

voters' pamphlet

Oregon Vote-by-Mail Special District Election | **May 20, 2025**



Attention

This is the beginning of your Deschutes County Voters' Pamphlet.
All information contained in this pamphlet has been
assembled and printed by your County Clerk.



Dear Deschutes County Voter:

This is your May 20, 2025 Special District 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, April 30, 2025 to each registered voter. Here are a few things you should know:

- ◆ **Mail** your voted ballot in your postage-paid return envelope or **drop it off** at an official drop site location by **8 pm, Tuesday, May 20, 2025**. 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, May 27, 2025 will be accepted. Remember to sign your ballot return envelope.
- ◆ Drop sites open Friday, May 2. 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 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 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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Отдельные части брошюр избирателей этого округа доступны на русском языке. С данными переводами можно ознакомиться в Интернете по адресу: **oregonvotes.gov/DeschutesVP**

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 May 20, 2025 Special District Election, a completed voter registration card must be postmarked by Tuesday, April 29, 2025.

May 2025 Special District Election

All voters in the May 20, 2025 Special District 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, May 20, 2025. 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, May 27, 2025 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.

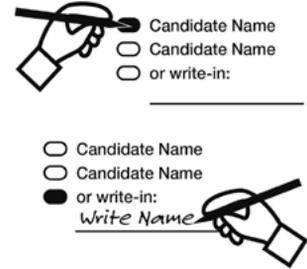
An audio edition of the Voters' Pamphlet is available for download on our website. Voters may also order by contacting Independent Living Resources at (503) 232-7411, info@irl.org, or TTY (503) 232-8408.

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

How To Cast Your Vote

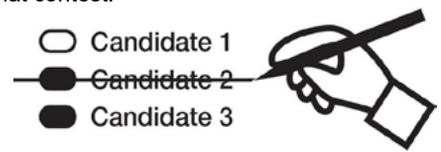
1 Complete your ballot

- 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.



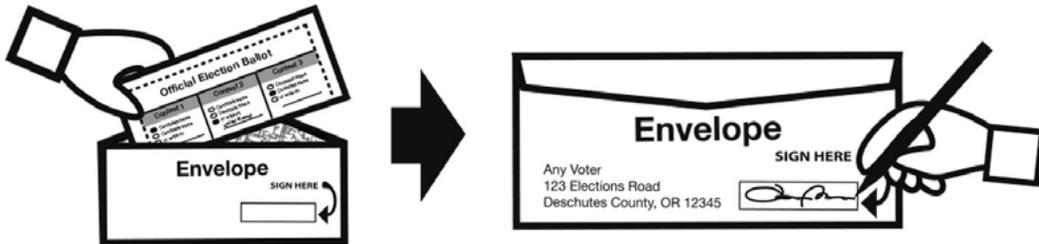
2 Check for errors

- 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

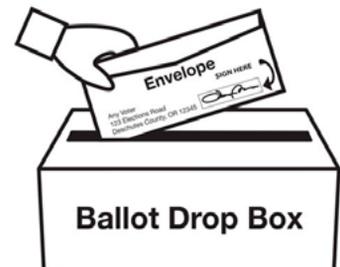
- Insert only your voted ballot (not another person’s ballot) inside your ballot return envelope. *(If we receive an envelope with more than one ballot inside, all enclosed ballots will be rejected and not counted).*
- You must sign your ballot return envelope or **your vote will not count.**



- 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, May 20, 2025. 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, May 27, 2025 will be accepted.
- At any official drop site:** Deliver the signed and sealed ballot return envelope to an official drop site no later than 8 pm on Election Day. Postage is not required.



Deschutes County May 20, 2025 Special District Election Official Ballot Drop Sites

Drop off your ballot at an official drop site location by **8 pm, Tuesday, May 20, 2025**. Remember to sign your ballot return envelope.

Drop Site Hours:

Open: Friday, May 2, 2025

Close: Election Day, Tuesday, May 20, 2025 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 at 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 827 SW Deschutes Ave, Redmond <i>(Box located at west 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>

-- OR --

Mail your voted ballot in your postage-paid return envelope by **8 pm, Tuesday, May 20, 2025**. 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 May 27 will be accepted. Remember to sign your ballot return envelope.

