

voters' pamphlet



Oregon Vote-by-Mail General Election | **November 5, 2024**



2024 MIDDLE TO HIGH SCHOOL (6-12) “I VOTED” STICKER CONTEST

Thank you to all of our local students who participated. To see all of this year's entries, visit www.deschutescounty.gov/artcontest

Congratulations to the Middle to High School (6-12) “I Voted” Sticker Contest winner: **Eli Hogan**, 12th Grade, Mountain View High School.

View the full color version of Eli's winning sticker design on our website.

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 5, 2024 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.

Ballots will be mailed on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, to each registered voter. Here are a few things you should know:

- ◆ **Mail** your voted ballot in your postage-paid ballot return envelope or **drop it off** at an official drop site location by **8:00 pm, Tuesday, November 5, 2024**. 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 12, 2024 will be accepted. Remember to sign your ballot return envelope.
- ◆ Drop sites open Friday, October 18. Check the *Official Ballot Drop Sites* page in this pamphlet for more details.
- ◆ Candidate names on your ballot will appear in random alphabetical order. In accordance with ORS 254.155, random ordering of the letters is conducted prior to each election.
- ◆ Not all the candidates or measures in this Voters' Pamphlet will be on your ballot. Your residence address determines those districts for which you may vote. Your official ballot will contain only those issues on which you are eligible to vote, based on where you live.
- ◆ Not all candidates submit information for the Voters' Pamphlet, so you may have candidates on your ballot that are not in the Voters' Pamphlet.
- ◆ This Voters' Pamphlet is online at www.deschutescounty.gov/elections. After 8:00 pm on Election Night, preliminary election results will be posted online at 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 by filling out a registration card. Registration cards are available at our office, post offices, city halls, and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Translation Information

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

本县选民手册的部分内容提供简体中文版本。可以访问 **oregonvotes.gov/DeschutesVP** 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 : **oregonvotes.gov/DeschutesVP**

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

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 **oregonvotes.gov/DeschutesVP**

Các phần được chọn trong tập thông tin cử tri quận này có bản ngôn ngữ tiếng Việt. Bản dịch có thể xem trực tuyến tại **oregonvotes.gov/DeschutesVP**

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Voting Information

Registering to Vote

To be eligible to vote in the November 5, 2024 General Election, a completed voter registration card must be postmarked by Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

November General Election

All voters in the November 5, 2024 General Election will receive the same ballot, regardless of political party 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.
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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 or email at elections@deschutescounty.gov for further information.

Contact:

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

Disclaimer:

Information provided in statements or arguments by a candidate, a political party, an assembly of electors, or a person supporting or opposing a measure have not been verified for accuracy by Deschutes County.

Voting Instructions

Your Ballot Packet will contain the following items:

- Printed ballot
 - Postage-paid return envelope to be signed
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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 fill 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/measures 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 5, 2024. 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 12, 2024 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.
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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.

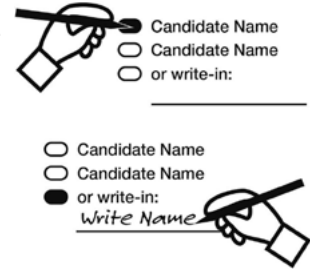
An audio edition of the Voters' Pamphlet is available for download on our website. Voters may also order by contacting Independent Living Resources at (503) 232-7411, info@irl.org, or TTY (503) 232-8408.

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

How To Cast Your Vote

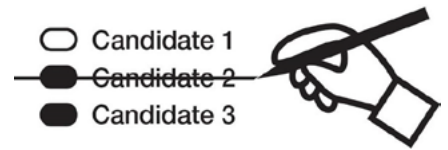
1 Complete your ballot

- 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.



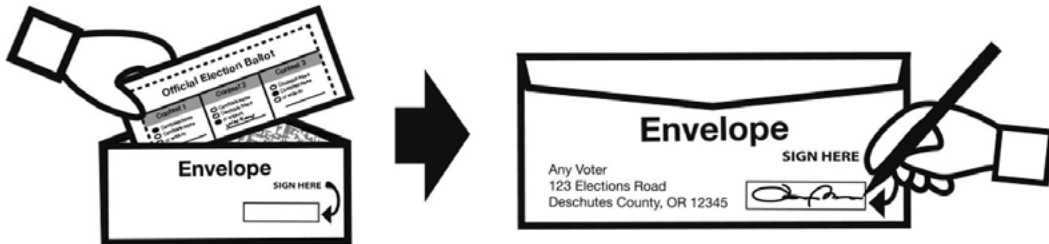
2 Check for errors

- 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

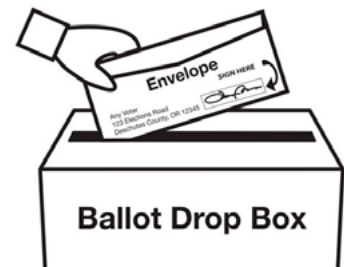
- Insert only your voted ballot (not another person’s ballot) inside your ballot return envelope. *(If we receive an envelope with more than one ballot inside, all enclosed ballots will be rejected and not counted).*
- You must sign your ballot return envelope or **your vote will not count.**



- 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 5, 2024. 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 12, 2024 will be accepted.
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Deschutes County November 5, 2024 General Election Official Ballot Drop Sites

Drop off your ballot at an official drop site location by **8 pm, Tuesday, November 5, 2024**. Remember to sign your ballot return envelope.

Drop Site Hours:

Open: Friday, October 18, 2024

Close: Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at **8 pm**

Drop Site Locations:

| Bend | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| Deschutes Services Center 1300 NW Wall St, Bend <i>(Walk-up & Drive-through exterior Drop Boxes located on west side of building)</i> | Deschutes County Road Department 61150 SE 27 th St, Bend <i>(Box located on south end of parking lot)</i> | Old Mill 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> | Bradbury Park & Ride 1000 SW Bradbury Way, Bend <i>(Box located across from the Park & Rec Pavilion off of Simpson & Columbia)</i> | Pine Nursery Park 3750 NE Purcell Blvd, Bend Open usual park business hours <i>(Box located at east end of parking lot)</i> |
| Redmond | | La Pine | Sisters | Sunriver |
| Deschutes County Expo Center (Fairgrounds) 3800 SW Airport Way, Redmond <i>(Box located on roundabout in east end of parking lot)</i> | Redmond Public Library (Temporarily moved from the Redmond Library) 716 SW Evergreen, Redmond <i>(Box located at north end of parking lot)</i> | La Pine Public Library 16425 1st St, La Pine <i>(Box located at 1st St & Huntington Rd)</i> | Sisters City Hall 520 E Cascade Ave, Sisters <i>(Box located in front of City Hall)</i> | Sunriver Public Library 56855 Venture Ln, Sunriver <i>(Box located at Sunriver Business Park)</i> |

Note: Redmond Library Ballot Drop Box Has Temporarily Moved to the Parking Lot at SW Evergreen Ave & SW 7th St, Redmond

The Redmond Library is under construction until the expected completion date of December 2024. Signage will be posted directing voters to enter the parking lot via SW 7th St and exit on SW Forest Ave.

-- OR --

Mail your voted ballot in your postage-paid return envelope by **8 pm, Tuesday, November 5, 2024**. 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 12 will be accepted. Remember to sign your ballot return envelope.

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

Ballot Title

9-173

Expand County Commission from three to five members.

QUESTION: Should Deschutes County Commission be expanded to include five members?

SUMMARY: Deschutes County's elected governing body, the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners, is currently composed of three elected members.

This ballot measure, if approved by electors, would expand the Board of Commissioners to include five elected members.

In addition, if approved, this ballot measure would set a schedule for the election of Commissioners to coincide with Presidential election cycles. Currently, one of three members is elected in Presidential election years. The two new positions added to the Commission would be filled by election at the next even-year election (2026) for initial terms of two years. In 2028, three Commission positions would appear on the ballot under the terms of this measure and those elected would serve four year terms of office thereafter. The two new positions may not be filled by appointment prior to January 6, 2027.

The provisions of this ballot measure may be amended only by majority vote of the electors of Deschutes County.

Explanatory Statement

Deschutes County's elected governing body, the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners, is currently composed of three elected members.

If approved by voters ("Yes" vote), this ballot measure would expand the Board of Commissioners to include five elected members.

In addition, if approved, this ballot measure would set a schedule for the election of Commissioners to coincide with Presidential election cycles. Currently, one of three members is elected in Presidential election years. The two new positions added to the Commission would be filled by election at the next even-year election (2026) for initial terms of two years.

Further, three Commission positions would appear on the ballot in 2028 under the terms of this measure and those elected would serve four year terms of office thereafter if this measure is approved. The two new positions would not be filled by appointment prior to January 6, 2027.

If this ballot measure is not approved ("No" vote), the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners would remain a three-member elected governing body.

The provisions of this ballot measure may be amended only by majority vote of the electors of Deschutes County.

This measure would take effect beginning in 2026 with the candidate filing period for open Commission seats starting in September of 2025.

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

Measure 9-173 Arguments

Argument in Favor

There are 36 counties in Oregon of which SIX have progressed from three to five county commissioners over the past 16 years. Greater representation is a growing trend in the 21st century in this state.

Our county's population is over 212 thousand and growing. We have had 3 commissioner seats since 1971 when the population was a little over 30 thousand.

Oregon has SEVEN wealthy counties (those with an assessed value of over \$20 billion - reference State of Oregon, Blue Book). Four of our wealthiest counties currently have five county commissioners. Two counties of medium wealth, between \$1 and \$8 billion in assessed value, recently increased to five commissioners; Hood River and Clatsop counties.

Deschutes County, having \$29 billion in overall assessed value is one the seven wealthiest counties but has only 3 commissioners. The other two wealthy counties with only three commissioners are Jackson with \$24 billion of assessed value and Marion with \$29 billion. Last November, Jackson County citizens got a measure on the ballot to increase the number of seats but it failed. Those citizens are not giving up.

This trend to greater representation is led by constituents lobbying their commissioners and making it happen with citizen initiatives after current commissioners refuse to write the legislation themselves. The speed and success of the signature gathering effort to get M9-173 on your ballot indicates what many voters want. Vote with them to increase by two the possibility that our county commissioners will collaborate and cooperate to get more accomplished for all of us.

Endorsed by: League of Women Voters of Deschutes County, Indivisible Sisters, THE VOCAL SENIORITY, Paulina Springs Books, Strengthening Central Oregon PAC, Jamie McLeod-Skinner, Dennis B. Tower, Harmony A. Thomas, and Sarah McDougall

(This information furnished by Susan G. Cobb, Sisters City Councilor.)

Argument in Favor

Deschutes County's governing body has not changed from three members since its founding in 1916 when the population was 5,000. The region's enormous growth requires the county government to catch up to meet the needs of a modern economy and a population of over 200,000 people. **It is financially irresponsible to have 3 people in charge of a staff of 1,200 and a budget of \$728 million.**

No other governing body in Deschutes County operates with only three members. Not the La Pine City Council. Not the Redmond School Board. Even the 4-H Budget Committee has five members.

We need a County Commission where our elected leaders build consensus that balances the needs of our community. Expanding the county commission will increase representation, encourage greater public deliberation, and produce more transparency while balancing important decisions.

Better oversight can save millions yearly. Right now, only two people have to agree to decide major issues that impact us all. We have seen years of work and negotiations thrown out the window by last-minute reversals from just one commissioner. A truly deliberative commission, with five perspectives at the table, will result in better decision-making for our community.

Deschutes County has an important role to play in governing our land use, economic development, emergency management, and more. Citizens are demanding better responses to homelessness, mental health, drug addiction, and wildfire management. However, community perspectives are not always represented in the decisions made by just three commissioners and more often by only two. It is time to expand the County Commission and better meet the needs of the people who live here.

Measure 9-137 is endorsed by:

Bend City Council
Ed Fitch, Mayor of Redmond
Clifford B. Evelyn, Redmond City Councilor
Kathryn Osborne, Redmond City Councilor
John Nielsen, Redmond City Councilor
City Council of Sisters
Central Oregon Labor Chapter for Oregon AFL-CIO
Central Oregon LandWatch

Learn more: RepresentDeschutes.com

(This information furnished by John Heylin, Represent Deschutes.)

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Measure 9-173 Arguments

Argument in Favor

City Officials Support Expanded County Commission

The City Councils of Sisters and Bend support Measure 9-173, the Ballot Initiative to expand the County Commission from three members to five members. Passing this measure will be a major step forward for our county and our community.

Local government bodies in Deschutes County all operate with more than three elected officials, from our City Councils to Library Boards to School Boards. It has been our experience that broader representation and diversity of experiences and views enriches the decision-making process.

Expanding the Deschutes County Commission would encourage greater public deliberation, produce more transparency in important decisions, and bring the sort of professionalism the public expects from elected leaders.

With over 200,000 residents, Deschutes is the fastest-growing County in Oregon. Growth in our cities creates many benefits, and many challenges – from housing and the environment to traffic management and public safety. We need a county government that can keep up and even get ahead of our growth and change.

Instead we're stuck with a commission model only slightly modified since the days of the Oregon Trail. We can't be burdened by a system originally designed for a small community of 5,000 people. Our growing population and our modern economy deserve better. It's time for the County government to catch up.

The cities of Bend and Sisters rely heavily on the support of the County in many ways. County Commission decisions affect our residents very directly. Their cooperation on the homeless issue is critical to us, as are their decisions about long term planning. A broader-based commission can bring a wider perspective to those decisions.

This November, voters have an opportunity to fix this problem with a change to the structure of county commission. YOU can make that change happen at the ballot box.

Join Bend and Sisters leaders in voting YES for Measure 9-173 this November.

