**.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Erhardt  
Vince Erhardt  
Alison Hohengarten  
Sarah Lee Lawrence  
Piper Lucas

*(This information furnished by Piper Lucas.)*

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# Measure 9-152 Arguments

## Argument in Opposition

### Psilocybin Mushroom Cultivation Will NOT Negatively Impact Deschutes County, Vote **NO** on Measure 9-152

I began my career in mushroom cultivation learning from a well-known Mycologist by the name of Paul Stamets. I have built 8 mushroom laboratories and managed large scale gourmet and medicinal mushroom farms in Oregon and California. 10 years ago I founded Myriad Mycology, which provides mushroom-based nutritional supplements and consultative services.

I was raised in Oregon and have been deeply upset by the absurdity of the illegal marijuana operations in the rural areas, including Deschutes County. They are eyesores, and they treat the land terribly. **It is tempting to compare psilocybin mushroom cultivation to cannabis, but the comparison is apples to oranges.** Cultivation facilities will be extremely sparse. There will be production limits set by OHA per facility that directly correlate with the number of service centers and potential participants in the area. The more facilities there are, the less profitable any one facility will be.

In a county of approximately 200,000 people like Deschutes, we can expect to service up to 6,000 participants a year. This would require around 40 pounds of dried mushrooms which could be grown in a facility utilizing **less resources than one single family home. One 3-month production cycle and a few hundred gallons of water would be sufficient to produce all the mushrooms required to service Deschutes county for the entire year.**

A mushroom cultivation facility is a highly regulated **indoor** facility. Per the state rules there will also be no outdoor mushroom cultivation. A licensed facility will be generally unrecognizable from the outside. There will be no light pollution, no sound pollution, no need for a large staff, and no excessive consumption of natural resources.

I hope this serves to clarify the minimal impact that psilocybin mushroom cultivation will have on Deschutes County.

Cameron Meeks - Founder - Myriad Mycology

*(This information furnished by Melissa Sanchez, Juniper Institute.)*

## Argument in Opposition

### VOTE NO on 9152

Our nation finds itself in a mental health crisis that can no longer be ignored. Millions suffer everyday from anxiety, depression, PTSD and a myriad of other mental health concerns. Dozens of research studies have shown psilocybin to be a safe and effective therapy for multiple mental and behavioral health disorders. Access to psilocybin services is an important and necessary step in the right direction towards improving our community's health and wellbeing. Allowing access to psilocybin services will help save the lives of thousands.

Psilocybin :

- Is **safe and non addictive** when administered during a facilitated session, as required by Oregon law.
- Is a natural medicine directly from mushrooms **without the harmful side effects** often caused by pharmaceutical drugs
- Is a **promising tool** for people struggling with mental health concerns such as anxiety, depression, PTSD, and addiction
- Often requires **only ONE session to provide significant and sustainable relief** from suffering, unlike some pharmaceuticals which must be taken daily for months or years.
- **Psilocybin will NOT** be available for purchase like cannabis - it will only be allowed under the careful supervision of qualified state licensed facilitators within the boundaries of state licensed service centers.

Deschutes County voters have the opportunity to embrace a safe and natural alternative therapy for an increasing number of mental health disorders. Let go of the outdated and unfounded narrative about this natural substance and embrace the fact that psilocybin services will make a positive impact on the lives of thousands.

**For the health and well-being of our community, please VOTE NO on 9-152.**

**For more information visit [VOTENO9152.org](http://VOTENO9152.org)**

*(This information furnished by Melissa Sanchez, Juniper Institute.)*

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# Measure 9-152 Arguments

## Argument in Opposition

### Protect Access to Mental Health Treatment Options – Vote NO on Measure 9-152

We are a group of professionals who provide care to people in our community who are dying.

**For many people, living with a terminal diagnosis can be a source of significant distress.**—Healthcare providers have multiple ways to treat physical pain. Occasionally though, there are discomforts that medications and other interventions do not adequately address. Emotional, social, spiritual or existential distress causes suffering and is challenging for everyone involved.

**For some, psilocybin can help.** Research from Johns Hopkins University suggests that one facilitated psilocybin session can provide significant and sustained relief from suffering.

**Psilocybin can be used safely with the appropriate set, setting, structure and support.** Under the Oregon law, there will be a thorough screening process to determine the best candidates for safe psilocybin administration. Psilocybin will only be administered in a licensed Psilocybin Service Center by a licensed Oregon Psilocybin Facilitator. It is different from how cannabis is sold and used. Psilocybin will not be sold through dispensaries and can only be administered in a Service Center after screening and preparation processes.

**People in rural Deschutes County deserve equal access to safe psilocybin use.** Psilocybin has the potential to offer increased peace, openness, and acceptance in the context of a life limiting illness. Facilitated Psilocybin Services for people with a terminal diagnosis should be an option for ALL Deschutes County residents.

Please join us in protecting mental health services for ALL members of our community. **Vote NO on Measure 9-152.**

Sincerely,

Steph Barss, Hospice & Palliative Care Nurse  
Erin Collins, MN RN CHPN  
Elizabeth Johnson, End-of-Life Doula  
Angelique Loscar, End-of-Life Doula

*(This information furnished by Angelique Loscar.)*

## Argument in Opposition

My name is Kevin Shaw, LCSW, CADC III and Co-Owner of Brightways Counseling Group. I have 15 years of clinical experience in the mental health field and co-own one of the largest providers of mental health services in Central Oregon. I am opposed to limiting access to healthcare and treatment which is why I oppose measure 9-152.

I attended an intensive training on Psilocybin assisted therapy in Costa Rica with 27 other trained clinicians. The training was facilitated by a licensed therapist who has many years of training and experience utilizing psilocybin to assist therapy. I brought my experience to the training as a trauma specialist utilizing a leading treatment for PTSD called EMDR. Equipped with years of experience treating trauma, I observed processing capabilities that were significantly more efficient and effective than the tools I have had access to in the past.

Confirming my training, recent clinical studies have shown that therapy with the assistance of psilocybin has had the most statistically significant results out of any medicated assisted therapy to date. The use of psilocybin alongside therapy was already passed last year by Oregon voters, measure 9-152 is to oppose what the voters already approved and seeks to restrict the use of this treatment within Deschutes County. The State of Oregon's protocols and requirements for training will ensure that it is utilized by practitioners with appropriate training and will not be available on the open market for recreational use. Psilocybin isn't addictive and is virtually impossible to overdose on. It is odorless and grows indoors without the need for technology. The negative stigma surrounding past unregulated use in the 1960s is why people are opposing it. Now it is 2022 and we have a plan to responsibly use it for medicinal therapy purposes with great effectiveness. Please help those in our community who badly need mental health support by not restricting access to Psilocybin assisted therapy. Vote NO on Measure 9- 152.

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# Measure 9-153

City of Redmond

## Ballot Title

# 9-153

**Declaring a prohibition on the manufacture of psilocybin products.**

**QUESTION:** Shall the City of Redmond prohibit the manufacture of psilocybin products within the City of Redmond?

**SUMMARY:** State law allows the manufacture of psilocybin and psilocin. State law provides that a city council may adopt an ordinance to be referred to the voters to prohibit the establishment of this registered or licensed activity.

Approval of this measure would prohibit the establishment of psilocybin manufacture within the area subject to the jurisdiction of the City of Redmond.

## Explanatory Statement

Approval of this measure would prohibit the establishment of psilocybin product manufacturers within the City of Redmond.

A city council may adopt an ordinance prohibiting the establishment of psilocybin related businesses within the city, but the council must refer the ordinance to the voters at a statewide general election. The City of Redmond City Council has adopted an ordinance prohibiting the establishment of psilocybin product manufacturers within the City of Redmond and, as a result, has referred this measure to the voters.

If approved, this measure would permanently prohibit the establishment of psilocybin product manufacturers within the City of Redmond.

If this measure is not approved, the Oregon Health Authority intends to begin accepting applications for the establishment of psilocybin product manufacturers on January 2, 2023.

*(This information furnished by Keith Leitz, City of Redmond.)*

# Measure 9-154

City of Redmond

## Ballot Title

# 9-154

**Declaring a two-year moratorium on psilocybin service centers.**

**QUESTION:** Shall the City of Redmond enact a two-year moratorium on psilocybin service centers within the City of Redmond?

**SUMMARY:** State law allows the distribution and possession of psilocybin and psilocin. State law provides that a city council may adopt an ordinance to be referred to the voters for a moratorium on the establishment of this registered or licensed activity.

Approval of this measure would prohibit the establishment of psilocybin service centers within the area subject to the jurisdiction of the City of Redmond for two years. The prohibition would automatically sunset effective December 31, 2024.

## Explanatory Statement

Approval of this measure would prohibit the establishment of psilocybin service centers within the City of Redmond for two years.

A city council may adopt an ordinance prohibiting the establishment of psilocybin related businesses within the city, but the council must refer the ordinance to the voters at a statewide general election. The City of Redmond City Council has adopted an ordinance prohibiting the establishment of psilocybin service centers within the City of Redmond for two years and, as a result, has referred this measure to the voters.

If approved, this measure would prohibit the establishment of psilocybin service centers within the City of Redmond until December 31, 2024.

If this measure is not approved, the Oregon Health Authority intends to begin accepting applications for the establishment of psilocybin service centers on January 2, 2023.

*(This information furnished by Keith Leitz, City of Redmond.)*



# Measure 9-155 Administrative School District No. 1

## Ballot Title

# 9-155

### Bonds for Safety Improvements, School Renovations and Preservation of Facilities

**QUESTION:** Shall Bend-La Pine Schools improve safety and renovate schools and classrooms by issuing \$249.7 million in general obligation bonds? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**SUMMARY:** Thanks to retirement of existing bonds, approval of this bond measure is expected to maintain the current tax rate, rather than increase it. Approval will help sustain jobs in our communities and support safe, healthy teaching and learning environments by:

- Protecting community investments in schools through repairs, maintenance and preservation of existing buildings district-wide including the replacement of aging roofs, inefficient, heating and ventilation systems and making energy saving improvements.
- Making district-wide safety upgrades including classroom locking systems and fire life safety systems.
- Modernizing aging classrooms including replacing the oldest and most inefficient buildings at Bend Senior High School. Adding instructional spaces and equipping and furnishing schools and other district facilities.
- Financing other capital costs for the district and paying bond issuance costs.

If bonds are approved, the State will provide an \$8 million matching grant. Bonds may be issued in series; each maturing within 25 years from issuance.

**Protection of the community's investment** in school buildings by making repairs and improvements district-wide including the replacement of aging roofs;

Classroom additions and **modernization** projects; and

**Money saving energy improvements** to boilers, HVAC and lighting systems.

#### **Economic Engine** .....

Passage of a \$249.7 million bond measure will sustain jobs in our community each year; and

Bend-La Pine Schools will hire local contractors to do the construction work to the greatest degree possible in order to sustain employment opportunities for Central Oregonians.

#### **No Increase to Current Tax Rate**.....

With approval of this bond and continued retirement of existing bonds, we anticipate the District's overall general obligation bond tax rate will not increase. New residents moving into the community will assist in the repayment of the bonds.

*(This information furnished by Steve Cook, Superintendent, Bend-La Pine Schools.)*

## Explanatory Statement

**Every school benefits. No increase to current tax rate expected. Sustains jobs in our community.**

Request for community support to issue \$249.7 million in general obligation bonds to improve safety and modernize aging schools and classrooms in Bend-La Pine Schools.