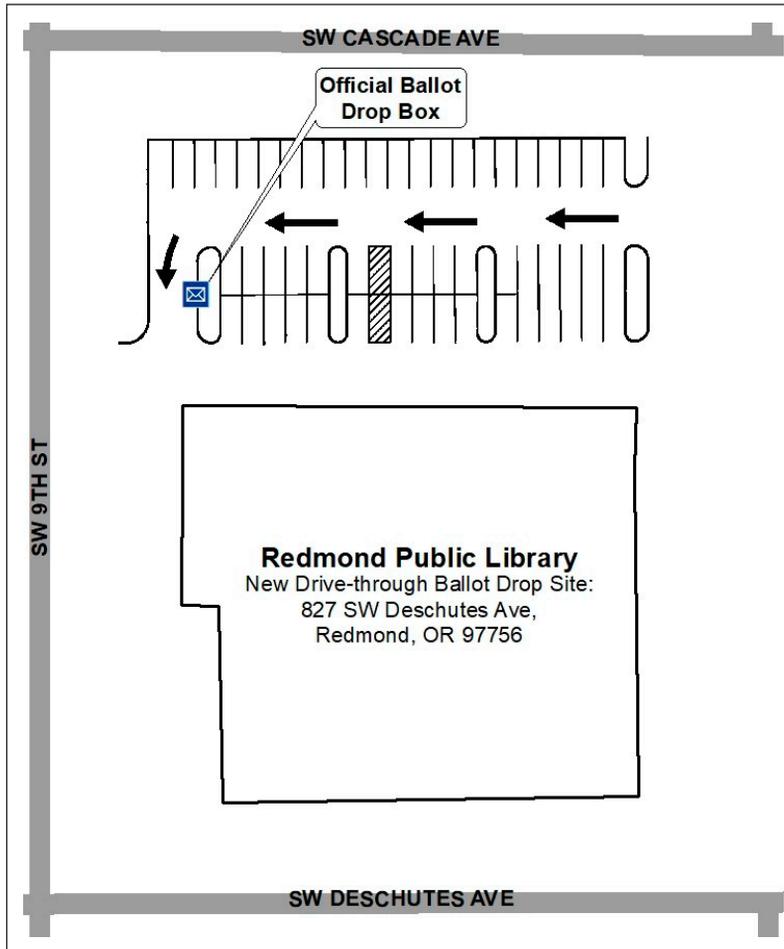
County Clerk's Office, 1300 NW Wall St, Suite 202 (2nd Floor), Bend
Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm | Election Day, 7 am to 8 pm
 -- Voting Booths Available --

Directions to Your Newest Ballot Drop Site

Watch for signs and banners to direct you to this drop site.

The Redmond Library Ballot Drop Box Has Returned to 827 SW Deschutes Ave, Redmond

Drive-through box is located at west end of parking lot.



.... Reminders

Your Ballot Packet

Your ballot packet will contain at minimum the following items:

- Printed ballot
- Postage-paid return envelope

Signing Your Ballot Return Envelope

Remember to sign your ballot return envelope.

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

Returning Your Ballot

No stamp required.

Mail by Election Day, Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

Ballot Title

9-180

Black Butte Ranch Service District Five-Year Local Option Levy

QUESTION: Shall the District levy a five-year local option tax at \$0.78 per \$1000 for operations starting in 2025-2026? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: The Black Butte Ranch Service District will use revenue from this five-year local option tax to maintain current service levels. The Black Butte Ranch Service District's current yearly revenue increases are approximately 3-3.5% per year. Approving the proposed rate will generate approximately \$651,872 in 2025-2026, approximately \$674,035 in 2026-2027, approximately \$696,952 in 2027-2028, approximately \$720,649 in 2028-2029, and approximately \$745,151 in 2029-2030. The total amount of tax to be raised by this measure is approximately \$3,488,659. On a \$500,000 home, the assessment will be \$32.50 per month or \$390 per year. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate.

Explanatory Statement

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

In 2010 the electors within the District approved a local option levy of \$0.55 per \$1000 of assessed value. The electors within the District renewed the levy in 2015. In 2020 the electors approved a local option levy of \$0.65 per \$1000 of assessed value. The levy approved in 2020 expires June 30, 2025; the District is requesting approval of a local option tax to maintain existing operations. This proposed local option tax is \$0.78 per \$1000 of assessed value of property. On a \$500,000 home, the assessment will be \$32.50 per month or \$390.00 per year.

This proposed levy will generate approximately \$651,872 in 2025-2026, \$674,035 in 2026-2027, approximately \$696,952 in 2027-2028, approximately \$720,649 in 2028-2029, and approximately \$745,151 in 2029-2030.

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

The District currently has a \$.65 local option tax that expires this year. If this new local option tax is not approved, there would be a significant budget shortfall. Options to address the shortfall would be a reduction in patrol staff and services.

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

Measure 9-181 Cascade View Estates Tract 2 Special Road District

Ballot Title

9-181

Local Option Levy for Road improvements and maintenance.