Mayor Melanie Kebler, Bend
Mayor Michael Preedin, Sisters

(This information furnished by Melanie Kebler.)

Argument in Favor

Vote YES for Better Access, Representation, and Fiscal Responsibility

Since 1916, when Deschutes County had only 5000 residents, we have had only three County Commissioners. Today we number over 210,000. It's time to expand the Commission.

A five-person Commission can provide better access and representation for our fast-growing community. Even small Oregon Counties like Hood River (23,888) and Clatsop (41,428), have expanded to a five-person commission, making them more responsive to resident's hopes and concerns.

Broader representation and a range of experiences and views will enrich our decision making. Five Commissioners just have more brainpower and capacity than three. A larger group would exercise better oversight and direction for the County's wide array of services – from the landfill to mental health and hundreds more.

A larger group can also provide better oversight of County finances and insulate us from the political whims or allegiances of a smaller group. For example, only two commissioners passed a tiny politically-motivated tax cut in 2017/2018, that only saved local homeowners \$10 or \$15 a year, while it starved our County's capital construction reserves of \$10 million. Now we have to borrow that money and pay interest for decades to expand our courthouse!

Political allegiances also kept us from exerting appropriate oversight when the Sheriff wrongfully terminated the deputy who challenged him in the 2016 election. By not intervening, two commissioners cost the County \$2.2 million in attorney fees and a large award to the deputy.

Examples like these demonstrate that with a County budget of \$728 million, strong fiscal oversight can pay dividends far above the salary and benefits costs for two new commissioners.

Lets also think beyond this measure. Assigning Commissioners to geographic districts would be a logical next step. Dedicating a Commissioner to Redmond or south County, for example, would improve access, representation and oversight there even more.

Please vote YES on 9-173 and then push the County to assign Commissioners to districts.

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

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Measure 9-173 Arguments

Argument in Favor

South Deschutes County has experienced significant growth, with more residents settling in our beautiful county. We have grown, so have our challenges. As we face the impacts of wildfire, drought, and rising costs, it's clear that our community needs stronger representation in county government.

As voters in South Deschutes County, we support Measure 9-173 because it is vital for ensuring our voices are heard. Expanding the Board of Commissioners from three to five members will provide us with dedicated representation—commissioners who understand the unique challenges we face and will prioritize our concerns in county decisions.

This measure means more perspectives at the table, better collaboration, and a county government that truly reflects the needs of all its residents, especially those of us in South County. By voting YES on Measure 9-173, we're advocating for fairness, inclusivity, and a more responsive government that works for our community.

South Deschutes County voters are united in supporting Measure 9-173. Let's make sure our voices are heard loud and clear—vote YES on Measure 9-173.

Endorsed by South County Residents:

Monte Dammarell
Jeannie Adkins, LRSRD Secretary
Miranda Wells, DRRH Unit 9 VP
Thomas Kelley
Ann Houston Kelley
Scott H. Morgan
Cindy Lee Morgan
Rachel L. Cannon
Robin Adams Director, La Pine Rural Fire Board
Emily Dougan, DRW Resident
Becca Phelps, Three Rivers

(This information furnished by Emily Dougan.)

Argument in Opposition

Increase the County Commission? WHY?

Increased Taxes for Salaries: Our taxes would need to be increased 2x \$124k per year + Benefits: 2x \$27k per year = \$304k per year! At a time when the economy is bad and many are struggling to put food on the table. It is a 24 hours/7 days per week job. Their current salaries are commensurate with other like size counties.

Increased Spending to remodel for 2 new commissioners: We would need 2 new Commissioner offices and an increase Commission Board room, and an increased Commission work session room, at a time when the economy is bad and many are struggling to put food on the table.

In addition, it is not a good time for increased spending due to the Courthouse expansion, which was/is important to handle 2 new Judges due to our increased population.

Increased Quorum: The current quorum is 2, increased quorum would be 3.

Currently 2 Commissioners cannot attend the same public meeting because that constitutes quorum and an unsanctioned public meeting.

Increasing quorum to 3 would allow 2 commissioners to attend the same public meeting, and allow them to strategize.

Lack of Transparency: Increasing the commissioners would diminish transparency, as current quorum rules require all discussions to take place in public meetings.

Commissioners Adair and DeBone voted NO on increasing the Commission.

WHY should the Commission be increased? The benefits do not out-weigh the costs!

Please vote NO to Increasing the County Commission!

~Deschutes Republicans

(This information furnished by Deborah W. Lee, Deschutes Republicans.)

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Measure 9-174 Redmond School District 2J

Ballot Title

9-174

BONDS TO INCREASE SAFETY; REPAIR SCHOOLS; EXPAND VOCATIONAL TRAINING FACILITIES

QUESTION: Shall District increase safety, repair schools, expand vocational training facilities; issue \$97,700,000 in bonds; estimated to maintain current tax rate? 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: Estimated to maintain current tax rate.

Represents the second phase of a two-part construction program to make long-term repairs and improve student opportunities in the Redmond School District.

Bonds would finance capital projects, including:

- **Improving Health, Safety & Security:**
 - Security fencing
 - Secure entry at Ridgeview High School
 - Air quality improvements
 - Asbestos abatement
 - Fire safety systems
- **Preserving Facilities & Lowering Costs with District-Wide Building Updates:**
 - Replace roofs, plumbing, flooring
 - Update electrical, heating, ventilation/cooling systems
 - Install energy efficient lighting and windows
 - Install drought tolerant landscaping
- **Critical Repairs, CTE Expansion at Redmond High School:**
 - Replace 50-year-old heating system pipes at risk of failure within 5 years
 - Expand and remodel spaces for vocational training and extracurriculars
- **Expand Tumalo Community School to return to K-8 school**
- Demolition, furnishings, equipment; bond issuance costs

Continues community bond oversight committee.

Bonds may be issued in series over multiple years, each series would mature over a period not to exceed 21 years from issuance.

Explanatory Statement

Redmond School District (RSD) draws its 7,100 students from a 550 square mile area that includes the City of Redmond and the communities of Alfalfa, Crooked River Ranch, Eagle Crest, Terrebonne and Tumalo. The district operates 13 school buildings serving students in kindergarten through high school.

Continuing our Community's Investment in Our Schools

This bond would represent the second phase of a two-part construction program designed to address ongoing repair needs, modernization and facilities upgrades in the Redmond School District while maintaining existing tax rates.

Projected to Maintain 2024 Tax Rate: If approved, the proposed \$97.7 million bond is estimated to not increase property tax rates over the 2024 rate because RSD's 2004 General Obligation bonds matured on June 15, 2024 and the related levy will end.

RSD Schools Face Challenges

- **Health, Safety and Security:** Ridgeview High School has multiple points of entry which creates security concerns; fire safety systems throughout the District are aging; multiple schools need security fencing to enhance student safety.
- **Aging School Buildings:** The average age of RSD buildings is 50 years old. While well maintained, many of these buildings contain original building systems that have reached the end of their usable life. Electrical, ventilation heating and cooling systems, roofs, flooring, windows, sidewalks and plumbing are in need of repair or replacement throughout the district.
- **Critical Repairs Needed at Redmond High School:** Specialists hired by RSD have found that the roof and 50-year-old hot water heating pipes at Redmond High School are expected to experience a catastrophic failure in the next five years that is predicted to cause flooding and exposure to toxic asbestos, resulting in the school's closure.

2024 Bond Request

RSD, in partnership with the community, has developed a recommendation for a school capital construction bond request that, if passed, will:

- **Improve Health, Safety and Security:**
 - Create a single secure entry at Ridgeview High School
 - Air quality improvements
 - Asbestos abatement
 - Fire safety systems
- **Preserve Facilities with District-Wide Building Updates**
 - Replace roofs, plumbing, flooring and outdoor surfaces
 - Update electrical, heating, ventilation/cooling systems.
- **Improve Energy Efficiency, Reduce Operating Costs:** Districtwide energy efficiency projects, including replacing old, inefficient high-maintenance heating and ventilation systems, installing LED lighting and new windows and creating water saving landscaping and playing surfaces will save thousands of dollars in annual maintenance and operating costs.
- **Critical Repairs, CTE Expansion at Redmond High School:**
 - Replace 50-year-old heating system pipes at risk of failure within 5 years
 - Expand and renovate space for vocational training, sports and theater
- **Expand Tumalo Community School to return to a K-8 school**

Citizen Oversight and Accountability

In 2020, RSD established an independent, citizen-led Bond Oversight Committee that oversaw the use of bond funds. The oversight committee would continue as part of the passage of this measure. The committee will ensure bond revenues are used only for purposes consistent with the voter-approved bond program and state law.

(This information furnished by Charan Cline, Ed.D., Superintendent.)

Measure 9-174 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Redmond's Business Community Encourages You to Support Measure 9-174

Invest in Schools without Raising Taxes

As business owners and leaders, representing our business membership organizations, we understand the value of return on investment. This bond is an excellent opportunity to maintain the tax rate, while investing in Redmond's future.

Disciplined Fiscal Responsibility

We appreciate the financial discipline District leadership has demonstrated in creating a two-phase bond plan without an increase in the tax rate. The 2020 bond funded targeted security updates and necessary repairs all while maintaining the tax rate. The District was able to complete all of the 2020 bond projects on budget and on time. The 2024 bond will again make needed building improvements without increasing the tax rate. This demonstrates outstanding stewardship of public funds.

Great Schools are Good for Business

We believe healthy, safe, modern schools, and quality education, are essential for a desirable community to call home. Our future residents and neighbors buy and rent homes, patronize our local shops, open businesses, and enroll their children in Redmond's schools. Thriving schools are an important part of a community's economic engine and we must ensure that our schools are providing vibrant, high-quality education in safe and secure buildings for current students as well as preparing new spaces to welcome students new to our community.

Job Training and Workforce Development

This bond will provide targeted investments in the Career and Technology Education at Redmond High School. By providing workforce and trades training to our students we enable them to access high wage positions that are in-demand in the region. We support all efforts that allow us to keep students and their future families in the Redmond community.

Vote Yes

We believe that this bond is an incredible opportunity to invest in Redmond's future without raising the tax rate. Please join us in voting yes on Measure 9-174:

Redmond Economic Development Inc.

Redmond Chamber of Commerce & CVB

Redmond Executive Association

(This information furnished by Richard C. Bailey, President, Redmond Economic Development, Inc.)

Argument in Favor

TUMALO COMMUNITY SCHOOL PARENTS Urge You to Vote YES on Measure 9-174

For decades, Tumalo Community School has been the gem of our community. Generations of our children have been educated in this 104-year-old school.

Our aging school has led to serious challenges, including lack of space to accommodate middle school grades. For decades, Tumalo served kindergarten through 8th grade, keeping elementary and middle school students in our community, and the Redmond School District. In 2019, RSD made the difficult decision to end middle school, creating many hard challenges for Tumalo families. More than two-thirds of Tumalo families made the difficult decision to send their children to middle school outside the district, causing tremendous financial losses to the district as, once outside the district students rarely return. Without this bond, our school facility simply isn't large enough to host middle school.

Keep Tumalo Kids in Tumalo and in the Redmond School District

A YES vote on the bond means expansion of Tumalo Community School to reintroduce middle school grades 6-8 and keep kids in Tumalo and the Redmond School District.

Preserve Our Historic School

A YES vote on the bond means Tumalo Community School would receive repairs and upgrades to maintain our 104-year-old school building: Updated HVAC and electrical; a remodeled gym, kitchen, and cafeteria; and much needed repairs to our courtyard, playground, parking lot, and sidewalks.

Vote YES on the Redmond School Bond

This no-tax increase bond measure is a win-win for the Tumalo community and RSD. It is very rare that an opportunity exists to raise \$97.7 million dollars for our school district without raising taxes. This bond will update and improve every school in the Redmond School District, supporting success for all students.

Please join Tumalo Community School parents, volunteers, and Parent Teacher Committee members in voting YES for Measure 9-174.

David Bergman, Tumalo Parent and PTC Vice President

(This information furnished by David Bergman, Tumalo Parent and PTC Vice President, Tumalo PTC.)

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Measure 9-174 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Join Public Safety Leaders in Support of Measure 9-174 Improve Safety and Security of Redmond Schools without Raising Taxes

As law enforcement and public safety officials, we know the importance of keeping kids, and the adults who care for them, safe within our schools. Preventing tragedies starts with buildings that are secure and that are outfitted with robust safety and security systems.

A YES vote on measure 9-174 will repair or add perimeter fencing at our two middle schools and create a secure vestibule at Ridgeview High School. Currently, RVHS visitors and students enter through front doors and immediately access the commons. A new secure vestibule will create an additional layer of security as visitors and guests must enter this before being allowed into the rest of the school.

The average age of Redmond School District schools is 50 years, and many of these schools have outdated fire safety and fire suppression systems. **A YES vote will provide funds to replace critical fire and sprinkler systems throughout the district.**

This bond prioritizes school safety and security without raising taxes. When it comes to protecting students and staff, we all have a role in supporting safety for students. Our community has the opportunity to provide the District with the necessary resources and tools it needs to update school buildings.

Please join law enforcement and public safety officials in voting yes on measure 9-174

Deschutes County Sheriff L. Shane Nelson
Redmond Police Officers Association

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

Argument in Favor

Bond Wisely Invests in Redmond's Future Without Raising Taxes

As current elected officials, responsible for the budgets that provide for the wellbeing of our citizens, we take the investment of public dollars seriously. The Redmond School Bond, which does not raise taxes, is an excellent example of investing public dollars wisely.