#### **Why** .....

Nearly half of the district's buildings were built prior to 1980. Some were built more than 90 years ago - the oldest was built in 1918. Though these buildings have been well maintained, many are in need of major repair and maintenance to extend their life and usefulness. In addition to maintenance and modernization, many any of these buildings will benefit from safety and security improvements to help keep students and staff safe.

#### **What** .....

**Safety and security** improvements district-wide such as upgrading interior classroom door handles and door locks;

Delivery of **safety improvements** at Juniper Elementary School that include moving the main offices to a location that improves visibility and visitor management;

Replacement of Bend Senior High School's inefficient 70-year-old classrooms on the current school property to improve **safety, security, and instruction**;

Delivery of nearly a dozen **maintenance and safety projects** at La Pine area schools;

# Measure 9-155 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

### **Bend-La Pine Schools is an Economic Engine - Vote Yes**

As local business owners, we believe our community has much to be proud of when it comes to our school system.

We commend the district for continuing to increase the number of Advanced Placement, college credit and Career and Technical Education offerings for students. Thanks to those efforts, Bend-La Pine Schools is helping graduates fill critical roles in local businesses, giving our graduates the skills necessary to intern while still in school and to find future employment in their hometown after graduation.

Join us in voting YES for this construction bond - it's good for our kids, good for our economy and good for our business community.

This measure will:

**Support safety, security and maintenance** projects throughout the district;

**Sustain hundreds of jobs** through public construction work; Be matched by an **\$8 million grant** from the state; and

**Not raise the current tax rate.**

We endorse Bend-La Pine Schools' construction bond measure.

The time is right for our community to vote YES to support our schools and continue the positive trajectory of Bend-La Pine Schools and the positive impact our schools have on the prosperity of our community.

Scott Besaw, Stellar Realty Northwest, Owner

Leah M. Cassidy, Lulu's Boutique

Lillian Chu, 5 Fusion, owner

Dr. Rod Ketner, Serán Bioscience, VP

Tasha McFarland, Hoodoo Ski Area

Sara F. McQuillin, Lulu's Boutique

Shane Steffen, SVP of Finance, G5

*(This information furnished by Maddie Viens, Treasurer, Central Oregonians for Responsible Education.)*

## Argument in Favor

We are proud members of the Long Blue Line, which is the name we call the alumni who have graced the halls of our alma mater, Bend Senior High School, for nearly 100 years.

Bend Senior High School alumni are proud members of our community: business owners, medical professionals, front line workers and more. We continue to give back in ways that make Central Oregon an incredible place to live, work and learn.

The hallowed halls of Bend Senior High School are older than most of us and it shows. Today's Lava Bears are walking through the same hallways and going to class in the same rooms we did, and those before us, as long as 70 years ago.

**Classrooms, hallways, and bathrooms are worn out, too small, and simply no longer function in ways that support today's students' learning needs.**

The district's multi-year Master Planning work with teachers, staff, students and architects means that once approved, this project is well planned and set to go. Those voices were heard and only the oldest buildings will be replaced and the community's beloved auditorium will stay in place.

It is time to stop pumping dollars into the dilapidated classrooms by putting band-aids on the building's scars.

**Join us in voting YES to protect this incredible academic and community asset.**

Being Lava Bears means so much to us. Bend Senior High stands for community, pride and togetherness - it's a school where students feel they belong.

Mikaela Bird, Class of 2011

Liam Brown, Class of 2010

Quinn Clair, Class of 2006

Matt Craven, Class of 1993

Kelly Devries, Class of 2007

Bradley Lewis Edmunds, Class of 1992

Lindy Gilbert, Class of 2012

Mackenzie Groshong, Class of 2004

Jessica Lorentz Smith, Class of 1999

Molly Markland, Class of 2006

Patrick McLain, Class of 2008

Matthew Pierce, Class of 1998

Patrick Welch, Class of 1977

Steven Wetherald, Class of 1988

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# Measure 9-155 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

For many years, the volunteers and leadership for the Education Foundation for Bend-La Pine Schools have had the privilege of supporting our schools, teachers and students. We are honored to assist our hard-working educators through classroom grants to fund innovative projects and helping remove barriers to allow thousands of students to participate in athletics and activities.

Through these efforts, we have seen first hand how our public schools are making a positive impact on the lives of students.

At the Education Foundation, we are able to play one role to give educators and students the resources they need to thrive. There are many ways people in our community can help contribute to our schools, from parents volunteering in classrooms to business owners offering apprenticeships. Right now, community members have a meaningful way to help our schools for decades to come, by voting YES to support our schools through this construction bond. This construction bond will support safety and security in our schools and modernize instructional spaces.

Thank you for joining us in voting YES.

Odette Adair, President Education Foundation for Bend-La Pine Schools

Michelle Johnson, Past-President, Education Foundation for Bend-La Pine Schools

Janice Cabahug, Executive Director Education Foundation for Bend-La Pine Schools

*(This information furnished by Maddie Viens, Treasurer, Central Oregonians for Responsible Education.)*

## Argument in Favor

As long-time residents of Central Oregon, we strongly support the Bend-La Pine Schools construction bond as we believe it will provide a valuable investment in our schools and in the future of our community.

Our schools appreciate support from our community as they focus on continuously improving learning environments for all students. One critical component of this focus is investment in facilities to safely maintain and preserve the school buildings in which our children learn each day.

Nearly half of the district's school buildings were built before 1980. Some were built more than 70-years ago – the oldest was built in 1918. While these facilities have been well-cared-for over the years, it is necessary to modernize aging facilities to keep pace with community demands.

Student safety should be a priority for our community. That's why this bond includes upgrading classroom door locking systems, adding camera infrastructure, upgrading fire life safety systems and projects to improve visitor visibility.

Now is the right time to come together in support of all students. We can upgrade existing classrooms, protect our current buildings with thoughtful maintenance, deliver important safety projects, and create energy efficiencies that will save tens of thousands of dollars.

All of the projects included in this bond were vetted by a committee of staff and community members -- the projects included are those that were deemed critical to be completed in the next five years.

Thanks to good financial planning and stewardship by Bend-La Pine Schools leadership, old bonds are retiring and will be replaced with these new bonds to help pay for the construction of new schools and much needed classroom additions, maintenance, and safety enhancements in Bend, La Pine and Sunriver. This means no increase in the current tax rate.

Please join us and thousands of Central Oregon school supporters in voting YES for Bend-La Pine Schools.

Michele and Steve Emery

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# Measure 9-155 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

### CENTRAL OREGON VETERANS URGE YOU TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS

We are writing in support of Bend-La Pine Schools' bond measure and believe it will be a sound investment for our community now and into the future.

We believe this bond will help keep our schools safe and also helps protect the investment our community has made in schools over the years.

Over the years, veterans have been invited to Bend High and schools across the district many times to participate in the school's annual Veterans Day celebration. This school welcomed us and made sure to honor the sacrifices made by veterans throughout the years. The school has given honorary diplomas to veterans and there is a building named after Medal of Honor recipient Bob Maxwell on campus.

As Bend's oldest high school, many of those who have served our country have gone through the school - and walked these halls, which are now more than 70 years old.

We thank the schools for all of their support over the years. Now we are ready to turn out and show them our support, by voting YES on this bond.

JW Terry, Central Oregon Band of Brothers

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## Argument in Favor

Together, we represent more than 2,000 staff members in Bend-La Pine Schools. Our staff members love their jobs, which include teaching kindergartners to read, driving school buses, serving meals, answering phones, supporting students' mental health needs, keeping buildings clean, helping students make plans for their future and so much more.

While our roles, schedules, aspirations and challenges vary, there's one place where we all come together - supporting our students. That's why our certified and classified employee groups are supporting the passage of Bend-La Pine Schools 2022 construction bond.

This bond includes safety and security projects which will improve learning and working conditions for students and staff and funding to modernize aging instructional spaces to help provide all students the learning environments they deserve. These critical improvements will help ensure our schools can continue to provide great educational opportunities for students for decades to come, without increasing the current tax rate.

We hope you will join us in voting YES for our schools!

Sarah Barclay, Bend Education Association President  
Debbie Christian, OSEA #6 President

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# Measure 9-155 Arguments

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## Argument in Favor

### Past and Present School Board Members Are Voting Yes for Schools

Let's just get this out of the way: We don't always agree on everything. We come from different backgrounds, with different political beliefs.

There is one thing we all agree on - we all support Bend-La Pine Schools' bond measure. We encourage our community to vote YES in support of this bond measure to help keep our schools safe, secure and ready for students to learn. We take seriously the task of managing school district resources.

Salaries for staff, school supplies and related expenses are paid for out of the Operating Budget, approved by state lawmakers. The state allocation does not fund major maintenance projects (such as replacing leaky roofs) or new classroom additions. When those construction items are needed, we turn to voters to approve bond measures to fund these projects.

Here are just a few reasons we support this bond:

- This bond includes key safety and security updates and now is the time to make sure those happen across our district.
- It's past time to modernize Bend Senior High School, replace outdated buildings, and bring critical energy efficiency and instructional updates to the 70-year-old facility.
- Thanks to careful planning, including refinancing of existing bonds to save millions of dollars, these projects can be funded without increasing the current tax rate.
- Construction bonds sustain well-paying jobs in our community.

This measure is about the future of our community. We believe strong schools are an economic driver and make Central Oregon such a great place to live and raise a family.

Join us in voting YES in support of our schools.

Melissa Barnes Dholakia, Board Member - Current  
Julie Craig, Board Member - Former  
Carrie Douglass, Board Member - Current  
Peggy Kinkade, Board Member - Former  
Marcus LeGrand, Board Member - Current  
Shimiko Montgomery, Board Member - Current  
Shirley A. Olson, Board Member - Current  
Ron Paradis, Board Member - Former  
Dr. Carolyn Platt, Board Member - Former  
Amy Tatom, Board Member - Current

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## Deschutes County Commissioner, Position 1



**Tony  
DeBone**

**Occupation:** Deschutes County Commissioner

**Occupational Background:** Small Business Owner, Little d Technology; Software Engineer; Computational Biologist

**Educational Background:** Northern Michigan University, B.S

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Deschutes County Commissioner; La Pine Park and Recreation District

**Past Community Service:** NeighborImpact; Heart of Oregon Corps; Lions Club; Deschutes Historical Society

**Common Sense Leadership for All of Deschutes County**  
Navigating COVID, political unrest, high energy costs, and uncertain financial times has been difficult for all of us over the last few years. However, Deschutes County is in a very strong position to meet challenges now and in the future because of the culture of planning and providing cost-effective services.

### **Deschutes County Successes:**

- Creation of a 24-hr stabilization center; for those suffering from mental illness or addiction. Offering treatment instead of jail time
- Nearly \$8,000,000 spent on Affordable Housing
- Protected Taxpayers
- Increased coordination and preparation for wildfires

### **As Commissioner, I will Continue To:**

- Fully Fund Public Safety
- Hold the line on increased costs for families and businesses
- Support All Housing Options
- Collaborate with partners on metric-based homeless solutions
- Maintain Our Central Oregon Quality of Life

*I would be honored to earn your vote.*

-Tony

### **Keep Deschutes Working Well for All of Us**

"Tony DeBone has kept Deschutes County rolling. I am unaware of any other county in Oregon that has paid off its debt, cut property taxes, and fully funded public safety."

-Bev Clarno, Former Secretary of State and Deschutes County Commissioner

### **Understanding Our Housing Needs**

"Tony is approachable and thoughtful in his deliberations. He understands housing and the complex land use laws of the state of Oregon. He is a tireless advocate for our housing needs."

- Lawnae Hunter, Real Estate Consultant

### **Honor and Support our Veterans**

"We can always count on Tony to have our Veterans' Backs."

-Dick Tobiason, LTC US Army Retired

### **Supported By:**

Oregon Family Farm Association  
Crime Victims United  
Taxpayers Association of Oregon  
Deschutes County Farm Bureau  
#TimberUnity PAC

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## Deschutes County Commissioner, Position 1



**Oliver  
Tatom**

**Occupation:** Clinic Manager

**Occupational Background:** Registered Nurse; Paramedic

**Educational Background:** COCC, AAS, Nursing; University of Southern California, BA; Bend High

**Prior Governmental Experience:** COCC Board of Directors; Deschutes Rural Fire District #2 Board of Directors; Deschutes County Project Wildfire Steering Committee

I grew up in rural Deschutes County. My wife, Amy, and I chose to raise our family here because we love this place. I share your concerns about skyrocketing home prices, declining wildlife and water levels, and political extremism. We need action-oriented leadership committed to protecting this land and the people who live here.

### **As your County Commissioner I will:**

**ADDRESS OUR HOUSING CRISIS.** The high cost of housing hurts everyone, driving people out of their homes and communities and depriving businesses of good workers. We can't stop growth, but we must grow responsibly. Through collaboration and the smart use of county land and zoning, I'll see to it we build the housing we need.

**PRESERVE OUR QUALITY OF LIFE.** Clear air, clean water, and open space are critical to all who call Central Oregon home. I'll work to balance community growth and the health of our rivers, forests, and farms, protecting these precious resources for future generations.

**PROTECT OUR HEALTH AND SAFETY.** As a nurse and paramedic, I've seen the critical role the County plays in our well-being. I commit to:

- Effectively addressing homelessness
- Reducing wildfire risk
- Ensuring access to reproductive healthcare
- Supporting our first responders

*"Working on ambulances and managing health clinics. Living through the Skeleton fire and serving on his Fire District board. These experiences make Oliver uniquely qualified to protect our health and safety."*

Phil Chang, Deschutes County Commissioner

### **Endorsements**

- JOHN HUMMEL, DESCHUTES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
- CLIFFORD EVELYN, REDMOND CITY COUNCILOR
- JENNIFER LETZ, SISTERS CITY COUNCILOR
- ALAN UNGER, COCC BOARD
- Dr. Robin Lannan Adams, La Pine Rural Fire District Board
- OREGON LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS
- PRO-CHOICE OREGON PAC

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## Deschutes County Commissioner, Position 3



**Patti  
Adair**

**Occupation:** Deschutes County Commissioner

**Occupational Background:** Financial Auditor, Accountant, Non-Profit Fundraiser, Farm Manager, Advocate

**Educational Background:** University of Oregon, B.A. History; CPA (inactive)

**Prior Governmental Experience:** EXPERIENCE MATTERS - With four years of experience as your current Deschutes County Commissioner, I know the job, and I've done it well, holding your property taxes down despite skyrocketing costs. My experience includes Chairperson City/County Homeless Office; Central Oregon Health Council; Association of Oregon Counties-Legislative Committee; Deschutes County Audit Committee; Project Wildfire.

### TOUGH JOB

Deschutes County is the third largest employer in the county with 1,200 employees and half-billion-dollar budget. It's a big, complex "business" that runs on your money. We provide essential services you rely on like roads and health care, all while hearing and responding to specific needs of county residents. It's a tough job that takes a steady hand, an innovative approach, and a strong business mind. And I love it!

### PROTECTING CENTRAL OREGON VALUES

Like other counties across Oregon, we face challenges: safeguarding law and order, affordable housing, protecting natural resources, addiction and mental health, public transportation, infrastructure, and cost control. Let's address those the Central Oregon way, as non-partisan friends, with commonsense, creativity, and a can-do attitude. That's what I bring to this job.

**PROVEN TRACK RECORD** (portion of what I've done in only four years):

- Public Safety: Ceasing Marijuana Farm Expansion, adequately fund Sheriff department
- Mental Health: Opened Stabilization Center, increased Veterans office availability
- Homelessness: approval and funding for Veterans Village, Redmond's Bethlehem Inn, and Shepard's House
- Affordable Housing: ADU State Bill 391, Habitat for Humanity, KOR
- Cost-of-living: Held property taxes down, invested in NeighborImpact Food Bank and Giving Plate, fiscally responsible, identified cost-savings
- Natural Resources: Fire Free Days Expansion, Wildfire Mitigation Efforts

### Endorsements

Sean M. Neary, Fitch & Neary, PC  
Dick Tobiason - Veteran Advocate  
-See my Website for more

Please vote for me so I can keep working for you!  
Patti4You.com  
541-904-5378

*(This information furnished by Patti Adair.)*

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## Deschutes County Commissioner, Position 3



**Morgan  
Schmidt**

**Occupation:** Founder: Pandemic Partners

**Occupational Background:** Presbyterian Pastor, Nonprofit Director, Community Engagement, Youth Program Director

**Educational Background:** Gordon College, B.A.; The Seattle School, MDiv

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Larkspur Neighborhood Leadership Alliance Representative

### Together: A Force for Good

Morgan is a pastor and community organizer with fifteen years in public service. Well-known for founding Pandemic Partners, Morgan is a seasoned leader who shows up when it matters most. Whether she is bringing the community together to help or working alongside service providers to coordinate emergency weather shelters for our unhoused neighbors, Morgan is a force for good who tackles complex issues with strength and empathy.

### New Leadership For Deschutes

Deschutes County is tired of ineffective politicians who focus on towing an extreme party line instead of unifying our community. Her opponent lacks vision, makes decisions that are fiscally short-sighted, is anti-choice, and is out of touch with Central Oregon values.

Morgan is a common-sense leader who will work collaboratively to address homelessness, lack of affordable housing, wildfire risk, drought, and strengthening our local economy. She is running to serve all people and will make evidence-based decisions to deliver real results.

We need strong leadership to help Deschutes County thrive, which is why Morgan is endorsed by the **Independent Party of Oregon** to:

- Prioritize affordable and workforce housing
- Create dignified shelter for people experiencing homelessness
- Expand access to mental health services
- Advocate for fire resilience and water reform
- Invest in public safety
- Improve services for our veterans, children, and families
- Protect our waters, lands, and wildlife
- Handle growth with thoughtfulness and vision

### Endorsements

Pro-Choice Oregon PAC  
Oregon League of Conservation Voters  
Veterans of Central Oregon  
LiUNA Local 737  
Central Oregon Labor Chapter  
Phil Chang, Deschutes County Commissioner  
Alan Unger, Former Mayor of Redmond  
Bruce Abernethy, Former Mayor of Bend  
Clifford B. Evelyn Sr., Redmond City Councilor  
Katherine Austin, Affordable Housing Advocate  
Miguel Angel Herrada, Mosaic Board Member  
Give A Schmidt, Vote for Morgan  
MorganLovesOregon.com

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## Deschutes County County Clerk



### Steve Dennison

**Occupation:** Deschutes County Clerk

**Occupational Background:** Deschutes County Clerk, 2021-Present; Elections Supervisor, Deschutes County, 2017-2021; Departmental

Systems Analyst, San Mateo County Elections, 2007-2017; Account Manager/Trainer, Elections Systems & Software, 2001-2007

**Educational Background:** Eastern Nazarene College, Associate's Degree in Business Administration and Management

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Deschutes County Clerk; Elections Supervisor, Deschutes County; Departmental Systems Analyst, San Mateo County

#### Maintaining Continuity of Public Service

The public interacts with the County Clerk's office at some of the most meaningful times in their lives. Understanding the role of County Clerk and the complexities of the job is crucial to maintaining a high level of service and earning public trust. The process of administering accessible, transparent, and secure elections, along with recording documents to maintain the public record, are technical in nature. The County Clerk is a trusted caretaker of these matters and mindfulness is essential. My many years of experience and technical knowledge ensure the key responsibilities of this office are maintained according to law.

#### Assurance through Experience

I serve with the Oregon Association of County Clerks as:  
A Certified Elections Administrator  
A Vote-By-Mail Manual Review Committee Member  
An Election Equipment Certification Committee Member

*I am honored to serve as the Deschutes County Clerk. Our office has a distinguished legacy of accountability, professionalism, customer service, and transparency. I will continue to carry this tradition forward. I am committed to providing the highest quality of service, to innovating as legislation and technology allow, and to maintaining the trust of county residents. Deschutes County deserves a County Clerk with an exceptional level of professionalism, accuracy, transparency and impartiality.*

Steve Dennison, Deschutes County Clerk

*Steve Dennison has the skills, qualifications, and experience to serve with the utmost of integrity as your Deschutes County Clerk. Please join me in voting Steve Dennison as Deschutes County Clerk.*

Nancy Blankenship, Retired Deschutes County Clerk

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## Deschutes County Treasurer



### William A (Bill) Kuhn

**Occupation:** Retired Banking Executive (April 2022), business consultant (paid)

**Occupational Background:** Recently retired as Bend Market President for First Interstate Bank (April 2022). 36-year career in Banking with 31 years spent in Central Oregon.

**Educational Background:** Grant Union High School, John Day - 12/high school diploma; Oregon State University - B.S. in Finance and Economics; Linfield College - Advanced Studies in International Business;

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Appointed to Deschutes County Fair and Expo Board (current); Appointed to EDCO/Deschutes County Forgivable Loan Due Diligence Committee (current); Appointed to City of Bend Economic Development Advisory Board (past); Appointed to City of Bend UGB Remand - technical advisory committee (past).

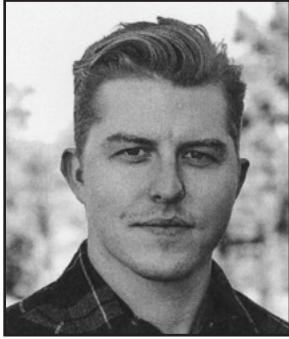
During the past 31 years that I've been a resident of Deschutes County, I have been deeply committed to public service and non-profit board engagement with numerous current and past board positions. Currently, I serve on the boards for St. Charles Foundation, Deschutes County Fair and Expo and Looking Forward while also engaged in other leadership roles. In my past position as Market President with First Interstate Bank, I was directly involved in assisting Deschutes County with its depository and lending needs with detailed knowledge of the county's finances and operations. I believe in fiscally responsible management and appropriate stewardship of public funds.

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**Deschutes County  
Treasurer**



**Trevor  
Lewis**

**Occupation:** Direct Mortgage Lender

**Occupational Background:** Real estate finance, acquisitions, valuation, and investment; credit union banking. Former first responder and emergency services communications provider.

**Educational Background:** University of Oregon, B.A. in Economics. Focus on macroeconomics and monetary policy.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

Our growing county needs a qualified financial professional to make sure that our increasing project demands are being financed appropriately and responsibly.

As your Treasurer, I pledge to manage our tax dollars through fiscal accountability, transparency, and prudent investment.

An avid outdoorsman, I moved to Redmond after earning a B.A. in Economics from the University of Oregon, with an emphasis on Macroeconomics, Monetary Theory, and Economic Forecasting. My current work as a Direct Mortgage Lender for a local credit union helps residents of all income levels achieve the dream of homeownership. I apply knowledge earned through:

- Several years of mortgage and credit union banking experience
- Over eight years of real estate experience
- Service with the Central Oregon Chapter of the Oregon Mortgage Association
- Several years studying monetary policy theory, economic policy management, and macroeconomics

Through my ethical stewardship you can be assured that our schools, public safety, and other obligations are being financed both compassionately and responsibly.