The Bond is a Wise Investment because:

1. Our schools are in need of safety upgrades and critical repairs. From fire safety and sprinkler systems to asbestos abatement, bond funds will be used to make district buildings healthy, safe, and more secure.
2. The bond allows us to maintain two high schools for our growing, vibrant community. The District has identified a critical issue in the HVAC piping at Redmond High School. If not fixed, the failure of this system could result in the school's closure. The District has made the promise to keep both schools open but needs our community's support to help make these necessary repairs.
3. Old buildings are inefficient and need repair. Waiting to repair aging facilities increases long-term costs to taxpayers. Investing now saves us money, without raising taxes.
4. Bond funds will expand opportunities for students. Redmond High School has outdated Career and Technical Education Spaces as well as aging theater, band, choir, and art classrooms. This bond will make investments to ensure students have the resources and space to pursue the arts as well as workforce and trades training.

This school bond, which does not increase taxes, is prudent use of public funds and a wise investment in our future.

As your elected officials, we ask that you join us in voting yes for Measure 9-174:

Lori Chavez-DeRemer, Congresswoman
Emerson Levy, Oregon State Representative
Ed Fitch, Redmond Mayor
Cat Zwicker, Redmond City Councilor
Tobias Colvin, Redmond City Councilor
Clifford Evelyn Redmond City Councilor
John Nielsen, Redmond City Councilor
Kathryn Osborne, Redmond City Councilor
Shannon Wedding, Redmond City Councilor

Thank you for investing in Redmond Schools without raising taxes.

(This information furnished by Ed Fitch, Redmond Mayor.)

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Measure 9-174 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Redmond High School Alumni, Former Staff, Families Unite to Support Measure 9-174

As members of the Redmond High School community, we urge you to continue the legacy of our community's oldest high school. From the outside, Redmond High School appears well maintained thanks to the hard work of district maintenance crews. But our beloved school faces catastrophic closure. The 54 year old HVAC piping located in parts of the roof is failing. Unfortunately, this part of the HVAC system is surrounded by toxic asbestos which must be abated and removed in order to replace the piping. This is a monumental project which experts estimate will take 18 months to complete.

Preserve the Legacy of Redmond High School

This bond will keep Redmond a two-high school community by repairing the failing HVAC piping at Redmond High School. A YES vote will prevent the consolidation of both high schools and allow RHS to continue to serve our community.

Expand Career Readiness, Athletics, and the Arts for Redmond High School Students

Not only will it keep the doors open at RHS, this bond will expand vocational programs such as agriculture, construction technology, automotive, and manufacturing to help pave the way for a career after graduation. We are thrilled to know the bond will make investments in athletics and arts by renovating the locker rooms, gym, theater, choir, band, and art programs at RHS. These investments will allow us to expand opportunities for all students.

It is our responsibility to pay it forward and preserve Redmond High School for our children now and for generations of RHS graduates to come.

Cari Wood, Retired RHS Staff Member

Lance Hill, Alumni

Maarty Leunen, Alumni

Mason Rodby, Alumni

Mike McIntosh, Alumni and Retired Superintendent

Please join Redmond High School alumni, and former staff, in voting YES for Measure 9-174.

(This information furnished by Michael D McIntosh, Alumni and Retired Superintendent.)

Argument in Favor

Redmond School District's Educator Community Encourages You to Support Measure 9-174!

Redmond School District schools have undeniable needs. We have aging schools throughout the district with outdated and inefficient systems that need repair. Many of our schools have fire and sprinkler systems that are in need of replacement. And Redmond High School faces catastrophic closure with the recent discovery of failing HVAC piping. With this school bond, we have the opportunity to address these repairs, and keep Redmond High School open **without adding to your taxes**.

As the people who work and teach in these spaces to educate our children, we know that our schools need long overdue repairs that will only become more expensive over time. These needed repairs will create a safer learning environment for our students while creating energy efficient buildings that will serve generations to come. These savings will ultimately allow our district to redirect funds to the classroom to students. In a time when the cost of living is higher than ever, this no tax increase bond is a win for our community.

Students and staff will be in buildings that are safe, efficient, and allow for best educational practices. The community will continue to have school buildings that will be viable educational spaces for years to come. **And, best of all, Redmond School District taxpayers will not see their tax rate increase as a result.**

Please join Redmond School District's board members, teachers, and administrators in voting YES for Measure 9-174.

Michael Summers, Chair, Redmond School Board

Liz Goodrich, Redmond School Board

Keri Lopez, Redmond School Board

Amanda Page, Redmond School Board

Eric Lea, Redmond School Board

Charan Cline

Tony Pupo

Anthony Brown

Colleen Chamberlain

Brian Cook

Trevor Flaherty

Drew Frank

Cyndi Ganfield

Evan Grant

Jamie Hartford

Audrey Haugan

Karen Mitchell

Samuel Platt

Dusty Porter

Doug Taylor

Chris Wyland

(This information furnished by Michael Summers, Chair, Redmond School Board.)

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Ballot Title

9-175

FIVE-YEAR LOCAL OPTION TAX FOR PARK AND RECREATION OPERATIONS

QUESTION: Shall District impose \$0.21 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years for operations beginning in 2025-2026? 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 new and 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 \$0.21 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value within the District for five years, beginning July 1, 2025. The proposed rate will raise approximately \$1,181,977 in 2025-26; \$1,217,991 in 2026-27; \$1,255,086 in 2027-28; \$1,293,293 in 2028-29; and \$1,332,647 in 2029-30 for a total of \$6,280,995.

Explanatory Statement

The Redmond Area Park and Recreation District (RAPRD) provides park and recreation facilities and activities for residents in the greater Redmond, Oregon community. The District manages several facilities, including the Cascade Swim Center, Pleasant Ridge Community Hall, and the High Desert Sports Complex, and oversees undeveloped park properties reserved for future recreational use.

RAPRD offers a wide range of recreation programs for various age groups and interests. These include youth and adult sports leagues, STEM programs, cooking and art classes, swim lessons, sports camps, and fitness programs.

In November 2022, voters approved a general obligation bond measure to fund the construction of a new community recreation center; however, a local option levy on the same ballot did not pass. The new facility, currently under construction, is designed to support multi-generational recreational, fitness, therapeutic, and aquatic activities. Planned features include an 8-lane lap pool, a leisure pool, group fitness classrooms, cardio and weight equipment, and a gymnasium equipped for basketball, volleyball, and pickleball. The center will also include a walking track around the gym and multipurpose rooms for various activities and events.

The District's operations are primarily funded through a permanent tax rate of \$0.3717 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value. While this rate has historically been sufficient, it is not enough to cover the costs of operating the new larger facility alongside existing ones. To address this shortfall, RAPRD is proposing a local option levy at a rate of \$0.21 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value. If approved by voters, this levy would begin on July 1, 2025, and continue for five years. The additional revenue would help fund the operation of the new community recreation center.

For a home with a Taxable Assessed Value (TAV) of \$250,000, the proposed levy would result in an estimated cost of \$52.50 per year, or \$4.38 per month. The formula to calculate the individual impact is: $TAV \times 0.00021 = \text{Annual Tax}$

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

Measure 9-175 Arguments

Argument in Favor

RECREATION FOR EVERYONE!

A yes vote for the Redmond Area Park and Recreation District levy ensures recreation for everyone in our community by providing operational funds for the new recreation center, currently under construction. The levy will allow for the Cascade Swim Center to remain open, doubling the pool space and increasing opportunities for school, recreational, and community use.

A yes vote will provide affordable recreation opportunities for everyone in the community. The new facility will have a heated leisure pool with a lazy river and a waterslide; a separate lap pool; a gym with basketball, pickleball, volleyball and a walking track; weights and cardio equipment; exercise class rooms; childcare; a teaching kitchen and multi-use conference space; and party rooms. The facility can host community events, learning and fitness classes, and provide a gathering space to meet with friends, play a board game or host parties. The center gives much needed indoor space and activities during the cold winter and hot summer months.

A yes vote is an investment in the community. The levy is affordable with an average cost of \$4.38 per month – less than a coffee, burrito, or burger. That is money well spent for a facility that provides space for exercise, learning, play, and community gatherings - something the Redmond area is currently missing.

A yes vote will allow the Redmond area community to use the new facility without restrictions which may be in place if the levy does not pass. Without these additional operational funds, the Cascade Swim Center would close and other cost cutting measures may occur, such as reduced hours or higher entrance fees for the new facility.

The community recognized the need, value, and impact of a recreation center and approved the bond for the new facility.

Now let's come together again to vote yes on the levy to continue to support community recreation and the new facility in its fullest!

VOTE YES ON MEASURE #9-175

(This information furnished by Kirsten Burch, Redmond Recreation PAC.)

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Measure 9-176 Deschutes Soil & Water Conservation District

Ballot Title

9-176

Establish Permanent Tax Rate Limit

QUESTION: Shall District be authorized to impose \$0.06 per \$1,000 assessed value as a permanent rate limit beginning in 2025-2026?

SUMMARY: Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District serves all of Deschutes County. The District services promote voluntary efforts to conserve water, protect drinking water supply, improve soil health for local farms and agriculture, support forest health, reduce wildfire risk, enhance fish/wildlife habitat, control invasive weeds, restore streams, and conserve natural areas and green spaces. The District does not make or enforce regulations. The District is currently funded through short-term grants. The District has conducted a thorough assessment of natural resource needs and asks voters to approve a permanent rate limit in which the maximum amount the District can levy is \$0.06 per \$1,000 assessed value. This rate by law cannot be raised. If the maximum amount is levied, it will cost no more than \$14.28 per year on an average property value assessed at \$238,000. The revenue raised will allow the District to provide education, technical assistance, and fund conservation efforts through projects for urban and rural communities, farmers, foresters, businesses, schools, and agencies. District financial reports are audited annually and available to the public.

- Encourage good stewardship practices that keep pesticides and fertilizers out of our water supply.
- Educate and provide technical and financial assistance to landowners about efficient irrigation and how to minimize the use of water.
- Improve soil health by controlling erosion, fighting invasive weeds, and protecting against damaging drought.
- Partner with urban landowners, neighborhood organizations, and public agencies to plant native drought tolerant vegetation in urban areas and promote urban farms/gardens.
- Help woodland and private forest owners improve forest health, protect water quality, reduce fire risks, and improve fish and wildlife habitat.
- Educate county residents, particularly children and youth, educators, and underserved residents, to learn about conservation, nature, and gardening.
- Support local farmers who provide fresh, healthy, affordable food and beverages.
- Promote better protection of pollinators.
- Support partnerships with federal, state, local, public, and non-profits in Deschutes County.
- Collaborate with partners to fill mutually identified gaps while avoiding duplication.

Deschutes County is growing. Protecting natural resources and meeting the growing need for services requires the District grow with these needs. The proposed permanent tax rate will allow the District to expand technical and financial assistance, conservation planning, and education to more rural landowners, forest owners, and urban residents and communities.

(This information furnished by Board of Directors Co-Chairs: Jeffrey Rola and James Warren, Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District.)

Explanatory Statement

Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District was established in 1947 to protect and enhance the natural resources in Deschutes County. The District's area is county-wide. The District provides education, technical assistance, and project funding to local landowners and communities about how to protect and conserve our clean water, maintain healthy soil and forests, reduce wildfire risk, protect fish and wildlife, reduce noxious weeds, protect farms, and enhance urban gardens and green spaces for all residents. The District's work in rural areas protects waterways that flow through urban and suburban Deschutes County. To date, the District has collaborated primarily with rural residents and local farmers. The District frequently partners with local, state, and federal organizations to work on projects critical to Deschutes County's environment and economy. Currently, the District's only sources of revenue are short-term grants or agreements.

In recent years, the District has seen an increased request for services that exceed the District's ability to provide assistance. Starting in December 2023, the District conducted listening sessions with county stakeholders as well as online and mail surveys to solicit citizen input on where the District should invest its resources. Strong community requests were made for the District to increase its efforts for sustainable management of County water, working lands and open areas, increase work in rural and agriculture areas, give technical assistance to private forest/wood landowners, and extend services to urban areas. Stable funding is required to perform core vital functions and meet the requested services.

The District prepared a strategic plan incorporating these partner and citizen requests (available on its website) which explains how it intends to meet the needs and how the proposed revenue would be used.

- Protect clean water for drinking and for fish and wildlife.

Measure 9-176 Arguments

Argument in Favor

DSWCD Levy

It felt like serendipity about five years ago when I looked at the flier in my mail from the Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District. Following the horror of the Camp Fire in Paradise, CA, my husband and I had become acutely aware of our own vulnerability, and that of our entire community, at our property just outside of Sisters. We had no idea what needed to be done and what we, as private landowners, could do to make a difference. Enter DSWCD.

After we contacted DSWCD, we were directed to a program through the Natural Resources Conservation Service to begin a forest fire mitigation project on our property. With gracious and knowledgeable support from the staff, and financial support from available grants, we have been able to make significant headway in managing our forest.

The trees keep growing. Fire mitigation will be a part of our responsibility as long as we own property in Deschutes County. With continued support from DSWCD, I hope that we can continue to form partnerships that help protect us and our beautiful community from the risk of a disaster like Paradise experienced.

(This information furnished by Rebecca Peterson.)

Argument in Favor

The Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District is unique to local government. It operates through voluntary cooperation to enhance our natural resources and improve the health, prosperity, and quality of life for current and future citizens of our county.

The District has no authority to regulate. Led by an elected board to guide the preservation of natural resources, the DSWCD supports local farmers, ranchers, forest owners, urban and rural residents, communities and conservation groups to sustain our natural resource base for future generations. The DSWCD provides technical assistance, education, and funding. This locally led process is proven to be the most effective way to bring positive change to the land.