It takes an economist. Vote Trevor for Treasurer

*(This information furnished by Trevor Lewis.)*

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**City of Bend  
City Council, Position 4**



**Barb  
Campbell**

**Occupation:** Retired

**Occupational Background:** Owner, Wabi Sabi, downtown Bend; Middle school science teacher; Building contractor; Hospitality, server; Exhibits fabricator

**Educational Background:** Graduate School, Education; Eastern Oregon University; BS, Biology; University of Denver

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Bend City Council; Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization, Chair; Bend Urban Renewal Agency, Chair; Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council; Central Oregon Area Commission on Transportation; Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organization Consortium, Vice Chair

It has been such an honor to serve this community I love as a City Councilor. The challenges can be enormous, but I'm proud that we face them head-on, with myself as a leader.

When I first ran, the incumbents had thrown in the towel claiming, Affordable Housing doesn't "pencil out". I got to work, passing code changes and incentives, while removing barriers to Affordable apartments. New housing types, like cottages and attached single family give working families opportunities to own and build equity.

The nationwide crisis of homelessness is exacerbated by Bend's housing unaffordability. Whack-a-mole with human lives is inhumane, unaffordable and ineffective. We are establishing a Joint Office on homelessness with Deschutes County. We've created hundreds of shelter beds, taking advantage of State and Federal money. We work with service providers on temporary and emergency housing, helping lift people out of poverty and addiction while protecting our hardworking taxpayers.

I passed Council's first resolution requiring better Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility in our own committees. I'm proud of Council's current goals and workplan to keep pushing the arc of history toward justice, improving everyone's access to their government.

Serving on committees advocating for improved accessibility, I've helped improve transit, walking, and biking infrastructure. We're adding and improving bus service, multi-use paths, protected bike lanes, and many more protected crossings for vulnerable users.

Transportation and housing give us our greatest opportunities to reduce greenhouse gases. Underlying my work is the commitment to future generations that I will continue to be a climate champion.

Endorsements:  
Deschutes Democrats  
OLCV

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**City of Bend  
City Council, Position 4**



**Karon  
Johnson**

**Occupation:** Attorney.

**Occupational Background:** Physicist; Deputy District Attorney, Multnomah County; Assistant US Attorney, US Department of Justice.

**Educational Background:** University of Minnesota, BS; University of Oregon, MS; University of Oregon Law School, J.D.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Multnomah County District Attorney's Office; U.S. Department of Justice.

**Volunteer Service:** Founder, Guam Humane Society; Founder, Think Wild; Bend Planning Commission; Land Use Chair, Old Farm District NA.

Bend needs a city council which is politically moderate and middle-of-the-road, which actually listens to citizens by engaging them in real dialogues, which makes rational decisions based on data, not ideology or emotion.

**TREES**

Three years ago I proposed a tree protection code for Bend's mature trees. The city council refuses to discuss it; the community should.

**SHORT TERM RENTALS (STRs)**

Bend has over 1,000 STRs, and is adding more daily. We need a community-wide conversation: do STRs affect affordable housing? If so, what is the remedy?

**HOMELESSNESS**

The council has placed the interests of the homeless above the health and safety of its citizens by allowing low-barrier homeless shelters in residential neighborhoods. High-barrier shelters like Helping Hands Reentry Outreach deserve our strongest support. But the city offers neighborhoods no protection against people homeless due to addiction or mental illness. This code must be revoked.

**AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING**

The Area Median income is \$68,000. The median price of a Bend home: \$760,000. One earning the AMI can afford a \$300,000 home. How is the \$460,000 difference to be made up?

None of the proposed solutions--reduced system development fees, lower property taxes, expanding the Urban Growth Boundary--begin to close this gap. We need to consider what other cities are doing: subsidizing affordable housing by building on city-owned land, with 99-year leases deed-restricted by income or employment.

We all care about the same Bend issues but caring is not enough. We need data-driven solutions which have been proven effective elsewhere.

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**City of Bend  
City Council, Position 4**



**Erlin  
Taylor**

**Occupation:** Owner, illum Property Partners

**Occupational Background:** Owner, illum Property Partners

**Educational Background:** Broward College; Associates

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

Our unique community requires a unique perspective. As a Hispanic small business owner, community advocate, mom, wife, and fellow resident, I have the personal experience and expertise to create positive change and growth in our community.

Bend needs to be affordable for those who work, live, and play here. The cost of living is out of control and Bend lacks the residential inventory and housing options thriving communities rely on. Living-wage families, healthcare and public safety workforces, educators and seniors are economically challenged to live here. I am experienced in and passionately committed to engaging community members and stakeholders to rapidly address our housing production strategy.

It's never okay for our neighbors to sleep on the streets or under an overpass. I will increase community resources directed towards the homelessness crisis. We need to approach this crisis together and offer more mental and behavioral health options, support non-profits, provide short and long-term housing, and equally, compassionately, and consistently enforce the law.

By supporting small businesses and encouraging smart growth and entrepreneurship, we can build a stronger, more thriving community. Bend is full of brilliant minds, hard workers, and compassionate citizens. I believe we can have it all. With more thoughtful planning, I know we can have safer streets and a welcoming community; smarter infrastructure and sustainable environmental policies; thoughtful growth and cultural retention.

We can have a better Bend, and it starts with strong leadership on City Council. I know we all love our community, but the status quo isn't working for any of us. Rather than leaning into exclusivity and party politics, I will represent inclusion and independence.

It's time to take bold action to address critical issues and improve our quality of life.

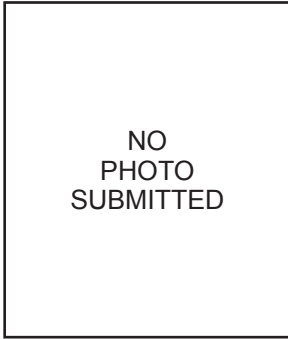
Let's work together today for a better Bend tomorrow. I would appreciate your support and your vote.

Visit [ErlinTaylor.com](http://ErlinTaylor.com)

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**City of Bend  
City Council, Position 4**



**William (Bill)  
Olsen**

**Occupation:** Currently, Oregon Licensed Real Estate Broker associated with Harcourts The Garner Group Real Estate-Bend, Oregon

**Occupational Background:** Retail Banking Services, including:

Branch Management, Trust Financial Services, retail home mortgage and commercial lending, Oregon Licensed Real Estate Appraiser (Portland, Bend and Klamath Falls markets), Urban Planner and real estate development and as a licensed Real Estate Broker, residential and commercial sales experience.

**Educational Background:** Oregon State University (Corvallis) Graduate with a BS Degreee in Liberal Arts 1975

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Appointed: City of Bend Historic Landmarks Commision (several terms); Deschutes County Historic Landmarks Board (2 terms); Deschutes County Histoical Board of Directors (several terms); Deschutes Pioneers Association Board (several terms); Oregon State Bar Association Disciplinary Board (public member) 10 year term; Oregon State Board of Architect Examiners (4 year term); Oregon Board of Landscape Architects (4 year term). Elected: Deschutes County ESD Board of Directors (10 year term); Bend Metro Parks and Recreation District (several terms); Alice Hatch Center, Pre-School Board of Directors (several terms); 1976 City of Bend Sewer Bond Committee and numerous community Boards and Campaigns

As elected official I will bring a broad and varied professional background to the City Council. I am a Vietnam era US Army Veteran, College Graduate, husband and parent. I am an organizer, planner and consensus builder and coming to agreement is of prime importance.

Having grown up in Bend, I believe my life and family benefited from what we and our parents added to this community, growth and development. Bend and Central Oregon is a special place to live. Truly, my participation in Bend's future growth and development is simply my contribution to our future. . .

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**City of Bend  
City Council, Position 5**



**Ariel  
Méndez**

**Occupation:** Associated Faculty, Political Science, OSU-Cascades

**Occupational Background:** Academia, dad, nonprofits, federal government, community organizer

**Educational Background:** PhD, Political Science, Stanford University; MA, International Relations and International Economics, Johns Hopkins University (SAIS); BA, Politics, UC Santa Cruz

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Elected Board Member, Bend Park and Recreation District; Bend Citywide Transportation Advisory Committee; Site Council, Bear Creek Elementary School, Bend-La Pine School District

An affordable quality of life and great access to nature are still possible to achieve in Bend. As a Parks board member, I have been working on expanding our urban trails, improving access to childcare, and keeping our parks and facilities in good condition, accessible to all. I'll bring those same values to the City Council.

**Affordable Housing**

People are struggling to afford a home, and it's affecting everyone. If you work in Bend, you should be able to live in Bend. We need a variety of housing types at all price points and research-based responses to houselessness.

**Safe, Effective Transportation**

Let's make it safer to walk, bike, and roll in Bend. We can beat traffic and reduce greenhouse gas emissions at the same time. Councilor Broadman and I proposed the Bend Bikeway last year, and I will work to make it happen.

**Quality of Life**

Ask yourself, does our city work for children? If it works for them, it will work for all, including disabled and older adults. Imagine living in a neighborhood where you're a 15-minute walk or bike ride from all your daily needs — work, shopping, or school. With your support, we can make it happen.

**Endorsements:**

Jason Kropf, State Representative  
Phil Chang, Deschutes County Commissioner  
Shimiko Montgomery, Board Member, Bend-La Pine School District  
Deb Schoen, Board Chair, Bend Park and Recreation District

[www.ArielforBend.com](http://www.ArielforBend.com)

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**City of Bend  
City Council, Position 5**



**Sean  
Sipe**

**Occupation:** Principal Broker - Duke Warner Realty

**Occupational Background:** None

**Educational Background:** Portland Bible College - Counseling; Studied Business at University of Montana

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

**Six Reasons to Choose a Business Professional for City Council**

**- Representation**

I represent clients in some of the most important decisions of their lives. Educating and counseling them through the process, yet never losing sight of the fact that my client's success is paramount. On City Council, it's my job to represent and serve you with the same diligence.

**- Listening**

I have the unique opportunity to work with people from all walks of life and varying backgrounds. Each one brings their own dreams, aspirations and desires; much like a city population. I spend every day listening, then helping them achieve their goals. As your City Councilor, I will listen to all the residents of our community, and I will take action to help achieve the highest and best outcomes for all.

**- Specialized Knowledge**

I understand housing. This includes city codes, zoning laws, restrictions and know how to work within these requirements. Because of my work with commercial and residential developers I can work collaboratively with them as our city continues to grow; meeting community needs for workforce housing and strategically addressing our homeless issues.

**- Hard Work**

As a successful business professional, I'm not afraid of hard work nor am I on a timeclock. I know the demands of an ever-changing job that requires thoughtful consideration and problem solving, just as serving as a City Councilor demands.

**- Mediation**

As a dealmaker, I am intimately familiar with bringing often contentious parties together. I approach problems with a level head and find creative, common-sense solutions. I will serve as the bridge that brings our city together.

**- Financial Accountability**

I will advocate for fiscal responsibility and transparency in our city's resources and will fight wasteful spending, ensuring projects don't go over budget and actually achieve what the community expects within reasonable timeframes.

**I ask for your vote.**

*(This information furnished by Sean Sipe.)*

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**City of Bend  
City Council, Position 6**



**Rick  
Johns**

**Occupation:** Owner of Downtown Bend's Haven Home Style (10 years) - Employer of 7-10, overseeing finance and operations.

**Occupational Background:** Commercial Construction (25

years) - project management, estimating, engineering.; Understands City planning, building codes, zoning, and partnering with the private/public sector to increase its effectiveness.