By voting YES, you're ensuring DSWCD can serve Deschutes County by:

- **Maintaining conservation programs:** The DSWCD is currently funded through short-term grants. The levy would provide stable funding for a range of conservation programs such as:
 - Improving irrigation efficiency, piping irrigation laterals, developing irrigation water management plans and riparian habitat restoration
 - Helping landowners create and implement healthy forest management plans and restoring lands after wildfires to protect our homes and communities
 - Enhancing green spaces, supporting community gardens, and converting landscapes to drought resistant and native pollinator landscapes
- **Leveraging your money:** The levy would increase grant writing capacity to increase partnerships among the DSWCD and local conservation partners to maximize our conservation efforts.
- **Expand Programs:** The levy would allow us to establish and sustain conservation programs in urban as well as rural communities.

Support for stable funding helps tackle critical issues like water conservation, wildfire recovery, wildlife protection, urban green space support, and sustainable agriculture.

Endorsed by: Rooper Ranch (Redmond); Zajac Farms (Redmond); Boundless Farmstead (Alfalfa); DD Ranch (Terrebonne); Fibonacci Farm (Bend); Becca Phelps (Three Rivers); Emily Dougan (Deschutes River Woods); Abby Kellner-Rode (Alfalfa); Ariel Mendez (Bend City Councilor); Brian Lepore (Bend and DSWCD and COID board member); James Warren (Alfalfa and DSWCD board member); Central Oregon Land-Watch; Deschutes Democrats

(This information furnished by Brian Lepore, Citizens for Deschutes Conservation.)

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Measure 9-176 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Vote YES for Farms, Rivers, Wildlife, and Wildfire Safety

Would you contribute \$10 to \$25 per year to:

- restore flow to the Deschutes River and its tributaries;
- help local farmers become more drought tolerant, better soil and habitat stewards, and more successful businesspeople; and
- make our whole community safer from wildfire by helping landowners reduce hazardous fuels on their property?

\$10 to \$25 per year is what most homeowners will pay to support rivers, farms, wildlife and community wildfire protection if voters approve Measure 9-176, establishing stable funding for the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) that serves us in Deschutes County.

SWCDs are local organizations that help private landowners - with a historic focus on farmers - to conserve soil, water, and wildlife habitat on their properties. Landowners interested in voluntary conservation projects get valuable technical assistance and federal US Department of Agriculture cost share funding through SWCDs.

In recent years, the Deschutes SWCD has helped 25 farmers conserve water through on-farm irrigation efficiency projects across 355 acres so that our rivers and other farmers can have a more reliable water supply. The Deschutes SWCD has also worked with many landowners to reduce hazardous fuels on over 500 acres of property across the County, making future wildfires less frequent, less intense, and easier to control.

The Deschutes SWCD is doing great work but can only accomplish so much with limited local funding. The SWCDs around the state that have the biggest impacts have a local tax assessment to support their work and to leverage additional federal and state funding.

Your \$10 to \$25 per year would also allow the Deschutes SWCD to expand their work in our towns and cities. SWCDs across the nation are supporting Backyard Conservation efforts at urban and suburban homes, which keep our rivers clean, improve habitat for wildlife and pollinators, beautify the landscape, and support local food production.

This small new tax offers big dividends for our community.

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

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Measure 9-177

City of Redmond

Ballot Title

9-177

Advisory vote to allow marijuana dispensaries in the City.

QUESTION: Should the City of Redmond modify City Code to allow marijuana dispensaries in the City?

SUMMARY: This measure is a non-binding recommendation to City Council whether to amend City Code to allow for licensing of marijuana dispensaries within the jurisdiction of the City of Redmond.

Oregon Law allows for possession, manufacture, and sale of marijuana by/to adults, subject to state licensing, regulation, and taxation. As set out in statutes and under home rule authority, Redmond is able to regulate marijuana activities. Current Redmond City Code does not allow for business licenses to be issued to marijuana dispensaries.

If approved, the measure would advise City Council to amend the City Code to allow for licensing of marijuana dispensaries and to regulate marijuana dispensaries and other types of marijuana businesses within the City. If approved, this measure would make the City eligible to receive distributions of state and local marijuana tax revenues from marijuana retailers and marijuana related businesses.

Explanatory Statement

Oregon Ballot Measure 91, enacted in 2014, allows for possession, manufacture, and sale of marijuana by/to adults, subject to state licensing, regulation, and taxation. As set out in Oregon statutes and under home rule authority, Redmond is able to regulate marijuana activities.

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission licenses recreational marijuana producers, processors, wholesalers, and retailers. Current Redmond City Code does not allow for business licenses to be issued to any business that does not comply with federal, state, and local laws. Retail marijuana is not allowed to be sold under federal law.

If approved, the measure would advise City Council to amend City Code to allow for retail marijuana sales, subject to adopted time, place and manner regulations, which puts reasonable local controls on businesses that sell marijuana to consumers. In general, these regulations may include restricting marijuana dispensaries to certain zoning, limiting operating hours, and establishing mandatory distances between dispensaries, from schools, childcare centers, and treatment facilities.

If approved, this measure would make the City eligible to receive distributions of state marijuana tax revenues as directed under State statutes, and local marijuana tax revenues from marijuana retailers and marijuana related businesses.

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

Measure 9-178

City of Redmond

Ballot Title

9-178

Imposes a municipal tax on products sold by marijuana retailers.

QUESTION: Shall Redmond impose a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items by marijuana retailers within City limits?

SUMMARY: State law permits a city council to adopt an ordinance to be referred to the voters of the City imposing a three percent tax or fee on the sale of marijuana items in the City by a licensed marijuana retailer.

If this measure is approved, authorized marijuana retailers selling products in the City would be subject to a three percent tax. The marijuana retailer would be responsible for collecting and remitting tax at the point of sale.

Explanatory Statement

If this measure is approved, marijuana retailers operating within the City will be subject to a tax of up to three percent on the marijuana products they sell. There are no restrictions on how the City may use the revenues generated by this tax.

Under Measure 91, adopted by Oregon voters in November 2014, codified in ORS chapter 475C, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission must license the retail sale of recreational marijuana. ORS 475C.453 provides that a city council may adopt an ordinance imposing up to a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items (which include marijuana concentrates, extracts, edibles, and other products intended for human consumption and use) by retail licensees in the city, but the council must refer that ordinance to the voters at a statewide general election.

The City of Redmond city council has adopted an ordinance imposing up to three percent tax on marijuana-related items sold by retail license holders in the city, and, as a result, has referred this measure to the voters.

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

Measure 9-179 City of Redmond

Ballot Title

9-179

DECLARING A TWO-YEAR MORATORIUM ON PSILOCYBIN SERVICE CENTERS

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

SUMMARY: State law allows for the licensed distribution and possession of psilocybin and psilocin. 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. A ballot measure for a two-year moratorium on psilocybin service centers was approved by the City of Redmond in 2024.

If approved, this measure would prohibit the establishment of psilocybin service center operators within the area subject to the jurisdiction of the City of Redmond for an additional two years. The prohibition would be effective on January 1, 2025 and automatically sunset effective December 31, 2026.

If not approved, psilocybin service centers would be allowed to operate within the area subject to the jurisdiction of the City of Redmond, pursuant to time, place, and manner regulations, effective January 1, 2025.

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.

Voters previously approved a two-year moratorium on the establishment of psilocybin related businesses within the city, which sunsets on December 31, 2024.

If approved, this measure would extend the current prohibition on the establishment of psilocybin service centers within the City of Redmond until December 31, 2026.

If this measure is not approved, the Oregon Health Authority would begin accepting applications for the establishment of psilocybin service centers in the City of Redmond, beginning in January, 2025.

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

Deschutes County Sheriff



William (Bill) Bailey Nonpartisan

Occupation: Captain, Deschutes County Sheriff's Office (DCSO)

Occupational Background: 23 years with DCSO; U.S. Coast Guard

Educational Background: University of Arkansas Grantham, AA, Criminal Justice; DPSST

Management and Executive Police Certifications; International Public Safety Leadership and Ethics institute, graduate; Oregon State Sheriff's Association Command College, graduate; Oregon State Sheriff's Association New Sheriff Institute, graduate

Prior Governmental Experience: Previous positions held in DCSO: Field Training Officer; Criminal and Street Crimes Detective; Patrol Sergeant; Administrative Sergeant; Public Information Officer; Patrol Lieutenant; City of Sisters Station Lieutenant; Administrative Lieutenant

A Lifetime of Service

Captain William Bailey has dedicated his life to serving our nation and our community. He has worked in numerous positions throughout all three divisions of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office to keep our community safe, earning promotions based upon his dedication and effectiveness.

Captain William Bailey served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He will bring this lifetime of honorable service to bear as the next Deschutes County Sheriff.

Focused on our Priorities

Homelessness and wildfire

We can and must end dangerous homeless camping near China Hat Road before next fire season, then replicate that effort around Deschutes County. Captain Bailey has a detailed plan to create a Homeless Outreach Team to engage homeless campers, working with federal land managers and local service providers.

Drugs

Illegal drugs saturate our community. Captain Bailey will aggressively enforce drug laws.

Road safety

More traffic is moving faster than ever on our roads and highways. As Patrol Captain, William Bailey stood up a team focused traffic safety, and will continue to build on this so our roadways are safer for everyone.

Endorsements include:

- Deschutes County Sheriff, L. Shane Nelson
- Lt. Colonel Dick Tobiason (RET), veteran's advocate
- Judy Trego, Former Sisters City Councilor, non-profit executive
- Courtney Ignazziotto, La Pine City Councilor, community leader
- Adam McAboy, China Hat area neighbor, community advocate

Additional priorities, endorsements, and information:
www.electwilliambailey.com

(This information furnished by William Bailey.)

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

Deschutes County Sheriff



Kent Vander Kamp Nonpartisan

Occupation: Detective Sergeant, Central Oregon Drug Enforcement / Deschutes County Sheriff's Office; Chairman Board of Directors, CLEAR Alliance Children's Educational

Occupational Background: Special Federal Officer – Federal Bureau of Investigation;

Sergeant – Deschutes County Sheriff's Office; SWAT Tactical Medic, sUAV/Aviation Team Supervisor – Deschutes County Sheriff's Office; Managing Partner – Full Card Interactive; President – Oracle Funding Corporation

Educational Background: Master of Business Administration – Government Administration, Trident University; Bachelor of Science – Business Management – University of Phoenix; Diploma, Francisco Bravo Medical HS

Prior Governmental Experience: Deschutes County Facility Project Review Committee (Appointed)

Public safety, community, and bi-partisan political leaders agree: Kent Vander Kamp should be the next Deschutes County Sheriff! With 20 years in law enforcement and a local business owner, Kent is uniquely qualified to bring forward-thinking, collaborative leadership rooted in award-winning experience, education, transparency, and accountability.

Stop Wasteful Spending

With a \$67 million budget, it is important for the next Sheriff to have strong management experience. Kent is dedicated to eliminating wasteful spending & aligning budgets with approved tax levies. After 8 years of legal battles, negative headlines, & controversies, the Sheriff's Office needs fresh leadership to restore public trust.

Homelessness, Drugs & Mental Health

Kent supports practical approaches to homelessness, mental health, drug addiction, recognizing challenges impaired and mentally ill individuals face. With 10 years in drug enforcement, he knows how to hold those who refuse services and commit crimes accountable, prioritizing public safety & community well-being.

Community Safety

Kent will safeguard our community from policies that threaten safety. He will focus on property & quality-of-life crimes, ensuring our community remains secure while also treating citizens with respect & protecting constitutional rights.

A Voice for All

Kent will establish a diversified advisory Board to bridge the gap between the community & the Sheriff's Office, addressing needs and fostering partnerships. Kent has been awarded for his team building & joining diverse backgrounds to find solutions.

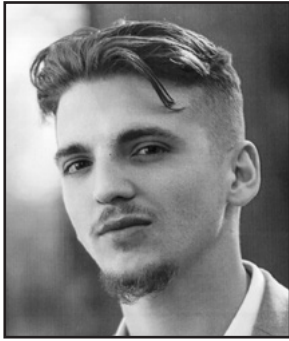
Broad-Based Support

Visit VoteVanderKamp.com for the full list of bi-partisan endorsements.

(This information furnished by Kent Vander Kamp.)

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City of Bend City Council, Position 1



Jonathan Curtis Nonpartisan

Occupation: Business Owner, Senior Loan Consultant at Kovo Capital.

Occupational Background: Wildland Firefighter, Entrepreneur

Educational Background: Marshall High School Graduate.

Prior Governmental Experience: None

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Jon Curtis for Bend City Council, your common sense candidate:

As a fiscal conservative, I'm committed to solutions that benefit Bend without unnecessary spending. On transportation, I'll push for e-bike regulation and enforcement, generating revenue through needed measures, not menial issues. I'll engage with car dealers and mechanics to address local transportation needs.

With my financial background, I understand what it takes to build a thriving economy. I'll advocate for free parking downtown, boosting business by utilizing our underused parking garage. Bike lanes are important, but not when they hurt businesses — I'll fight for a balanced approach that supports both cyclists and commerce. The proposed pedestrian bridge is a liability for the city; I'll redirect those funds to build a homeless shelter, tackling real problems instead of creating risks to property values and local revenue.

The slow building permit process is creating an artificial housing crisis in Bend. I'll push for an audit of the zoning and planning departments to streamline permits, benefiting both businesses and residents seeking affordable housing.

Affordable housing should be reserved for those truly in need, and I'll ensure that support goes where it's needed most. My priority is ensuring Bend's growth is responsible, protecting our city's prosperity and safety.

Vote for fiscal responsibility and practical solutions. Vote Jon Curtis for Bend City Council.

(This information furnished by Jonathan Curtis.)