**Educational Background:** 2021 COCC Graduate of Small Business Owner program; Architectural Drafting – Rolla MO Technical college; U.S. Youth Conservation Corps participation

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

The current City Council is out of touch with mainstream Bend residents and ignoring your voice when it comes to issues that affect you. Incredible people are fed up and moving away from Bend. I look forward to partnering with future Mayor Chris Piper to restore balance and commonsense leadership to Bend.

I will ensure Bend stays a great place to live, work, and play – and NOT turn it into Portland.

- Public Safety – I will prioritize your safety and ensure fully staffed police, fire, and other first responders who are heroes.
- Homeless Solutions – I will balance compassion and accountability. We can provide resources and generosity for those truly in need but also not promote "homeless tourism" like our current City Council.
- Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability – Examine the cost and value of current and future projects, specifically the \$190 Million Transportation bond. Take an active position in reviewing the projects and programs' progress, including City staff's performances.
- Housing Solutions – Reviewing zoning laws, helping fast track new housing development and creative workforce housing, and safeguarding Real Estate values.
- Roads & Infrastructure – Review current and future growth plans to ensure traffic, public transit, bike lanes, and other critical city infrastructure long-term.
- Give the Voice Back to Bend – I will work closely with the 13 Neighborhood Associations to listen to and represent ALL opinions and voices. I will not propose or vote for any action which would not pass if subjected to voter approval.

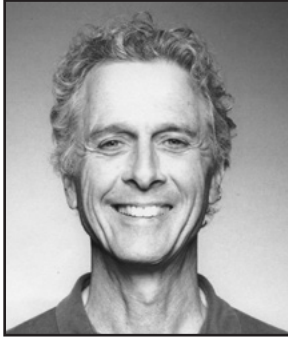
Endorsements:

see: [www.Rick4Bend.com](http://www.Rick4Bend.com)

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## City of Bend City Council, Position 6



**Mike  
Riley**

**Occupation:** Executive Director, Central Oregon Environmental Center

**Occupational Background:** Executive Director, The Bend Recycling Team; Founder, 88.9 KPOV Community Radio;

Founder, Envision Bend; 30+ years experience in nonprofit management and sustainability.

**Educational Background:** EMT-Paramedic, John Adams Community College; B.S., environmental science, University of Washington.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Co-Chair, Bend Citywide Transportation Advisory Committee; Co-Chair, Bend Urban Growth Boundary Advisory Committee.

### EXPERIENCE - COLLABORATION - VISION

Together, we can ensure Bend is **livable, affordable, and safe for everyone**. By **listening** to all members of our community and **working as a team** to realize our **shared goals**, we can meet any challenge.

For 25 years, I've been working to make Bend a great place to live, work and raise a family. I love Bend. I'm asking for your vote, so I can advance our shared goals:

- Create a **safe transportation** system that meets our needs by investing in walking, biking, and transit.
- **Make housing more affordable** for everyone with an all-solutions-on-deck approach.
- **Meet our houselessness crisis** head-on with a mix of solutions grounded in **compassion and safety for all**.

### MIKE RILEY FOR BEND CITY COUNCIL

*"Mike is a great fit for Bend, with his record of success leading on environmental and transportation issues and his work as a collaborative civic leader."*

- State Representative Jason Kropf

### Mike is proud to earn endorsements from:

Deschutes County Commissioner Phil Chang  
Bend Mayor Gena Goodman-Campbell  
Bend City Councilor Melanie Kebler  
Bend City Councilor Anthony Broadman  
Bend City Councilor Megan Perkins  
Bend City Councilor Barb Campbell  
Jim Clinton, Former Mayor of Bend  
Former Mayor of Bend Bruce Abernethy  
Peter Grube, Business Owner and Developer  
Georell Bracelin, Business Owner  
Jason Bradley, Real Estate Broker  
Delia Paine, Downtown Business Owner  
Elisa Cheng, Safe Bicycling Advocate  
Kathryn Kocurek, MD  
Elise Jones, Central District Business Owner  
Ruth Williamson, Former Chair of Envision Bend  
Michi Sato, RN  
Dave Howe, Retired Fire Battalion Chief  
Oregon League of Conservation Voters

[www.mikerileyforbend.com](http://www.mikerileyforbend.com)

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## City of Bend Mayor, Position 7



**Melanie  
Kebler**

**Occupation:** Bend City Councilor, Attorney

**Occupational Background:** Victims' Rights Attorney, Oregon Crime Victims Law Center; Deputy District Attorney, Lincoln and Yamhill Counties

**Educational Background:** Lewis & Clark Law School; University of Michigan, B.A.; Bend Senior High

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Bend City Council, 2020–present; Oregon Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability; Deschutes County Local Public Safety Coordinating Committee

I grew up in Bend, and the values of our community have guided my career—from seeking justice for victims as a prosecutor, to serving on City Council as we've made meaningful progress on housing, homelessness, and transportation. I'm proud of what Bend's accomplished in the last two years, but there's more to be done. It will take serious leadership. I don't just talk about problems, I work hard to solve them and build coalitions across partisan divides. I'll speak boldly in support of women's right to choose, stand up for our democracy, and fight to preserve our community's spirit as we grow.

### TACKLING HOUSING

People that work in Bend should be able to afford housing in Bend and nobody should live on the streets. I'll continue the work to provide affordable homes and reduce homelessness.

### IMPROVING TRANSPORTATION

I've worked to create safer east-west connections, like on Wilson Ave. I'll push for robust public transit and safe, accessible walking and biking paths.

### PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

I've collaborated with state agencies to secure resources for implementing bold new climate action rules. I'll work to create sustainable, livable neighborhoods, and avoid sprawl.

### PROMOTING COMMUNITY SAFETY

I'll fight to curb gun violence, support our first responders, and make Bend a place where all feel welcome and safe.

### Endorsed by:

*Oregon League of Conservation Voters  
Central Oregon Labor Chapter  
Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund  
Deschutes Democrats*

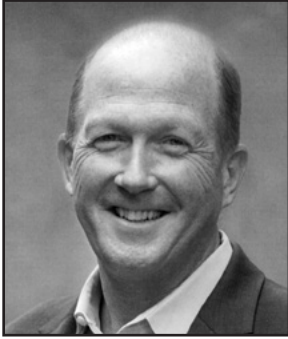
Jason Kropf, State Representative  
Phil Chang, Deschutes County Commissioner  
Gena Goodman-Campbell, Mayor of Bend  
Alan Unger, Former Mayor of Redmond  
Mike Dugan, Former Deschutes County DA  
Judy Stiegler, Former State Representative

**More at [MelanieKebler.com](http://MelanieKebler.com)**

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## City of Bend Mayor, Position 7



**Chris  
Piper**

**Occupation:** GM, Central Services

**Occupational Background:** Promotional Sales; Business Development, Brand Marketing

**Educational Background:** University of Oregon, BA

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Bend City Councilor

**Community Service:** Eagle Scout

I'm running for Mayor because Bend, at this critical time, needs a proven leader with a vision for the future. I'll lead by prioritizing our city's four core service functions: Housing, Economic Development, Public Safety, and Infrastructure (water, sewer, utilities, and roads).

My wife and I have lived in Bend for almost twenty years; we raised our daughter here. We love Bend's quality of life and wouldn't want to live anywhere else; our future is in Bend. As Mayor, I will always bring an open, forthright, common-sense approach to city government.

As your Bend Mayor, I will:

- Enforce our laws fairly and consistently throughout the community.
- Create a Houseless strategic plan that is metrics-based with a timeline and accountability.
- Build relationships with our 13 Neighborhood Associations to increase collaboration.

Let's all take the pledge to Listen, Lead, and be Accountable. It's what we should do, and together it's what we can do.

I hope to earn your support,

Chris

### **Focus On Issue That Matter to You**

"Chris will work tirelessly for our city to make sure that Council's actions will demonstrate that residents are respected and heard." -Bruce Abernethy, former Mayor of Bend

### **More Affordable Housing**

"We have seen incredible growth over the years. We need a leader who understands we need all types of housing to meet our demand." - Lisa Mushel, Bend Realtor

"We need better collaboration with our homeless crisis. From our nonprofits and churches to Deschutes County and the state, all are critical to our success. We need a plan that is measurable, accountable, and case management focused." - Jennifer Lingard, Bend Police Chief Advisory Council

### **Endorsements:**

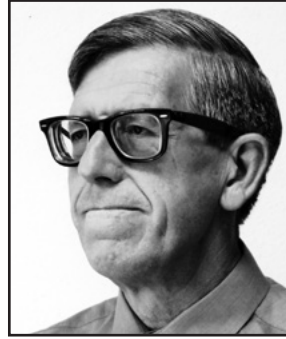
John McLeod, Mt Bachelor LLC.  
Casey Roats, Former Mayor of Bend  
George Endicott, Redmond Mayor  
Les Stiles, Deschutes County Sheriff, (Ret.)

[www.PiperforBend.com](http://www.PiperforBend.com)

*(This information furnished by Chris Piper.)*

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## City of La Pine Mayor



**Daniel  
Lee Richer**

**Occupation:** Local Business Owner ; True North Laser ; 2015-Present ; Paid; Community Advocate ; Multiple Cities including: La Pine, Or. ; 1988-Present ; Unpaid

**Occupational Background:**

Ownership ; Highway 2 Computers - Creston, Wa. ; 1998-2006 ; Paid; Ownership ; Fiberfab US - La Pine, Or. ; 2006-2015 ; Paid; Ownership ; Original Oregon - La Pine, Or. ; 2010-2016 ; Paid

**Educational Background:** Pilot Butte Junior High ; Bend, Or. ; 1972-1974; Bend Senior High School ; Bend, Or. ; 1974-1976; USMC Communications School ; MCB 29 Palms, Ca. ; 1976; COCC GED Program ; Bend, Or. ; 1980; COCC ; Bend, Or. ; Computer Sciences ; 1980-1982

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Creston, Wa. ; Councilman ; 2000-2004 ; Elected; Creston, Wa. ; Mayor Pro-Tem ; 2003-2004 ; Appointed; Creston, Wa. ; Councilman ; 2004-2006 ; Elected; La Pine, OR. ; Mayor ; 2018-2020 ; Elected; La Pine, OR. ; Mayor ; 2020-2022 ; Elected

I've been blessed to live in great communities. My activism has provided me a very diverse skill set. I use these skills with a common sense approach to work with local entities and organizations; forming a better place to work and play.

I have also been elected to public office in the past. It provided me with the experience to work in many situations that affect the quality of citizen lives. Navigating life is hard enough without governmental intervention, let alone being confronted with difficulties arising from regulations that complicate daily life.

I care about La Pine. I will do my very best to prevent un-needed processes from hampering our families' lives.

My accomplishments include:

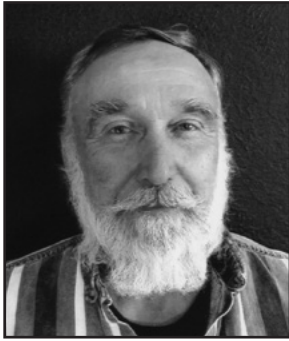
- Designing, Building, and Privately Funding the La Pine Veteran's Memorial,
- Instituting, Coordinating and Producing Veteran Named Bricks for the VFW,
- Refurbishing, Reopening, and Managing the Rosland Campground,
- Founding La Pine's Community Oktoberfest and many other events.

If I am re-elected Mayor, I will continue working to promote La Pine as a place for business and tourism. We need to be more than a roadside pass-through. Let's improve local economic benefits, while we preserve our identity, and increase the quality of life for everybody in our community.