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City of Bend City Council, Position 1



Megan Norris Nonpartisan

Occupation: Bend City Councilor, Position 1; Forward Planning Manager

Occupational Background: Affordable Housing, Sustainability, Clean Energy, Childcare Advocacy

Educational Background: B.S., University of California, Davis

Prior Governmental Experience: Bend City Councilor; Liaison to City's Environment and Climate Committee; Peace Corps service in Senegal, West Africa

As a City Councilor and working mom, Megan Norris never stops striving for a more livable, safe and prosperous Bend. With her leadership, Bend is making MEASURABLE Progress on our toughest challenges:

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Supporting the construction of hundreds of new affordable homes
- Cutting red tape to create new housing opportunities for middle income families
- Providing over 500 new shelter beds for unhoused families and individuals

LIVABLE, SUSTAINABLE, AND SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

- Creating a safe citywide pedestrian and bike network, including the Newport and Wilson Avenue improvements
- Providing new neighborhood connections, like the Hawthorne Avenue overcrossing
- Supporting sustainable development practices to ensure Bend's future quality of life

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE

- Encouraging renewable energy and increasing energy efficiency
- Preserving open spaces and the natural beauty of our region
- Increasing Bend's climate resiliency, including measures to protect Bend from wildfires

"We've made real progress on our toughest challenges in Central Oregon, like homelessness, housing, and emergency preparedness, because the state has partners like Megan Norris on Bend City Council — her continued leadership is needed for the work ahead."

- State Representative Emerson Levy

"We need experienced public servants like Megan on the City Council to ensure Bend continues to lead in addressing the housing crisis."

- Bend Mayor Melanie Kebler

Endorsements:

Deschutes County Democratic Party
Central Oregon Labor Chapter of the Oregon AFL-CIO
Central Oregon Building & Construction Trades Council David W Burger, President
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Tobias Read, Oregon State Treasurer
State Representative, Jason Kropf
Phil Chang, Deschutes County Commissioner
Megan Perkins, Mayor Pro Tem
Anthony Broadman, Bend City Councilor
Ariel Méndez, Bend City Councilor
Mike Riley, Bend City Councilor
Marcus LeGrand, Bend-La Pine School Board Chair

(This information furnished by Megan Norris.)

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City of Bend City Council, Position 2



Gina Franzosa Nonpartisan

Occupation: Sustainable Development Project Manager

Occupational Background: Affordable housing developer; construction project manager; sustainable building consultant and advocate; civil engineer

Educational Background:

Cornell University, BS, MEng - Civil Engineering; Portland State University, MBA

Prior Governmental Experience: Transportation Bond Oversight Committee, Tree Regulation Update Advisory Committee

A Bend for All

Bend's growth, if managed well, presents an opportunity to shape our city so that it works for everyone. Every neighborhood can be vibrant with abundant, affordable housing options and hubs of small businesses. Our streets can be accessible spaces where people want to bike and walk, easing traffic congestion. Our growing city needs innovative solutions for water conservation, transportation, and climate resiliency.

With my experience serving on City committees and working as an affordable housing developer, I've achieved real results in housing and livability that I will bring to the Council.

Together, we can build a brighter future for Bend.

With your vote, I will:

- Increase homeownership opportunities for our workforce
- Invest in transportation systems that work for everyone
- Ensure public funds are used most effectively

We support Gina:

Deschutes Democrats
Central Oregon Labor Chapter of the Oregon AFL-CIO
Bend Firefighters Local 227
LIUNA Local 737
Central Oregon Building and Construction Trades Council
Endorsed by the Central Oregon Association of Realtors PAC
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Emerson Levy, State Representative
Melanie Kebler, Mayor of Bend
Megan Perkins, Mayor Pro Tem
Anthony Broadman, Bend City Councilor
Megan Norris, Bend City Councilor
Deb Schoen, Bend Parks and Recreation Board
Sally Russell, Former Mayor of Bend
Bruce Abernethy, Former Mayor of Bend
Dave Howe, Retired Battalion Chief, Bend Fire
Sharlene Wills, Disability Advocate

*"Gina is the transportation safety champion Bend needs. She's experienced, honest, and willing to have tough conversations."
Ariel Mendez, Bend City Councilor*

**COMPLETE NEIGHBORHOODS
FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY
INNOVATION**

www.ginaforbend.com

(This information furnished by Gina Franzosa.)

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City of Bend City Council, Position 3



Nick Cerveny Nonpartisan

Occupation: Deschutes Brewery Engineer

Occupational Background: Aviation Safety, Helicopter Pilot, Small Business Owner

Educational Background: B.S. Energy System Engineering, OSU

Prior Governmental Experience: 11+ years in the U.S. Army as a helicopter pilot, including deployments to Afghanistan and Central America

As a candidate for Bend City Council, I bring a unique blend of military discipline, business acumen, and community service. My leadership, commitment to transparency, and common-sense solutions are vital for effective city governance.

Fiscal Responsibility: I pledge to ensure city funds are used efficiently, focusing on services and infrastructure that directly benefit residents. My approach emphasizes transparency, accountability, and common sense in every financial decision.

Public Safety and Local Business: With experience in both corporate and small business management, I understand the needs of local commerce. I will support law enforcement to protect our community and businesses. I'll enhance traffic flow with real world data, tried and true successful techniques and common-sense approaches.

Cost of Living: Recognizing the housing challenges in Bend, I will advocate for policies that balance affordability with livability, reducing regulatory burdens on builders and homeowners. You can't reduce the cost of housing without increasing supply. We will work with the county and state to increase the supply of housing in and around our community without destroying the beautiful nature of Bend.

Veterans & Community: As a veteran, I'm committed to improving support for our veterans, ensuring they integrate seamlessly into civilian life. My platform includes initiatives to address their unique challenges with common sense solutions. I aim to solve issues like homelessness with practical, community-driven solutions. The current state is unacceptable. No resident should feel afraid due to the issues of homelessness.

Community Engagement: I will push for increased public comment time and open council hours, ensuring your voice is heard. Stay engaged at www.nickcerveny.com

(This information furnished by Nick Cerveny.)

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City of Bend City Council, Position 3



Megan Perkins Nonpartisan

Occupation: Bend City Councilor, Position 3; Founder, Embrace Bend

Occupational Background: Small Business, Government and Community Organizations

Educational Background: Bachelor of Arts, Colorado College; Master of Arts, George Washington University

Prior Governmental Experience: Bend City Councilor, Position 3 (2021-2024); Vice-Chair - Coordinated Houseless Response Office; Liaison Bend Economic Development Advisory Board

Megan Perkins is dedicated to making Bend a safer, more affordable place to call home.

During her tenure as a city councilor, she built coalitions and tackled Bend's toughest issues:

Affordable Housing

- Crafted policies that led to over 1,000 new affordable homes, doubling the units built year over year
- Initiated a middle-income housing program to make rent and home ownership more affordable

Addressing Homelessness

- Made progress to end unsanctioned camping by doubling shelter capacity in 3 years, increasing camping regulations, and setting new shelter standards
- Co-created a regional homelessness solutions hub which became a statewide pilot
- Brought together federal, state, and local leaders to respond to camping on China Hat Road and Juniper Ridge

"Megan's leadership on regional strategy helped reduce homelessness in Bend for the first time in a decade."

- Phil Chang, Deschutes County Commissioner

Safer Streets For All

- Improved pedestrian safety by building better connected sidewalks
- Crafted e-bike safety legislation with state and local leaders
- Planned safer routes through midtown and helped develop the Hawthorne Bridge because Bend deserves more connection and less congestion

Megan knows there is more work to be done. In the next four years she will continue to:

- Lower costs to develop affordable housing
- Provide stable pathways out of homelessness through transitional housing opportunities
- Ensuring every child in our city has a safe route to school

Trusted Leaders say Re-Elect Megan Perkins!

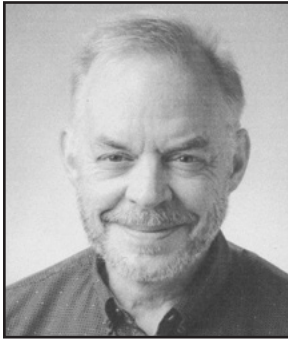
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MeganForBend.com

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



**Steve
Platt**
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Physics teacher, Bend-La Pine Schools

Occupational Background: US Air Force Colonel and F-16 Pilot; High School Teacher

Educational Background: US Air Force Academy (1990); USAF Institute of Technology, Master of Science (2005); UC Davis,

Science Teaching Credential (2017)

Prior Governmental Experience: City of Bend Budget Committee; Union Building Rep, Redmond Education Association; US Air Force Colonel (1990-2015)

“STEVE PLATT IS A UNION MEMBER, EDUCATOR, AND MILITARY VETERAN WHO WILL BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER TO CREATE A FUTURE FOR BEND THAT IS SUSTAINABLE, RESILIENT, AND AFFORDABLE.”

– Melanie Kebler, Mayor of Bend

From leading missions in Iraq during Operation Enduring Freedom to preparing his students for finals at Summit High School, Steve Platt dedicates his life to service.

Colonel Platt is running for City Council because Bend deserves dedicated and effective public servants to take on our toughest challenges.

ACCELERATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM increasing supply for households with the greatest cost burdens because if you work in Bend, you deserve to live in Bend
- PLAN SMARTER so our city is safe and welcoming to bike, walk, and ride mass transit with ease

MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE

- REDUCE OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT through aggressive policies and incentives
- LOCALLY PRODUCE RENEWABLE ENERGY to power our daily lives by exploring solar, wind, biofuel, in-conduit hydro and geothermal energy solutions

STEWARD OUR PUBLIC FUNDS

- ENSURE TRANSPARENT ACCOUNTING for each dollar budgeted and spent
- OVERSEE CITY BUDGETS with a background programming complex military budgets toward community engagement in the city’s fiscal planning

Trusted Leaders Endorse Steve Platt:

*Deschutes Democrats
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Central Oregon Labor Chapter of the Oregon AFL-CIO
Central Oregon Building & Construction Trades Council President
- David Burger
LIUNA Local 737*

Emerson Levy, Oregon State Representative
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Visit: Plattforbendcitycouncil.com

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



**Chet
Wamboldt**
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Safety Consultant; Project Manager (private firm)

Occupational Background: Firefighter, FEMA Search and Rescue; Entrepreneur — Risk Assessment; Corporate trainer - COCC; non-profit volunteer (Riverbend Church)

Educational Background:

Azusa Pacific University—Organizational Development; Fire Technology Management, AS.

Prior Governmental Experience: Chief’s Assistant Sierra Madre Fire Dept; FEMA Strike Team Lead

As a **proven public safety, business leader, and father**, I bring solutions-oriented, outcome-driven vision to ensure that Bend remains a safe, healthy, affordable place to live, work, and play. I will prioritize **transparency, accountability, and responsiveness** on the city council by engaging the community in meaningful dialogue and implementing proactive, data-driven, and cost-conscious solutions.

ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY and REDUCE WILDFIRE RISK

Ensuring our First Responders and Law Enforcement have the support and resources to combat drug use, vandalism, theft, and violence is a top priority. **My firefighting and safety background lends unique and invaluable insight into reducing fire danger** by focusing on prevention, community preparedness and involvement, and securing adequate funding. We must take strategic measures to reduce fire and safety risks in vulnerable areas surrounding the city.

PROMOTE HEALTHY ECONOMY, FAMILIES, BUSINESSES

Together, we can promote a **thriving local economy** and ensure that working families, seniors, and local businesses have the necessary resources to succeed, including housing and daycare. With the backing of community and business leaders, I will passionately champion economic initiatives and living-wage jobs to be **fiscally responsible** for achieving our shared, **viable future**.

REDUCE HOMELESSNESS

Let’s prioritize **empowering our community by protecting all Bendites** and helping those in crisis. We have seen insufficient progress, and I will lead a **balanced approach** to create a financially sound, metric-based homeless strategic plan with timelines and accountability benchmarks to **increase effectiveness**.

My goal is to **bring balance** to the Bend City Council. I would be honored to receive your vote.

Endorsements:

Philip Henderson J.D. – Civil Attorney; Bend Business owner, former Deschutes County Commissioner
Jenny Lingard – Bend Police Chief Advisory Council member, mother

www.ChetWamboldt.com

(This information furnished by Chet Wamboldt.)

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**City of La Pine
Mayor**



Jeannine Earls
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Small Business Owner: Gas Station, Motel and RV Park in La Pine

Occupational Background: Medical Assistant, case management and care coordinator

Educational Background: Medical Management Degree, Vocational School of Medical

Prior Governmental Experience: Served a short time on La Pine Planning Commission

I possess a strong sense of independence, allowing me to consider various perspectives on complex issues. My leadership skills have been instrumental in fostering a cohesive environment within both my family and business, where I excel at problem-solving. I am deeply committed to love, compassion, and accountability, and I have a proven track record of community involvement. My ability to bridge communication gaps, support small businesses, and advocate for safe, affordable housing demonstrates my dedication to making a positive impact on my community.

1. Community Engagement and Transparency:

- **Community Partnerships:** Collaborate with local organizations and businesses to create a strong network of support.
- **Regular Updates:** Provide regular updates on city initiatives and decision-making processes.
- **Transparent Governance:** Advocate for open and transparent government practices, including public access to information.
- **Positive Representation:** Enthusiastic and positive advocacy for La Pine

2. Economic Development:

- **Small Business Support:** Advocate for policies promoting small business growth, such as tax incentives and grants.
- **Economic Development Plans:** Develop comprehensive economic development plans to attract new businesses and create jobs.

3. Affordable Housing:

- **Public-Private Partnerships:** Foster partnerships between the city, developers, and nonprofit organizations to create affordable housing options.
- **Zoning Reform:** Given La Pine's rapid growth, it is imperative to strategically review and potentially reform zoning regulations.

I'll accomplish these goals, build trust with the community, and make a positive impact on the City of La Pine.

Jeannine Earls highlanderwife@aol.com 541-480-4799

(This information furnished by Jeannine Earls.)

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

**City of La Pine
Mayor**



Samuel Facey
Nonpartisan

Occupation: C.E.O of sams fishfood

Occupational Background: Jel-Wen

Educational Background: central oregon community college

Prior Governmental Experience: precinct committee person 2024-2026

As a precinct committee person, I have gained invaluable experience and insight into the needs and concerns of our community. This role has prepared me to effectively represent and advocate for all residents of La Pine.

Proven Leadership and Vision

I bring years of experience in community service and leadership roles. My vision for La Pine is rooted in inclusivity, sustainability, and progress. Together, we can create a future where every resident feels heard, valued, and empowered.

Economic Development

I will prioritize supporting local businesses and attracting new opportunities to stimulate our economy. By fostering a business-friendly environment, we can create jobs and boost local spending, ensuring that La Pine remains vibrant and prosperous.

Tackling Homelessness and Drug Issues

Homelessness and drug abuse are critical issues affecting our community's safety and well-being. I am committed to working with local organizations, law enforcement, and health services to provide effective support and rehabilitation for those affected. By addressing these issues head-on, we can restore safety and stability to our neighborhoods and help individuals rebuild their lives.

Community and Collaboration

I believe in the power of community and collaboration. As Mayor, I will work tirelessly to bring people together, listen to your ideas, and address your concerns. Together, we can find innovative solutions to the challenges we face.

Public Safety and Infrastructure

Ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents is a top priority. I will work to improve our infrastructure, enhance public safety, and ensure our town is prepared for any challenges, including increasing wildfire risks in Central Oregon.

A Brighter Future for La Pine

La Pine faces challenges, but with the right leadership, we can turn those challenges into opportunities. I am dedicated to working with you to make La Pine an even better place to live, work, and play.

Together, we can build a brighter future for La Pine.

(This information furnished by Samuel Facey.)

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City of La Pine Mayor



Daniel Lee Richer Nonpartisan

Occupation: Local Business Owner ; True North Laser ; 2015-Present ; Paid

Occupational Background: USMC ; Active 1976-1978 ; Current Status: Disabled Veteran ; Paid;Owner ; Highway 2 Computers – Creston, Wa. ; 1998-2006 ; Paid;Owner ;

Fiberfab US – La Pine, Or. ; 2006-2015 ; Paid;Owner ; Original Oregon – La Pine, Or. ; 2010–Present ; Paid

Educational Background: Bend Senior HS ; 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;OGEC ; La Pine, Or. ; Oregon Governmental Ethics Commission Training ; 2024

Prior Governmental Experience: Creston, Wa. ; Councilman ; 2000-2003 ; 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;La Pine, OR. ; Mayor ; 2022-Present ; Elected

Being a USMC Veteran, and having been elected multiple times to public office, has provided me with the experience needed to benefit the quality of citizen lives.

The blessing of living in great communities along with my activism has provided me a very diverse skill set. I use these skills with a common sense approach to work with local organizations; forming a better place to live, work and play.

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:

- Origination of La Pine Lyon's Oktoberfest,
- Privately Funded La Pine's Veterans Memorial,
- La Pine's Multi-Use Pathway, Traveling along Highway 97,
- Confronted authorities responsible for un-authorized camping in forests near us,
- Minimizing Adversity to La Pine's Citizens, due to homelessness beyond our city limits.

If I am re-elected Mayor, I will continue working to promote La Pine as a place for business and tourism. We're not a roadside pass-through. Let's improve local economic benefits, while preserving 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 Mayor



Becca Rohleder Nonpartisan

Occupation: Social Services Manager, La Pine St. Vincent de Paul

Occupational Background: Customer Service

Educational Background: Colusa High School

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Focus On the Future:

- **Connect** with county, state, and federal government in regards to our forests with the intention of returning this space to recreationally used land.
- **Promote** unity amongst residents and city officials via regular town hall meetings with open discussion regarding current concerns and future endeavors.
- **Reassess and evaluate** our current city limits; usability of the land within it, the imbalance of available zoned land, and establish an urban growth boundary.
- **Encourage** positive growth by making our city more inviting to those in search of locations for new business and industry through showcasing our geographical location and ease of access to an abundance of recreational locations.
- **Live "Small Town Strong"** by promoting connection amongst residents by hosting city sponsored community events.

Me, Personally:

I grew up in a very small town with a population of 400 people where neighbors, we were family; supporting each other through life, work, and play.

I moved to La Pine in 2019 and live along the Little Deschutes River where I spend my free time reading, relaxing with my fur babies, and enjoying the beauty that surrounds La Pine.

I live a life today with the knowledge that is connection, compassion, and unity that makes us human. The world we live in today is one of disconnect, division, and a lack of compassion. I want to be the change that I wish for this world and I can't think of a better place for that change to start than in La Pine Oregon.

(This information furnished by Becca Rohleder.)

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**City of La Pine
City Council**



**Janis
Curtis-Thompson**
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Smith & Associates, LLC – Tax Services

Occupational Background: Digital Equipment Corporation – purchased by Hewlett Packare; Sequent Computer Systems - purchased by IBM

Educational Background:

Portland State University, Bachelor of Arts in History and Liberal Arts – magna cum laude

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I have lived in Oregon for almost 50 years. I chose to retire in La Pine due to its location and livability. It offers so much - from the wondrous beauty of the outdoors to the close relationships that a small town provides

Over the past 4 years my experience has shown me that our city is struggling with many issues, from out of control development which lacks community input, to the ever expanding homeless crisis.

At this point in my life, I want to give something back to the community. I can think of no better way to serve than on the La Pine City Council. We are at a pivotal point and I believe that I can bring the much needed change and community involvement to make La Pine truly “Small Town Stront.”

We need transparency in our local government. We need to get out and tell folks what going on in plain English. I won't hide behind legal speak and I will find a way to communicate with and involve the greater population.

We need to create a Master Plan for 2045 that makes sense and is welcomed by our community. I will find ways to involve community in the development of our Master Plan than what is being offered now.

We need to work diligently for solutions to the homeless crisis. Current leadership says we can't do anything. This is disappointing as the status quo is not a solution. The status quo is not a solution.

(This information furnished by Janis Curtis-Thompson.)

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

**City of La Pine
City Council**



**Courtney
Ignazzitto**
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Marketing & Communications Manager, La Pine Community Health Center, 2016-Present

Occupational Background: Life Enrichment Coordinator, Prairie House Assisted Living and Memory Care, 2015-2016 and 2013-2014; Marketing Assistant and Product Coordinator, WHCC, Grapevine, TX, 2014-2015 and 2010-2013

2015 and 2010-2013

Educational Background: Communications, Weatherford College, Weatherford, TX, 2007

Prior Governmental Experience: Appointed, La Pine City Council, Position 4, 2021-2024; Urban Renewal Agency, La Pine, 2023-2024

Other Community Involvement and Achievements: Newberry Regional Partnership Working Group, 2023-Present; Recipient of the 2024 La Pine Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award

Key Accomplishments as City Councilor, to date:

- **Leadership During a Global Pandemic** through the adoption of Resolution 2021-07
- **Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District in La Pine**
- **Expansion of the Community Giving/Award Program** for community partners
- **Banning of Psilocybin-Related Businesses** included manufacturers and service centers
- **Water and Wastewater Expansion Project**
- **Construction of the La Pine Transit Center**
- **Safer Pedestrian & Bike Traffic** through the creation of a bike/walking path that connects the north end of La Pine to our downtown area

Vision for Our Future

My greatest passion as a City Councilor is to encourage and foster inclusive community engagement, provide open and transparent communication, and guide our community—alongside my fellow councilors—through proactive leadership. I am dedicated to amplifying the voices of our residents and advocating for changes that improve our community's livability. My goal is to ensure that La Pine remains a safe, desirable home for future generations.

Candidate endorsed by: Tony DeBone, Deschutes County Commissioner; Colleen Scott, La Pine City Councilor, 2020-2022

(This information furnished by Courtney Ignazzitto.)

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Jennifer Kuhn-Metternich
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Office Manager
Central Oregon Association of Realtors

Occupational Background:
Owner Collaboration Resource Group; Executive Director The Ferguson Foundation

Educational Background: BS

Political Science and Public Administration

Prior Governmental Experience: Speaker to government officials in Africa

I have lived in Oregon most of my life. I have been involved in international development for 30 years in and with individuals from 32 countries. I have worked for several non-profits including Good Samaritan Ministries, Medical Team International, Mercy Corps, World Vision and others, I was the Executive Director of an international foundation out of Las Vegas, and sat on the Board of The International Association of Philanthropists.

I moved to La Pine in 2021 and returned to school to pursue a degree in Human Rights Law. I was a professional dancer in Portland with Oregon Ballet Theater and several Lyrical dance companies. I danced professionally in LA before working full-time in the Humanitarian sector; however, I am still highly committed to the arts. I received a counseling certification from the first organization I was with after completing a three year training program. I counseled youth, individuals, led a men's group, an abuse group and an anger management group for those coming out of the penal system. I also received a teacher training certification as a speaker and have since spoken in several countries. I love to mentor young people; both guiding and helping to direct positive actions and inspire their gifts. I have been engaged in community education and training programs, and helping communities develop strong and sustainable solutions to very difficult issues. These include communities in Rwanda after the genocide, Southern Sudan and several countries in East Africa. I returned to La Pine in January 2024 after speaking in Africa to leaders and youth.

I believe in grassroots groups, diversity and a willingness to find solutions that work because they come from the voices in the community and not from the top down. I am passionate about the next generation, finding common ground in order to build bridges and not division. I have a proven track record of this having worked among some of the toughest communities in the world; coming out of war, genocide and colonization. Thank you for your support!

(This information furnished by Jennifer Kuhn-Metternich.)

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Catherine (Cathi) VanDamme
Nonpartisan

Occupation: None

Occupational Background:
Retired school district Administrative and Executive Assistant, Portland Public Schools, 22 years; Safety/Training Supervisor, Student Transportation, Portland Public Schools, 1 year; Business Services Secretary/

Procurement Card Administrator and Trainer, Multnomah Education Service District, 5 years.

Educational Background: Attended various elementary, middle and high schools through grade 11, and received my GED Certification through Clackamas Community College. Attended training, classes and workshops pertaining to my roles in Portland Public Schools and Multnomah Education Service District.

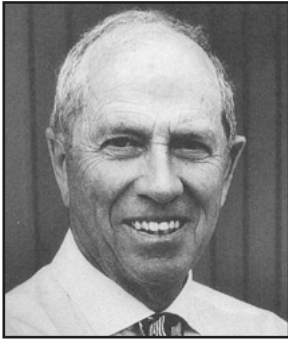
Prior Governmental Experience: Current La Pine City Council President (2023-Present), City Council Member (2021-Present), La Pine Planning Commission member (2019-2021).

I, Cathi VanDamme, am proud to be a candidate for the position of City Councilor of La Pine. I have had the honor of serving the people of La Pine, for the past 6 years as both a Planning Commissioner and as the current Council President. Each of these roles has provided me the opportunity to be a part of the conversation of the future of La Pine, and a voice at the table in shaping our shared vision. We are facing challenging times as a community, yet I have remained steadfast in my position in protecting what makes La Pine special and different. As your Council President, I have ensured that the Council remains vigilant in how your tax dollars are spent. I am clearly aware that the community has asked the Council to exercise caution in protecting our small-town way of life. It is this lifestyle that brought my husband and I here in 2015. I am asking for your consideration and your vote. I look forward to continuing to provide oversight and guidance as we share in all our wonderful community has to offer.

(This information furnished by Catherine (Cathi) VanDamme.)

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City of Redmond Mayor



Ed Fitch Nonpartisan

Occupation: Mayor; Attorney

Occupational Background: Bryant, Emerson & Fitch; Fitch & Neary

Educational Background: Marquette University: Bachelor of Arts, Masters in History; Willamette University: Juris Doctor

Prior Governmental Experience: Mayor 2023-2024; City Councilor 2021-2022; Mayor 1999-2001; City Attorney 1979-1996

Since becoming Mayor in January 2023, I have helped attain several key achievements that matter to Redmond.

Transportation: We initiated design of an alternate route on the eastside that will provide relief to the highly congested Highway 97. Construction will begin 2025.

Governance: We adopted a more open approach to the Council agenda and led the effort last May where voters approved ballot measures establishing term limits and prohibiting family members from serving on Council together.

Homelessness: We secured funding to construct Oasis Village and helped locate safe parking sites. We also prohibited camping in residential areas and downtown.

Water: We are successfully challenging the State of Oregon to ensure Redmond has long term access to safe drinking water.

While I was Mayor during these achievements, none would have been possible without the collaborative effort of the City Council and others. There is more to do. I ask for your vote to help me lead Redmond while we address future challenges with our local, regional, state and federal partners.

My record of forging partnerships to make Redmond better while keeping our community spirit thriving is my commitment to you as Mayor.