*(This information furnished by Daniel Lee Richer.)*

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## City of La Pine City Council



### Michael R. Shields

**Occupation:** Self-Employed, LaPine Equipment, Inc; 1975-Present; Paid.

**Occupational Background:** Sunriver Housekeeping; Beaver Coaches; Black Butte Ranch; miscellaneous other jobs while

still in high school; All Paid; and after high school; Delco Logging; 1971-1975; Paid.

**Educational Background:** LaPine Elementary and Middle School; Bend Jr High; Bend Sr High; Completed 12th grade; High School Diploma.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** LaPine City Council 2018-2022

I was born and raised in LaPine, Oregon and have always made it my home. In my 70 years I have been please with many of the changes that have come with the ineventable growth due to population increases, and am discouraged and concerned over some of the other changes.

There have been planning decisions and implementations that have not served our community well. I believe I can use my lifetime experience and observations in our community to help facilitate common sense decisions for the future of LaPine.

As your LaPine City Councilor I will strive to be the voice of La Pine's Citizens and property owners, so I will always welcome your input on every issue before the City of LaPine.

*(This information furnished by Michael R. Shields.)*

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## City of Redmond Mayor



### Charles Webster Baer

**Occupation:** www.globalinternetgovernment.com , founder , 2000 - present

**Occupational Background:** j bar j ranch , bend , oregon , 2021 - 2022

**Educational Background:** graduated university of hawaii at hilo 1994

**Prior Governmental Experience:** none

hi . my name is charles webster baer . please vote for me for mayor of redmond oregon usa on november 8 , 2022 . thank you .

I am a libertarian . that means I am for less government and more freedom . I am 53 years old . I am single , never married , no kids . I am a buddhist . I was born and raised in santa cruz , california . I went to high school in newport , rhode island . I moved to portland oregon in 1999 . in 2000 I created www.globalinternetgovernment.com . I moved to bend oregon in 2007 . I moved to redmond oregon in 2019 .

if elected mayor , I will meet with anyone to talk about anything every monday at noon until the sun goes down at centennial park as long as there is no rain and no snow or ice on the ground for as long as I am mayor . please feel free to contact me at any time . 541 699 9868 . depopulationist@gmail.com .

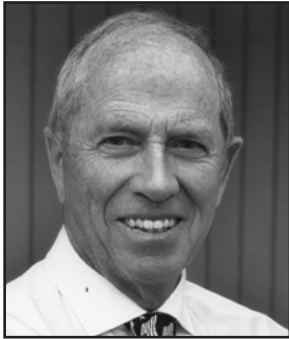
I think that the people of redmond oregon are leaders . I think that we can and should lead our state , our nation , and our planet by example . I think that we can lead the world in the two most important political issues of this millennium , first , environmentalism , and second , transparency .

I have created a crypto currency called KASH that will be owned and operated entirely by the oregon state government . it will be 100% transparent and available to all people on earth . I have created an online voter platform called VOAT that will be entirely owned and operated by the oregon state government . it will be 100% transparent and available to all people on earth . I am a depopulationist . depopulationism means that it is illegal for any human on earth to reproduce a second time for the next few centuries .

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## City of Redmond Mayor



### Ed Fitch

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Occupational Background:**  
Bryant Emerson and Fitch; Fitch  
Law / Fitch and Neary

**Educational Background:**  
Marquette University : Bachelor

of Arts, Masters in History; Willamette University: Juris Doctor

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Redmond City Attorney; Redmond Mayor; Redmond Economic Development Commission; South Highway 97 Committee; Redmond City Councilor

Redmond faces a number of challenges due to the rapid rate of growth in our community. The next City Council must move forward on many issues to ensure our children and grandchildren inherit a healthy and vibrant community.

To meet that goal, the Council must make common sense decisions for the benefit of the whole community rather than making decisions based upon toxic partisan ideologies.

Also, the majority of the next City Council will be relatively new to elective office. As a former Redmond Mayor and current City Councilor with over 40 years of experience in business and law, I am confident I can provide the needed vision and leadership. As Mayor I will:

Ensure the City Council proceeds with transparency and discusses all issues that impact the community.

Maintain fiscal responsibility.

Pursue solutions to ease traffic congestion and enhance safety.

Improve older neighborhoods by adding sidewalks and minimize the effects of increased density mandates imposed by the State of Oregon.

Promote diversity and inclusion.

Pursue common sense solutions for our homeless persons.

Work with our Downtown Urban Renewal Committee to site a family activity center downtown.

Continue our efforts to keep Redmond schools and public places safe.

Assure Redmond continues to have a vibrant business community

Endorsed by:

Alan Unger, Former Mayor

Jon Bullock, Former City Councilor

Ed Boero, Former City Councilor

Clifford Evelyn, City Councilor

Anne Graham, Former City Councilor

Angela Boothroyd, Former City Councilor

Steven Boothroyd

Diana Barker

Paul & Kathy Rodby

Mark & Ann Keener

Josh & Jenny Werner

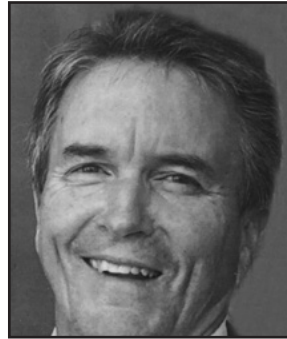
Maarty & Caitlin Leunen

Tom & LoriAnn Kuhn

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## City of Redmond Mayor



### Jay Patrick

**Occupation:** Jefferson County  
ESD - 23 years

**Occupational Background:**  
Les Schwab - 18 years

**Educational Background:**  
Redmond Schools; Mt Hood /  
COCC

**Prior Governmental Experience:** 23 year Redmond City Councilor

My primary goal as mayor is to "Keep Redmond, Redmond." Growth is happening but there are ways to manage that growth, to hold on to the heart of Redmond. We must continue to keep the qualities, character, and our value system strong. There are multiple projects planned that will keep Redmond moving forward:

- Constructing voter approved police/safety building
- Sewer plant renovation
- Airport terminal expansion
- Highway 97 improvements from Veterans Way to Yew Avenue
- Partnering with all stakeholders to ensure school safety

Growth mandates that we prioritize planning for safety, communication, water, sewer, economic development, livability, infrastructure and our stewardship while maintaining our personality. I bring leadership, transparency, and perseverance to this position. I trust we share in the many values that Redmond holds; that is what has brought us together, and together we will make a difference for generations to come.

I have fond memories of growing up in Redmond. I graduated from Redmond High School, finished my associates degree at COCC and married my best friend.

I've devoted 23 years balancing serving on city council while working with technology for a school district. I've been involved in construction projects for city hall, Deschutes County Fairgrounds, Redmond airport terminal, Highway 97 bypass, multiple street projects, Centennial Park, Hope Playground, and Maple Street Bridge. These projects have developed relationships and insights on how to approach future proposals to ensure the best outcomes. Let's move Redmond into the future together.

Endorsements:

*Ron Bryant, Former Mayor*

*Jerry Thackery, Former Mayor*

*Gene Whisnant, Former State Representative*

*Curt Nitschelm, Veterinarian*

*Linda Swearingen, Former County Commissioner*

*Tom Wright, Wright Ford*

*Nancy Blankenship, Former County Clerk*

*Joe Lochner, Insurance*

*Mike McIntosh, Former School Superintendent*

*Barry Campbell, Pastor*

*Elton Gregory, Former School Superintendent*

*Dolly Gregory, Educator*

*Mercedes Cook-Bostick, RAPRD Director*

*Kristy Cross, One Street Down*

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**City of Redmond  
Mayor**



**Ben  
Schimmoller**

**Occupation:** Real Estate and Development; JRSchimmoller Ent., Inc.

**Occupational Background:** Legislative Director to Sen. Knopp, Campaign Manager

**Educational Background:** B.S. Political Science, Oregon State University; Honors Diploma, Mountain View H.S.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Precinct Committee Person

**Fighting for Redmond**

"I was raised in Central Oregon, and I'm running to ensure that Redmond remains an amazing place for everyone to live, work, grow, and succeed. We must ensure that the opportunities of yesterday remain available for tomorrow. Working in the legislature for Redmond has prepared me for the issues facing us, and I'm ready to fight on your behalf here." - Ben

**A Stronger Economy For All of Redmond**

- I will always be a voice against government overreach.
- Let's encourage more family-wage jobs through manufacturing, construction, skilled trades, as well as college-educated options.

**Public Safety**

- Our first responders need to be fully funded and supported to ensure all people and all parts of Redmond remain safe.
- We must enforce policies that protect law-abiding citizens and private property.

**Sustainable Managed Growth**

- Redmond has grown, we need to ensure infrastructure grows with it to ensure long-term costs stay lower.
- Too many are being priced out of Redmond, we need options to help lower costs and create more opportunities for buyers and renters.

**Ben Schimmoller: The Right Person for the Job**

"We need a fresh voice that still knows and values the things that make Redmond special. My years of working with Ben have shown me his passion, knowledge, and dedication to Redmond. Furthermore, his experience with the legislative process will be critical to bringing money back to the city to help us keep taxes down and services high." - George Endicott, Redmond Mayor

**Proudly Endorsed By:**

- George Endicott**, Redmond Mayor
  - Krisana Clark Endicott**, Redmond City Council
  - Shannon K Wedding**, Redmond City Council
  - Tim Knopp**, State Senator
  - Patti Adair**, County Commissioner
  - Tanner Robertson**, General Duffy's Waterhole, Owner
  - Bob Perry**, Former Redmond School Board Director
- www.BenSchimmoller.com

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**City of Redmond  
City Council**



**Branegan  
Dixon**

**Occupation:** owner - Redmond Athletic Club

**Occupational Background:** None

**Educational Background:** AA in Business Administration

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

I'm Branegan Dixon and I have been a Central Oregon resident since 1989. I have a beautiful wife of 8 years and have two sons. I have owned the RAC since 2015.

My number one initiative is to tackle our homeless crisis that is growing rapidly. I will continue to support local resources for these folks and am motivated to get a plan in place for the ones that want help and be a part of devising a plan for the others. I believe that a successfully run city is one that takes care of its citizens - be it personal and business alike.

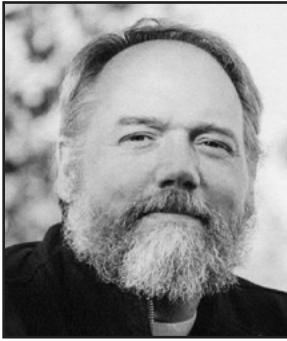
I am in support of affordable housing, helping with the improvement and design of infrastructure. I support and encourage more small businesses to come and thrive, help fund our fire and rescue department, and bringing in more tourism and amenities. I continue to be passionate about supporting our youth through mentorship, sponsorship with sports, and motivating them to get involved with the community through volunteering their time - gaining invaluable interpersonal skills as well as building strong relationships in our community.

I believe our city officials need to exercise accountability. As a businessperson (not a politician) in our community, I will bring leadership and accountability to take care of our city.

I look forward to being a part of a group of like-minded individuals, whose sole purpose is to support and benefit Redmond, Oregon to the best of our abilities. I love our little town and I still want to love it when it's a big city. I think a good way we can achieve this is to bring on more local citizens that have grown up here, or even folks from smaller towns, that understand and cherish the values of a small, tightknit community.

Endorsements: Jay Patrick, David E Tarbet, Richard F. Eberhard, Richard D. Gilmore

## City of Redmond City Council



### John Nielsen

**Occupation:** Branch Manager,  
MidOregon FCU

**Occupational Background:**  
Community Banking, consumer/  
small business lending, finan-  
cial advising and retirement  
planning.