Endorsed by:

Ron Bryant, former mayor
Alan Unger, former mayor
Jon Bullock, former city councilor
Angela Boothroyd, former city councilor
Anne Graham, former city councilor
Ed Boero, former city councilor
Clifford Evelyn, city councilor
Mike McLane, former state representative
Diana Barker
Caitlin Leunen
Maarty Leunen

Julie Gilbertson
Reagan Gilbertson
Ann Hendrick
Mark Keener
Lori Ann Kuhn
Tom Kuhn
John Maloney
Anne Maloney
Leslie Povey
Paul Povey
Michelle Duff
John Duff
Emily Fitch
Andrew Fitch
Jenny Werner
Josh Werner
Gina Dietz
Steve Dietz

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City of Redmond Mayor



Cat Zwicker Nonpartisan

Occupation: Small Business Owner; Real Estate Broker

Occupational Background: Regional Retail Buyer

Educational Background: University of Georgia, Bachelor of Arts

Prior Governmental Experience: Redmond City Councilor, Redmond Planning Commissioner; Board member: Economic Development for Central Oregon, NeighborImpact

Redmond is at a crossroads.

As a community, we have pivotal decisions to make around homelessness, drugs, and cost of living.

Cost of Living is out of control

As a small business owner, 30-year real estate professional, and active community volunteer serving on non-profit boards, I understand the skyrocketing cost of living is unsustainable for families and businesses alike. My top priority, as it has been on the City Council and the Planning Commission, will be to continue focusing on housing affordability, opposing unnecessary fees and red tape, and supporting increased housing opportunities for all of Redmond. While the City of Redmond can't fix inflation on its own, we must do our part to help in the areas we can.

Is this what we want in Redmond?

I'm cautious when it comes to allowing drugs like psilocybin and cannabis into our community, especially considering the epic failure of Measure 110 and how difficult it made enforcement for public safety officers.

We can do better. Be better.

I chose to run for Mayor because I see opportunities for increased transparency, process improvements, and community collaboration that previous Mayors did not utilize. Community members, agency partners, City staff, and Council members should not be surprised by agenda items. When we're all prepared, we have better discussions, more productive meetings and build trust.

Endorsements:

Congresswoman Lori Chavez-DeRemer
Patti Adair, Deschutes County Commissioner
Vikki Breese-Iverson, State Representative
Bobby Levy, State Representative
Ginny McPherson, former City Councilor
Fred Baldwin, community leader
Debbie Baldwin, housing advocate
Christie Bryant, restaurant proprietor
Jesse Lepez, community advocate

It's been my honor representing the community I know and love as your City Councilor.

I hope to earn your vote to serve as your Mayor.

www.CatZwickerforMayor.com

(This information furnished by Cat Zwicker.)

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**City of Redmond
City Council**



**Tobias
Colvin**
Nonpartisan

Occupation: General Manager at SCP Redmond Hotel; Redmond City Councilor; Redmond Downtown Association; Hospitality Alliance of Central Oregon;

Occupational Background: *2021-2023 Redmond Chamber

of Commerce Board of Directors

Educational Background: *Colorado State University (Honors Program) – BS

Prior Governmental Experience: *2020-2023 Redmond Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee – Elected Chairperson 2022 & 2023

I have been honored to represent you for the last (2) years as a City Councilor.

Having lived and worked in Redmond for years, I have witnessed our city’s remarkable growth and change. As a local business manager at SCP Redmond and current Redmond City Councilor, I’ve had the privilege of connecting with many of you and understanding our city’s unique challenges and opportunities.

My platform is built on three core principles:

1. Sustainable Growth: Redmond’s rapid expansion must be managed responsibly to preserve our city’s unique charm. I am committed to promoting development that respects our environment and enhances our community’s quality of life, ensuring that Redmond remains a place we all want to call home.
2. Community Engagement: A strong community is an engaged community. I will work with my fellow councilors and the mayor to improve transparency and accessibility in local government, creating more opportunities for residents to voice their concerns and ideas.
3. Innovative Solutions: We need forward-thinking solutions to address traffic infrastructure, affordable housing, and water conservation. Fostering partnerships between the state, county, city, businesses, and residents can create effective and innovative policies.

My vision for Redmond is one of prosperity for all its residents. I see a city that values water conservation, supports vibrant local businesses, has an identity separate from other Central Oregon cities and fosters safe, welcoming neighborhoods. Together, we can turn this vision into reality and make Redmond a place where everyone can thrive.

I would be honored to represent you on Redmond City Council for four more years. Let’s build a brighter future for Redmond together responsibly.

(This information furnished by Tobias Colvin.)

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**City of Redmond
City Council**



**Clifford
Evelyn**
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Current Redmond City Councilor; New Priorities Family Services of Redmond, Executive Board President; The Father’s Group, Board Member

Occupational Background: U.S. Navy; Clark County Sheriff’s Commander; Sheriff’s Office

Training Sergeant; “Our Personal Best” award from the Clark County Sheriff’s Office for Outstanding Performance & Cultural Diversity

Educational Background: New York University Business Administration; L.A. Trade Tech Business Management Studies; U.S. Naval Management School Certification; Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission Correctional Academy Certification

Prior Governmental Experience: Clark County Mental Health Committee; Clark County Diversity Committee;

Redmond City Council Liaison with: Central Oregon Intergovernmental Commission; Housing & Community Development; Chamber of Commerce; Commission for Art in Public Places

When I am re-elected, I will continue to:

Bring Redmond into the Future: I am committed to positioning Redmond as a city that embraces innovation and progress. I advocate for sustainable development and infrastructure that supports our growing population, ensuring that Redmond remains a vibrant and resilient community for generations to come.

Address Homelessness: Homelessness is a complex issue that requires compassionate, comprehensive solutions. One of the best ways to address homelessness is to be sure that community members do not lose their housing in the first place. I will continue to push for initiatives that provide immediate relief to those in need, while also tackling the root causes of homelessness by expanding access to affordable housing, increasing mental health & addiction services and creating more housing options. My goal is to ensure that every resident of Redmond has a safe and secure place to call home.

Champion Community Services: With significant growth, comes the opportunity to enhance the services that enrich our community. I am a strong advocate for the development and expansion of essential services, including the new Redmond Library, Public Safety Facility and Recreation Center. By championing these types of growth initiatives, we will create a more equitable, safe and thriving city for everyone who calls Redmond home.

www.Clifford4Redmond.com

(This information furnished by Clifford B Evelyn.)

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City of Redmond City Council



Alan Lawyer Nonpartisan

Occupation: Wastewater Treatment Operator; President of the Board - Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association (local section).

Occupational Background: United States Navy Veteran; City of Redmond; Former (successful) Small Business Owner.

Educational Background: Bachelor of Science in Business - Oregon State University; Leadership - Harvard University online and Naval Education and Training Command; Wastewater Treatment - Sacramento State University; Naval Air Technical Training.

Prior Governmental Experience: United States Navy Veteran; City of Redmond; City of Bend

Redmond deserves leadership that listens, acts, and puts the community first.

I'm Alan Lawyer, and I'm running for City Council to ensure your concerns shape every decision. Our city faces significant challenges—affordable housing, public safety, and a growing disconnect between leadership and residents. I'm committed to enforcing existing laws to address homelessness and "camping" while advocating for practical, affordable housing solutions. We need to attract businesses that support our families and strengthen our economy.

My priorities are transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility.

I will work to ensure our city government is open, honest, and clear about where your tax dollars are spent. Every decision will prioritize the people of Redmond, promoting growth that benefits all.

With experience in both the private and public sectors, including military service, I understand how to lead effectively. But this campaign isn't about me—it's about building a Redmond where your voice is heard, and your family can flourish. Together, we can create a safer, stronger, and more prosperous future for our community.

I'm ready to fight for Redmond. Let's get our city back on track.

Endorsements include:

Deschutes Citizens for Law and Order
AFSCME Local 3704 City of Redmond / Redmond Airport
Eric Lea - Director, Redmond School Board

For more information, visit www.votealanlawyer.com

(This information furnished by Alan Lawyer.)

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City of Redmond City Council



Jay Patrick Nonpartisan

Occupation: Jefferson County ESD 25 years

Occupational Background: Les Schwab 18 years

Educational Background: Redmond K12 Schools, Mt Hood/COCC

Prior Governmental Experience: 24 years Redmond City Council

My reason for returning to the City Council is to be a voice for the people. To listen, bringing transparency and integrity to our leadership. Strive to open up City operations to be accessible at the community level. I truly care for Redmond and wish to see our fantastic community grow in a way that puts responsibility and safety into its plans of growth.

Projects like the Police Safety Building, Airport expansion, Wetlands Sewer And with the expansion of 19th street to Quarry, Highway 97 improvements from Veterans Way to Yew Avenue. There is plenty to work on.

I am committed to doing the right thing the right way, focusing on:

1. Strategic Growth and Housing: Ensuring everyone has a place to call home. While protecting our public lands and spaces.
2. Sustained Economic Development: Supporting small businesses and fostering growth.
3. Long Term Planning: Common sense land use, road development and finishing wisely the infrastructure like our Airport, the Wetlands project and the Public Safety Building.
4. Fiscal Responsibility: Managing city operations with accountability and transparency.

Being off Council for a couple of years I have come to this conclusion. Your Voice Matters! I am dedicated to making sure everyone in our community is heard. Share your thoughts. Your elected officials work for you!

As I have said before, I have fond memories of growing up in Redmond. I grew up and graduated from Redmond High School. Finished my associate degree at COCC and married my best friend. Together, we ensure Redmond continues to be an amazing place to call home.

Endorsements:

Ron Bryant Former Mayor
Michael D. McIntosh Former Superintendent
Linda Swearingen Past County Commissioner
Maarty Leunen Banker
Elton Gregory Former Superintendent
Nancy Blankenship Former County Clerk
Joe A Lochner - 26 Year Business Owner.

(This information furnished by Jay Patrick.)

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**City of Redmond
City Council**



**Shannon
Wedding**
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Business Development Manager and Civil Engineer

Occupational Background: Licensed Civil Engineer, Utility Manager and Business Development

Educational Background:

Texas Tech University, Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a Master's of Business Administration

Prior Governmental Experience: Redmond City Councilor, Historic Landmarks Commission, BPAC, RAPRD and Parks Committee

I am currently serving my fourth year as a City Councilor and am excited for the potential to serve another term. I feel that experience is important and critical to the success of Redmond and for serving the citizens. I am a civil engineer by profession with public municipality and private experience. I have managed large budgets and projects and truly feel that focusing on infrastructure and responsible growth is critical as we progress forward. As many of you have heard me say, "infrastructure doesn't have an opinion", but our citizens do. We as a City and Council can plan for the growth and hear those opinions. I strongly believe that affordable housing should be a focus of the Council, which has been a continuous Council goal, and by working with developers on master plans and future growth we can strive to be better. I feel the need for increased transparency because no Mayor or Councilor should have a set personal agenda where they are able to bring forward an item without trusted conversation and thoughtfulness of the community. I strive to maintain the community that Redmond already embodies, which I love, while ensuring citizens and local business owners are heard. Local businesses are the pulse of our community, and they represent the family values we all support as residents.

(This information furnished by Shannon Wedding.)

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**City of Sisters
City Council**



**Jennifer
Letz**
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Co-Owner, Tamarack Wildfire Consulting

Occupational Background: Consultant, Letz Sustainability Consulting; Sustainable Operations Specialist, Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests

Educational Background:

Prescott College, MA Sustainable Management; Willamette University, BA Film and Media Studies; Bend Senior High School

Prior Governmental Experience: Sisters City Council, 2021-Present; Deschutes County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 2023-Present; Economic Development for Central Oregon Board, 2021-Present; Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, 2021-2023

I've truly enjoyed serving as a City Councilor for the last 4 years and I am eager to continue collaborating with other Councilors, city staff, partner agencies and non-profits, and the people of Sisters on the following issues:

Housing

Availability of housing – affordable or otherwise – continues to be a challenge. Together with the Council, we've successfully pursued a variety of creative housing solutions with affordable builders. I look forward to continuing to tackle this problem so our graduates and workforce can afford to be full-time community members.

Wildfire

As a former wildland firefighter, I was excited to help Council approve wildfire mitigation measures across all City-owned lands and fund an additional water storage tank and upgraded pipelines. I'm committed to working with staff and our neighboring agencies to protect Sisters by implementing more mitigation efforts in our community.

Safety

Sisters enjoys low crime rates thanks to our law enforcement contract with the Sheriff's Department. I will continue to ensure this partnership serves the needs of our residents, business owners, and visitors in a fiscally responsible manner.

Health

I was thrilled to help Mosaic Community Health open the first pediatric clinic in Sisters, and I will continue to work towards expanding medical services for those in Sisters Country.

Growth

As we navigate the multi-year urban growth boundary process, my knowledge of sensible urban planning will be instrumental in maintaining our community's livability while accommodating growth.

It would be an honor to continue representing the citizens of Sisters on the City Council. Thank you for your vote.

(This information furnished by Jennifer Letz.)

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City of Sisters City Council



Eli Madrone Nonpartisan

Occupation: Owner of Madrone Communication, CTO at Local-Fresh.

Occupational Background: Small Business Owner, Sisters OR; Technology Director, Off Road, Portland OR; Communications Manager, Schoolhouse Supplies, Portland OR; Com-

munications Manager, Downtown Boulder Partnership, Boulder CO; Chef, Homepage Cafe, Bozeman, MT

Educational Background: Bachelor of Arts, Lewis and Clark College, Portland, OR

Prior Governmental Experience: Chair City of Sisters Parks Advisory Board (2023-Current), City of Sisters Parks Advisory Board Member, (2021-2023), Local Option Committee (2023)

As Chair of the City of Sisters Parks Advisory Board, parent of a Sisters Elementary School child, volunteer coach, and small business owner, I'm deeply invested in the well-being and future of Sisters. I bring a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to fostering a thriving, inclusive community that works for us all.

Housing

Affordable housing is essential to maintain the diverse and vibrant community of Sisters. I will advocate for policies that support the development of affordable housing options for families and individuals. Ensuring everyone has a place to call home strengthens our city's foundation.