**Educational Background:** Deerfield WI K-12, COCC, US Army Basic Training, Army Personnel Administration Specialist, US Army Airborne School, Series 7 & 63 securities licenses, Leadership Redmond

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Redmond Economic Development INC. Board, NWCJA Board

**Redmond needs responsible leadership that will represent all people.** We have real issues that need real solutions: Homelessness, affordable housing, water, roads, school safety, jobs, and business development. None of these issues are simple and none of them are fixed through hyper-partisanship.

#### **Veteran & Father**

Serving as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne taught me how to lead and hold people accountable. I learned teamwork, combining the talents and experiences of individuals to accomplish the mission. Leaders build teams, not drive people apart. Leaders inspire people to work together to achieve real results.

As a father, I want to maintain a vibrant, thriving community where children are safe. Redmond's children deserve a good education, and the opportunity to build their American dream here.

#### **Business Leader & Community Servant**

Working in community banking for 15 years in Redmond allowed me to serve Redmond at every level. I have helped folks trying to make ends meet, parents working to provide for children, and people worried 401Ks won't last. We must budget responsibly to balance quality of life while minimizing taxes.

Maintaining a strong economy is critical, I support a business-friendly environment and will continue my work on REDI and the Chamber to create jobs.

#### **Redmond Resident**

As a resident of 20 years, I will keep our community moving in a positive direction. Redmond is a community of neighbors and welcoming friends; it is up to all of us to keep it that way.

**Only by working together as neighbors can we grow as a community.** I will serve Redmond with practical, responsible policies to keep Redmond a great place to call home.

Visit [www.John4Redmond.com](http://www.John4Redmond.com) to learn more

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## City of Redmond City Council



### Kathryn Osborne

**Occupation:** Digital Marketing,  
PatRick Environmental, Inc.;  
Wildland Fire and Disaster  
Relief Support Services

**Occupational Background:**  
Director of Marketing, Keith  
Manufacturing Co.; U.S Division

Manager: Kubota Photo Design, AsukaBook USA.; Project and Sales Consultant: Deltec Homes.

**Educational Background:** Master of Business Administration – Concordia University.; Global Business Award-Inventory Process Management Consulting.; Bachelor of Science: Business Administration - Mars Hill University.; Emphasis on Integrated Marketing and Communication.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Chair (two terms)-Redmond Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee (DURAC), Vice-Chair, current appointed member. Parking Sub-committee Chair, Housing sub-committee member, past Finance committee. Kathryn voted to support projects including: SCP Hotel, General Duffy's, and High Desert Music Hall. DURAC Parking Committee brought the Centennial Parking Lot and the Fourth Street parking lots to the downtown core. As Chair, DURAC, brought workforce housing to downtown; providing housing relief to the downtown district.

#### **Community Involvement:**

- Panelist: Central Oregon Disability Support Network
- RAPRD volunteer; preschool/elementary soccer and basketball coach.
- Brightside Thrift volunteer-children's and vintage books.
- Redmond Moose Lodge member.
- Volunteer: Wildland Firefighter Foundation and local wild-fire relief.

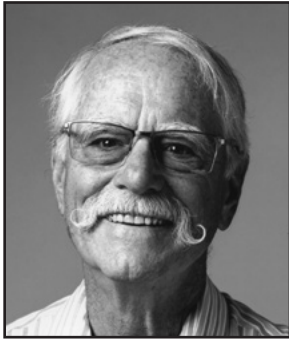
#### **Leadership:**

I am passionate and experienced in serving our community and have a proven track record of success for Redmond families and businesses.

Our local rates of homelessness directly correlate to housing costs and rental vacancy rates. I have, and will, work to bring creative housing solutions to Redmond. I will continue promoting Redmond as a business friendly city and secure additional living-wage jobs. I will advocate for service providers serving vulnerable groups at risk for addiction, violence, and homelessness. I support projects that bring mental health services to Redmond. I stand against those threatening the safety of our children. I support efforts that offer safe activities for youth, seniors, veterans, families, and individuals. I will encourage the use of technology for communication, transparency, and access to data. Through collaborations with city staff and community leaders, we will manage growth and obstacles through innovative and proactive problem solving.

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**Bill  
Trumble**

**Occupation:** Retired  
**Occupational Background:** US Navy Nuclear Submarine Veteran; President, Idaho Immunodiagnostics, Inc.; Professor of Biochemistry, University of University of NH;

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, State Univ. NY; Senior Vice President, Unity College Maine.

**Educational Background:** Graduate, Columbia High, Richland, WA; B.S. in Biochemistry, Washington State University, WA; PH.D. in Medical Physiology, University of TX; Post-Doctoral Training, Roche Institute of Molecular Biology, NJ; Created courses in physiology, molecular biology, molecular biology, and proteins.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Navy submarine service combat veteran; Vice-Chair, Madbury, NH city water board; NH Conservation Commission member; NH Land Use Board member; Chair, 10-state organization of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors; USDA Agricultural Experiment Station Director.

We all recognize the dynamic growth in and around the city of Redmond. It's moving very fast. The true test of our city leadership will be managing the growth in development, traffic, safety, housing and critical services. It will be a challenge. If honored with the opportunity to serve you, I will talk and carefully listen to small business owners, police and firefighters, city workers, community-leaders and everyday citizens to craft a smart, balanced way forward to ensure Redmond meets this challenge and remains a great place to live and work 20 years from now and well beyond.

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**Cat  
Zwicker**

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner; Real Estate Broker  
**Occupational Background:** Buyer for regional retail outlets  
**Educational Background:** University of Georgia, Bachelor of Arts

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Redmond City Councilor; Redmond Planning Commissioner; Board member, Economic Development for Central Oregon; Central Oregon Child Care Task Force

**Stop the Cost-of-Living Crisis**

It seems like the cost of everything just keeps getting higher for people in Redmond. Since I was appointed to the Redmond City Council, I have focused on bringing down the cost of housing and opposing taxes and red tape that would make our affordability crisis even worse. Redmond cannot fix inflation on its own, but it must do everything it can to ease the pressure on the people who live here. If I am honored with a full term on City Council, I will continue to make fighting our cost-of-living crisis a top priority.

**Fix Homelessness**

Homelessness is a growing problem in Redmond, and one the city must better address. We have seen the consequences of inaction in places like Seattle, Portland and San Francisco. I will not allow Redmond to follow that same path.

We need a combination of law enforcement, social services and housing opportunities to move people off the streets and keep others from ending up there. I have worked with our law enforcement officials and other community partners to address this growing crisis. If elected, I will continue to lead the effort to keep Redmond safe, preserve our quality of life and give hope to the least fortunate among us.

**Defend the Redmond Way of Life**

I will continue to work to bring well-paying jobs to Redmond and to safeguard the reason we are all here: the Redmond way of life.

**Endorsements include:**

- Bev Clarno, Former Secretary of State
- Representative Jack Zika

If you would like more information about me and my campaign, please visit [www.catzwicker.com](http://www.catzwicker.com).

Please vote for Cat Zwicker for Redmond City Council.

*(This information furnished by Cat Zwicker.)*

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## City of Sisters City Council



**Susan G.  
Cobb**

**Occupation:** Retired

**Occupational Background:** Paid: Salesperson, Stitchin' Post; President, Cobonics Inc., overseas contracts; Project Manager: Billing systems and Online stocktrading, Europe

& UK; Project Manager: Carrier Access Billing Systems SBC; Systems Analyst: Directory Information Yellow Pages SBC; Information Systems Analyst: Carrier Access Billing Systems, Pacific Bell

**Educational Background:** University of Nevada, Reno, BA

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Appointed: Budget Committee, City of Sisters (current); Elected: President, Timber Creek HOA, Sisters, OR.

Supporting democracy at the local level is why I am running for Sisters City Council.

As a resident of Sisters since 2006, I share your concerns to retain Sisters' viability as a welcoming city.

We are in challenging times. We need to work together, find common ground, build a future of civility for those who follow, and create an environment that is clean and safe for our children and theirs.

Priorities:

**Representation**

As your representative, my job is to listen to you, the people of Sisters. When a majority agree, we should see your requests to the Council enacted as policies, codes or plans.

**Community Safety**

I will advocate for your safety.

FIRE - emergency preparation & evacuation plans, mitigation projects & applicable building codes

PANDEMIC - status, risks, access to vaccinations and/or testing & containment plans

WATER - levels, quality, usage limitations and growth planning to assure sustainability

**Sustainability**

Sisters' future demands that we:

reduce our city's carbon footprint

develop in consideration of our natural resources' capacities and

preserve a healthy environment for native flora and fauna

As City Councilor, I will actively meet with you, work diligently with council, and represent your shared interests to the best of my ability.

**ENDORSEMENTS:** Diane L. Hodgson, Lane Jacobson, Dale Payne, Kay Payne, Dan Rickards - Clear Water Gallery, Julia Rickards - The Open Door, Lance Trowbridge, John R. Warnke, Elizabeth E. Weeks and Jack A. Weeks.

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## City of Sisters City Council



**Michael  
Preedin**

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner, Entrepreneur & builder of fine tables

**Occupational Background:** Small business owner, entrepreneur, intern architect, drafter and designer, veteran United States

Air Force, served during the Cold War and Desert Storm/Shield, honorable discharge

**Educational Background:** Educational Background: Austin Peay State University, Arundel Institute of Technology, USAF NCO training

**Prior Governmental Experience:** City of Sisters Planning Commission 2009-10, City of Sisters Budget Committee, current Sisters City Council 2018-2022 and Mayor of Sisters 2021-2022

After having many discussions with the people of Sisters, my priorities will be as follows:

**Maintain the Safety of the Public:** After voting to yes for the new contract with DCSO in 2018, it was clear that crime was on a sharp upswing nationwide and traffic enforcement in town was almost non-existent. Continued growth in population dictates that we must continue to work hard with Deschutes County in public safety.

**Sustain Livability:** The City of Sisters and Sisters Country is a very special place. We must together, as a community, maintain this area environmentally, socially, economically and ensure its uniqueness. I will regularly challenge and review city codes and frequently address how the City conducts business with the community and surrounding areas to keep Sisters special.

**Management of Growth:** Growth is inevitable, so it must be well managed. With the challenges of decreasing areas of land to build on and rising real estate prices we must continue to evaluate about bringing more land into the UGB and eventually, The City. The process is slow, must be done thoughtfully, and the multi-year endeavor should continue in earnest.

**Long-Term Planning:** We cannot allow growth to become out of control and overburden our existing systems. Therefore, we must continue smart long-term planning so our children have a great place to live twenty years from now as we do today.

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**Gary P.  
Ross**

**Occupation:** Retired

**Occupational Background:** Director Facilities and Media; Lane ESD; Coordinator Professional/Technical Education; Springfield #19

**Educational Background:** University of Southern Maine; BS; Utah State: Masters; University of Oregon; PhD level coursework in Administration; Computer technology; and Curriculum

**Prior Governmental Experience:** WPRD; Director 2004-2017; Served two terms as Board President; Sisters Budget Committee; Sisters Park Advisory Committee; Sisters City Council

**Experienced leadership:**

Over 20 years of experience in public budgeting and in Comprehensive Plan updates.

Led successful campaign to pass a \$20 million dollar bond measure to fund park improvements and acquire over 700 acres of land for public use.

Worked with other Directors to foster cooperation and resource sharing between the Park District and other tax funded agencies in community.

Lobbied in Washington DC on issues important to the community, and surrounding areas.