Growth

Managed growth is key to preserving the charm and character of Sisters. I am committed to implementing sustainable development practices that balance economic progress with environmental stewardship.

Wildfire

Wildfire preparedness is a top priority for the safety of our residents and the protection of our natural surroundings. I will support initiatives for effective wildfire prevention, emergency response, and community education. Together, we can safeguard our homes and environment.

Livability & Community Safety

Enhancing livability means focusing on the well-being and happiness of all residents. I will prioritize projects that improve parks, trails, and public spaces, making Sisters an even better place to live, work, and play. I will work to welcome our visitors while maintaining the quality of life for our residents. I will support measures that enhance law enforcement, emergency services, and community programs aimed at reducing crime and increasing public safety.

Learn more at EliforSisters.com

(This information furnished by Eli Madrone.)

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City of Sisters City Council



Sarah McDougall Nonpartisan

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: 20 years of Information Technology leadership, focused on listening, complex analysis, problem resolution, collaboration, and communication across stakeholders. Executive Director, Tour des Chutes, Bend, OR

Educational Background: MS Management Information Systems, University of Virginia; BA Business, Colby College; Project Management Professional (PMP)

Prior Governmental Experience: City of Sisters: Planning Commission (2023, 2024); Budget Committee (2023, 2024); Parks Advisory Board (2021, 2022)

My priorities are:

Communication: Foster a community where we address complicated issues through open, respectful discussions. Promote interactions between City Council, community members and other stakeholders.

Plan for growth: Ensure infrastructure is appropriately sized for Sisters' needs. Consider traffic safety for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists. Include wildfire resilience in planning discussions.

Manage change: Carefully review each step of the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) expansion process. Champion additional affordable and workforce housing units to address current needs within our community. Ensure that Sisters' growth is managed in a manner that promotes a continued small-town feel.

I am collaborative by nature and enjoy working with people on diverse community topics. I have spent 2023 and 2024 as Board President for Citizens4Community and as a Planning Commissioner and Budget Committee member for the City of Sisters.

I love living in Sisters and am invested in this community. Let's continue to work together so we can maintain the culture of caring about each other.

The following endorsements are from people I have worked with on community efforts in Sisters:

Kellen Klein; Jane Paxson; Jim Barnett; Bruce Rognlien; Scott Crabtree, Chief Happiness Officer, Happy Brain Science; Bill Kelly; Vice Chair Jeremy Dickman, Sisters Planning Commission; Art Blumenkron, Planning Commissioner, City of Sisters; Tom Ries, Planning Commissioner; Dixie Eckford, Former Chair, Sisters City Parks Advisory Board; Luis Blanchard; Sharlene Weed; Counsilor Susan Cobb

(This information furnished by Sarah McDougall.)

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**City of Sisters
City Council**



**Cheryl
Pellerin**
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Retired
Occupational Background: IT Project Manager; Application Developer
Educational Background: City of Sisters Civic Leadership Academy; B.S. Computer Information Systems Cal Poly

Prior Governmental Experience: City of Sisters Budget Committee; City of Sisters Urban Forestry Board; Sisters Habitat for Humanity Board Member; Sisters Habitat for Humanity Governance Committee Chair

My decision to run for city council is driven by my commitment to serve our special community.

My career experience has taught me to listen, ask questions, analyze information and assess options in order to make effective decisions regarding important topics including:

Growth & Planning - Proactive planning is key to a healthy city. Population growth is inevitable, but proper planning and managed growth can help keep our city special. I advocate for our city’s Vision Plan of a “resilient, prosperous, livable, connected Sisters” to remain our guiding light as we plan for the future.

Policy-Making - I’m a strong believer that ideas for large cities may not work for our small town. I will be diligent in policy-making decisions and focus on what is best for our city overall. In addition, citizens need to know their voices are recognized and valued in the decision-making process. Working together, we can keep Sisters special!

Affordable Housing - I support incentives that encourage builders and non-profit organizations to construct and sell homes at affordable prices for low-to-median income households. I believe economic diversity is essential for a healthy city. I support the designation of land specific to our affordable housing-needs during the Urban Growth Boundary amendment process and going forward.

Safety - I desire to see all residents educated on wildfire prevention and evacuation preparedness. I advocate for continued focus on improvements to our public safety. I fully support our Deputy Sheriff and Fire departments and all they do to keep us safe.

It would be an honor to serve on your city council!

www.cherylforsisters.com

(This information furnished by Cheryl Pellerin.)

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**City of Sisters
City Council**



**Major Joshua
Smith**
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Small Business Owner – The Paper Place; Vice President Sisters Business Association; Youth Athletics Coach SPRD; Youth Athletics Coach Sisters Little League
Occupational Background: Business Retail and Multi-Unit Management

Educational Background: Embry-Riddle, Prescott, Az

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Joshua Smith was born and raised in San Diego, CA. He has had the privilege of living in different areas of the country and has seen how differently each community can be run. Joshua and his wife live in Sisters and are the proud parents of a 13 year old and a 10 year old who attend the Sisters schools.

Joshua owns and runs The Paper Place in Sisters. He is a founding member of the Sisters Business Association, that works to bring the small businesses of Sisters together for a common goal. Joshua volunteers his time coaching young Sisters athletes through the Sisters Little League and SPRD sports programs. He is involved in and committed to this beautiful city he calls home.

Joshua pledges to improve business growth as well as enhance family and youth activities within the community. Sisters is a rapidly growing city that requires a dedicated advocate to help guide and prepare for the inevitable growth.

As a resident, business owner, and advocate for our youth, he pledges to actively listen to members of our community to help guide in all decisions to move us forward while maintaining our small town charm.

(This information furnished by Major Joshua Smith.)

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Deschutes Soil & Water Conservation District Director, At Large 1



Robin Vora Nonpartisan

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: I worked 39 years in natural resources for the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in seven states as a forester, ecologist, wildlife biologist, and manager.

Educational Background: My education includes Masters degrees in Wildlife Resources and Forest Resources from the University of Idaho, and a Bachelor's in Natural Resource Management/Forestry from the University of California at Berkeley.

Prior Governmental Experience: I am running for re-election to the Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District Board. I presently also serve on the Oregon Soil & Water Conservation Commission. I have lived in Deschutes County for 22 years and have been active serving on the county solid waste advisory committee and several City of Bend committees including urban growth boundary expansion, central area plan, transportation, and historic landmarks commission. I was on a Bend Parks & Metro Parks & Recreation citizen's committee. I served on the board of the Orchard District Neighborhood Association for 10 years and participated in Let's Pull Together (noxious weed removal). I volunteer at the Tower Theatre and am involved with the Deschutes Land Trust, East Cascades Audubon Society, and Habitat for Humanity.

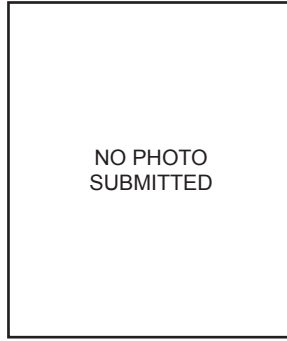
Over the past twelve years I have striven to implement more on-the-ground projects in all of the program areas in the District's long-range plan whose development I led. These programs areas include soil stewardship, water quality and more desirable river flows, weed management, wildlife and fish habitat improvement, wildfire risk reduction, locally grown food and farm-to-market products, and development of renewable energy and energy efficient resources. While water quality and conservation, including education, continue to be the dominant District program, we have also expanded in some of the other potential program areas. I would like to continue to advocate the District expand its services in all program areas with interested private landowners.

I request your vote to re-elect me.

(This information furnished by Robin Vora.)

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Deschutes Soil & Water Conservation District Director, Zone 3



Jeff Rola Nonpartisan

Occupation: Development Program Manager, Neighbor Impact

Occupational Background: Varied

Educational Background: Bachelor's Degree

Prior Governmental Experience: SWCD Director

The purpose of my candidacy, and my service to the Deschutes SWCD over the last 25 years, is to sustain and enhance the natural resources of Deschutes County to benefit the economy, health and quality of life for all who live here. I am using this space to urge you to support **Measure 9-176** establishing a permanent tax rate of 6 cents per \$1000 of assessed property in Deschutes County.

The funding Deschutes SWCD receives today comes from several state and federal agencies and affiliates. While significant at times, it is inconsistent, inadequate and subject to change. The agencies specify how the money is spent. Districts must thread the needle between the priorities of funders and the needs of the natural resource base and local communities.

Within these funding limits, the Deschutes SWCD has been successful in keeping neighborhoods in forest lands safer from wildfire. We have improved the bottom lines of many farms and ranches while making them better stewards of the land. The District actively helps landowners, improve irrigation efficiency, preserve fish and wildlife habitat, control noxious and invasive weeds, and improves stream flows throughout the Deschutes Basin.

We are currently suffering one of the worst fire seasons on record. Throughout my time with the SWCD, we have endured continuous drought. Wells and farms are drying up. Residents in forest areas are facing the loss of fire insurance along with the increased threat of catastrophic wildfire.

Conservation Districts differ from other local governments. We provide services cooperatively with local landowners, helping them become better stewards of the land and water resources they control. With education, technical and financial assistance Districts add value through voluntary cooperation.

But there is so much more to do. We need your help. **Vote Yes on Measure 9-176.**

(This information furnished by Jeff Rola.)

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

Tumalo Basin Sewer District Director



Martha Gross Nonpartisan

Occupation: Self-employed; IT and Retail engineering support.

Occupational Background: 30 years automotive retail; 18 years bookkeeping, IT support and office management.

Educational Background: High school graduate; other short-term business classes.

Prior Governmental Experience: Aside from the past year working to get the Tumalo Basin Sewer District formed, I have no governmental experience.

My family has lived near and played on the Deschutes River for decades. I have lived in the Tumalo “downtown” area for 22 years. In that time, I know of system failures and of neighbors who switched from well water to Laidlaw. I don’t want my septic waste to contaminate ground water in my surroundings – including the river – nor my fresh water to be contaminated by waste water.

I served on the committee which garnered and documented initial support for the formation of a sewer district in Tumalo. With a several opportunities for community engagement and outreach, I think it fair to say we spent a good deal of time explaining what must come first before the bigger questions can be answered, or even asked.

My time and involvement with a knowledgeable committee and interaction with the engineering firm leave me well-informed and eager to serve our community in a greater capacity.

With your support, I look forward to helping guide growth in the Tumalo core area, rather than just watching it happen.

Thank-you,
Martha Gross

(This information furnished by Martha Gross.)

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Tumalo Basin Sewer District Director



Sophie Paez Nonpartisan

Occupation: Business Manager

Occupational Background: Operations and management director

Educational Background: University of Texas at Austin, Austin Community College (AA), Colorado State University

Prior Governmental Experience: Laidlaw Water District Board

As a homeowner and community member of the Tumalo township for the past 20 years, I have enjoyed its rural character, adjusted to its development over time, and suffered the reality of a septic system installed 53 years ago. I recognize the need for a formal sewer solution to protect domestic wells and the neighbors who use them, provide an affordable option for homeowners whose systems pre-date the sanitary record and are awkwardly constrained due to a patchwork of active wells, and protect the river aquifer from inevitable “creative solutions”. I am sensitive to the concerns of those who do not want connection to a sewer system to be mandatory, and I am sensitive and committed to the Tumalo Community Plan’s vision to “Retain the livability of Tumalo as a rural small town by ensuring safe and efficient public services and collaborating with the surrounding rural community.” I understand the ramifications of a formal system in terms of Tumalo development but feel that a publicly managed solution for waste is imperative. If elected, I will bring thoughtful and informed service to the district on behalf of my neighborhood.

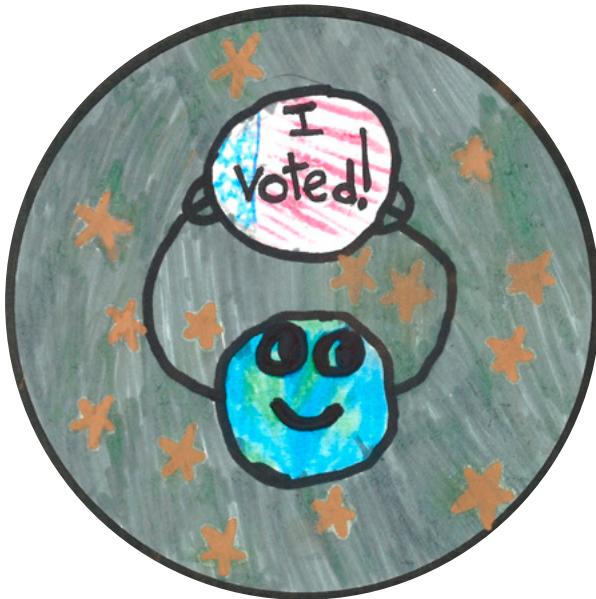
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Deschutes County Elections: 2024 "I Voted" Sticker

The middle to high school (6-12) sticker design contest concluded on June 30, 2024. 6 students from 6 different schools submitted entries. Thank you students from Cascade Middle School, High Desert Middle School, Mountain View High School, Sisters High School, Sky View Middle School, and Trinity Lutheran School for your creative designs.

Congratulations to Eli Hogan, senior from Mountain View High School. Eli's "I Voted" sticker will be available to pick up at our office and city halls from October 18, 2024 to Election Day.



Ivy Sapp, Elementary School (K-5) Winner



Eli Hogan, Middle to High School (6-12) Winner

Thank you to all of our local students who participated in this year's "I Voted" Sticker Contest.

To see all of this year's entries, visit www.deschutescounty.gov/artcontest.