Current Sisters City Councilor

**My pledge to you:**

Sisters has a number of important issues that need to be addressed in the next few years, including finishing the Comprehensive plan update, potential Urban Growth Boundary expansion and working to build affordable housing. Continuity of leadership is essential as the Council pursues these issues along with near term projects such as the Locust/Highway 20 roundabout, East Portal transportation hub design and development and bike/pedestrian improvements. For these reasons I am seeking a second term on the City Council.

Should new development, both commercial and residential be proposed, I will work to ensure it fits into the part of the community where it will be located and that it enhances the community as a whole. Should UGB expansion occur, I pledge to fight for a portion of land to be designated for family-wage housing.

This work is essential as Sisters continues to grow and change. How we manage that growth and change will impact the community and its residents for many years.

With your vote, I will work to ensure that your experience living in Sisters remains positive and enjoyable.

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**Brian  
Lepore**

**Occupation:** Farmer

**Occupational Background:** Soil Science Professor, Ball State University

**Educational Background:** Ph.D. Soil Science and M.A.

Physics University of Wisconsin - Madison; B.S. Physics University of Denver; A.S. General Colorado Mountain College

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Deschutes County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Rural Living Steering Committee (Appointed); Delaware County Indiana SWCD Board (Appointed Faculty Member)

Whether as a scientist, a teacher or as a local farmer producing hay and healthy meats and vegetables for our community, I've spent my career working toward better stewardship of our natural resources. I believe in the mission of the Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation district to work alongside partner organizations and landowners to get conservation measures on the ground. Deschutes County will continue to grow and we are obligated to future generations to grow wisely and steward our water, land, air and wildlife. The SWCD will be a critical player in helping us do so.

I believe the following experiences make me uniquely qualified to serve on the board:

- Raised organic and conventional hay and grazed sheep and goat in North Unit and Central Oregon Irrigation Districts
- Utilized managed intensive rotational grazing methods to maximize production and improve soil water holding capacity
- Have had irrigation water curtailed because of drought
- Established diversified vegetable production using drip irrigation
- Have published research into the impacts of management decisions on agricultural water runoff, drainage and quality.
- Advised students on thesis projects on cover-cropping and composting
- Have been a SWCD board member before

**Endorsements:**

- Genevieve Hubert, personal endorsement, conservationist by profession and current at-large #2 Deschutes SWCD board member
- Jeff Rola, Development Manager at Neighbor Impact and Zone 3 (Tumalo) representative on the Deschutes SWCD Board.
- Phil Chang, Deschutes County Commissioner
- David and Megan Kellner-Rode, Boundless Farmstead, Alfalfa
- Spring Alaska Schreiner, Sakari Farms, Sisters
- Deschutes Dems

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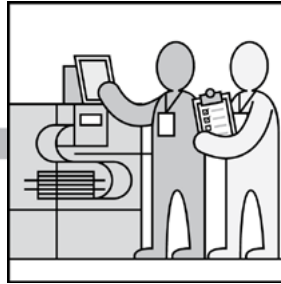
# The Elections Process in Deschutes County



## Step 1. Voter Registration

To register to vote, you are required to provide valid identification proving that you are eligible to vote. After reviewing and verifying your information, we enter it into our voter registration database.

ORS 247.012



## Step 2. Election Equipment Testing

We use election equipment that is certified according to State and Federal standards. We test our election equipment before, during, and after each election.

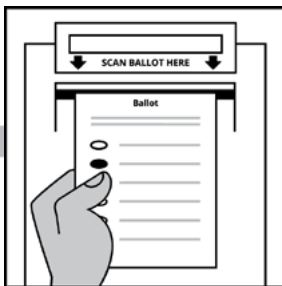
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## Step 3. Ballots Are Mailed

All registered voters are mailed a ballot packet containing their ballot and a postage-paid return envelope that has a printed security weave on the inside that protects your privacy and the secrecy of your vote. We provide registered Uniformed and Overseas Civilian voters access to their ballots via mail or online portal.

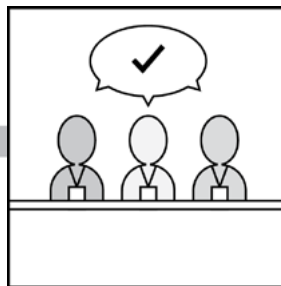
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## Step 7. Ballot Scanning & Tabulation

After ballots are removed from their envelopes, we scan the ballots and count all the valid votes to determine the results of each contest in the election. Our federally and state certified voting system is secure and never connected to the internet.

ORS 254.485, 254.500

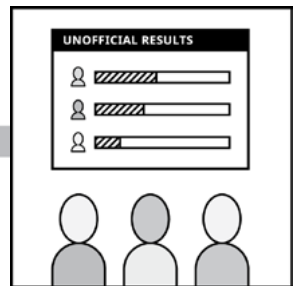


## Step 8. Ballot Adjudication

Teams of two staff, each of different political parties, review if ballots are damaged, have stray marks, or have corrections, undervotes, overvotes, and blank contests to verify voter intent and ensure accurate tabulation.

All ballots are stored in a secure location under 24/7 surveillance.

ORS 254.476, 254.482, 254.483



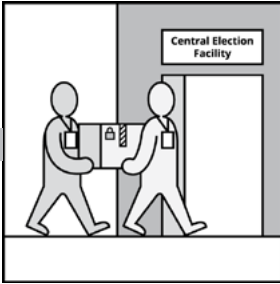
## Step 9. Unofficial Results

We begin publishing unofficial results after 8pm on Election Day. Results are unofficial until after all ballot return deadlines have passed and after we have counted every valid ballot we received.

ORS 254.545

**Find unofficial results on**  
[deschutescounty.gov/electionresults](https://deschutescounty.gov/electionresults)

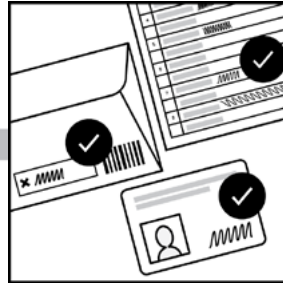
# The Elections Process in Deschutes County



## Step 4. Ballot Collection

In Deschutes County, voters can return their voted ballot by mail or at one of our ten Official Ballot Drop Site locations, conveniently located throughout the county. Drop Site ballots are collected, and mailed ballots are received at our Clerk's Office located in the Deschutes Services Building for ballot tabulation.

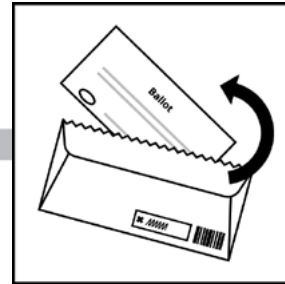
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## Step 5. Verify Voter Eligibility

Upon receipt of your ballot, it is sent through our ballot envelope sorting machine, which scans an image of your signature while sorting your ballot by voting precinct. Trained elections staff verify your envelope signature by comparing it to your signature on file in the voter registration database.

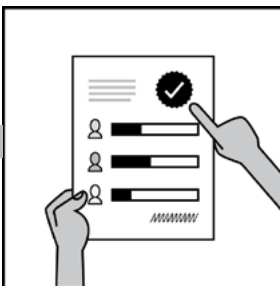
ORS 247.012, 247.019, 247.025, & 254.470



## Step 6. Processing Ballots

If your signatures match, your ballot envelope moves on to be opened. If they don't match, we contact you by mail to resolve the issue so we can count your ballot. If a ballot is damaged or contains machine-unreadable marks, we flag it for manual review. Our goal is to count all eligible ballots as voters intend.

ORS 254.478



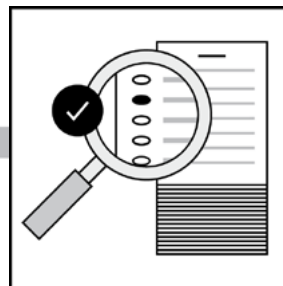
## Step 10. Certification of Official Results

After the Board of Canvassers reviews and verifies the outcome of the election, official election results are certified by the county.

ORS 254.545(3)

**Certified election results are published 27 days after Election Day on**

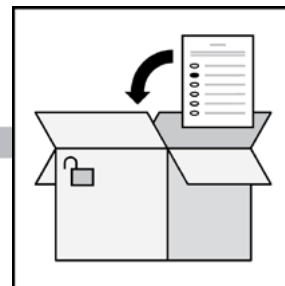
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## Step 11. Audit

Audits are a normal check and balance that are part of every election. We use audits to confirm that election equipment accurately interpreted and tallied voters' ballots, that the outcome of the election reflects how voters voted, and that election workers followed procedures.

ORS 254.529

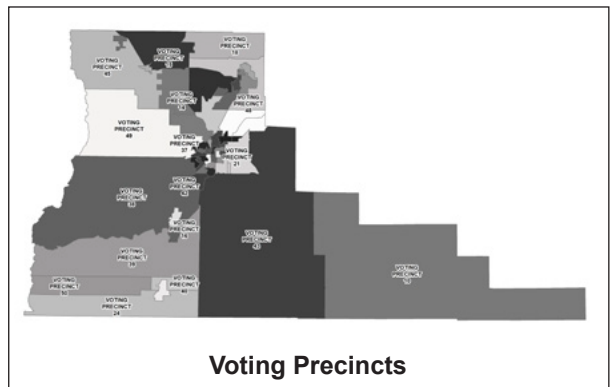
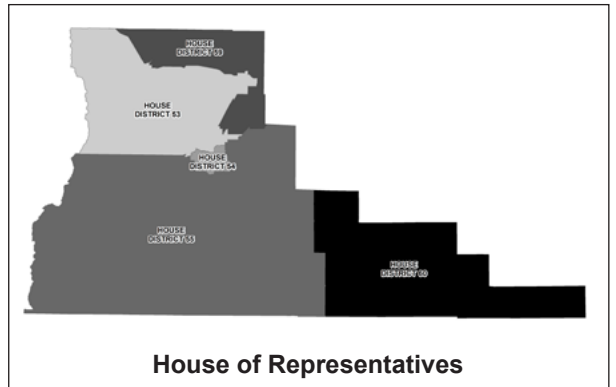
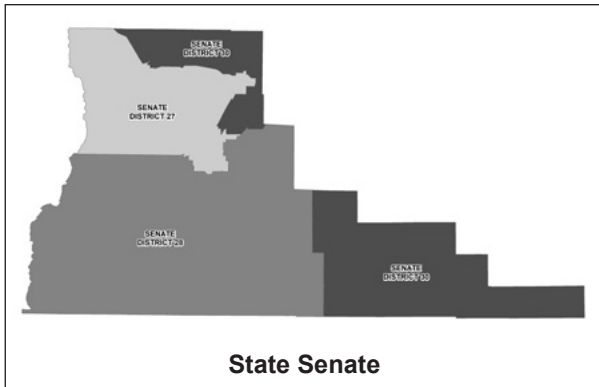


## Step 12. Ballot Storage

We securely store all paper ballots and other records as part of the official record for two years. After two years, the ballots are destroyed.

OAR 166-150-0035(14)(a)

# Redistricting Information



Following the 2020 Census, the boundaries for U.S. Representative, State Senate, and State House of Representatives were redrawn. Voting precincts have been updated to match these new legislative boundaries. To verify if you now reside in a new district, visit <https://www.deschutescounty.gov/clerk/page/precinct-and-district-maps> to view the new County precinct maps.

The November 8, 2022 General Election will be the second election operating under these new boundaries. Winning candidates from this year's primary and general elections will be elected to the new jurisdictional boundaries, which will take effect January 2023.