QUESTION: Shall the District levy \$1.39 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years for repaving projects beginning in 2025/26? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: The measure, if approved, would authorize the district to levy taxes to finance the repair and resurfacing of the paved roads within the Cascade View Estates Tract 2 Special Road District. Total estimated cost of the project including finance fees is \$330,503. The measure would provide for a local operating levy at a rate of \$1.39 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value within the District for five years, beginning July 1, 2025. The estimated revenue over 5-years is:

Fiscal Year	Estimated-Yearly Total:
2025-26	\$62,252
2026-27	\$64,119
2027-28	\$66,043
2028-29	\$68,024
2029-30	\$70,065
Cumulative Total	\$330,503

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

Location of expected road improvement are: - Juniper Road from Alfalfa Market Road to Elk Lane; Elk Lane from Juniper Road to Deschutes Road; Deschutes Road from Elk Lane to Bachelor Lane; Todd Road from Alfalfa Market Road to Raven Lane; Raven Lane from Todd Road to Fremont Road; and, Fremont Road from Ravel Lane to Cultus Lane.

Investing in our roads now protects our property values. It ensures safe and smooth travel for everyone in our community. Delaying this project will only lead to higher costs and more significant problems in the future.

We understand that a special levy is an added expense. However, it's a necessary investment to preserve the quality and safety of our neighborhood.

Thank-you from your volunteer board of directors
Cascade View Estates Tract 2 Special Road District

(This information furnished by John Brooks, President, Cascade View Estates Tract 2 Special Road District.)

Explanatory Statement

Cascade View Estates Tract 2 Special Road District (AKA Juniper/Todd)

Special Levy to Resurface Paved Roads

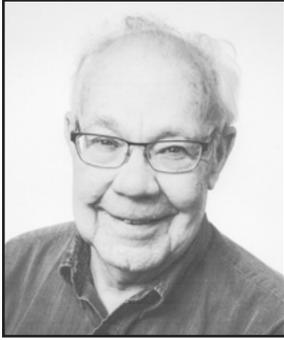
Dear Neighbors,

We need your support to address the critical condition of our paved roads in the Cascade View Estates Tract 2 Special Road District. These roads include: Todd Side - paved sections of Todd, Raven, and Fremont. Juniper Side - paved sections of Juniper, Elk, and Deschutes. As you know, our community is responsible for maintaining our roads since the county does not.

Our annual budget of approximately \$58,000 is primarily used to maintain our nine miles of gravel roads, allowing for only one grading per year. Our three miles of paved roads, now 20 years old, are showing significant wear and tear. Patching is no longer a viable long-term solution, and the roads are rapidly deteriorating. Without immediate action, these roads will crumble, leading to costly repairs and safety concerns.

To resurface our paved roads, we need approximately \$330,000. This expense is far beyond our current budget. We are proposing a five-year special levy to fund this essential project. This levy is a one-time measure, ensuring a new road surface expected to last 15-20 years. This is not a renewable levy.

Central Oregon Community College District Director, Zone 3



**Alan
Unger**

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Multnomah County Sheriff Department – corrections officer; A. Unger Contracting – owner; Central Oregon Paint Supply - partner

Educational Background: Redmond High School; University of Portland – Bachelor of Science

Prior Governmental Experience: City of Redmond - Planning Commissioner – 8 years; City of Redmond - Mayor – 8 years; Deschutes County Commissioner - 8 years; Central Oregon Community College Board - Director - 8 years

Central Oregon Community College empowers students and engages our local communities through high-quality, equitable, and accessible lifelong education.

We facilitate community education and workforce educational needs for industry.

We welcome all students, providing equitable resources to help them achieve their goals.

And we do all this in a sustainable way.

First, I want to thank you for supporting my two terms of service on the COCC board. Now, I ask you to support me for a third term so I can continue the good work we are doing for Central Oregon.

On the Madras Campus, we are building a second building for medical and early childhood education.

On the Redmond Campus, we are planning to expand building #3 to provide more Career Technical Education (CTE), adding another class of Veterinary assistants, and growing the campus to provide more educational opportunities and serve as a stand-alone campus that will enable the students of Redmond, Madras, and Prineville.

A high school student can take College Now classes at either campus and upon graduation have earned college credits at basically no cost. That student will be on their way to earning an associate's degree to go into the workforce or transfer to a 4-year university.

Education is a path out of poverty.

Thank you, President Laurie Chesley, for your years of service.

Welcome Dr. Greg Pereira, our new President.

Together our collaborative board will help guide the work of our new president and approve a budget that supports the growth of the college and the success of our students.

(This information furnished by Alan Unger.)

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

Central Oregon Community College District Director, Zone 4



**Erica
Skatvold**

Occupation: St. Charles Health System, Director of Quality Management

Occupational Background: St. Charles Health System, Clinical Practice & Professional Development Manager and Clinical Informatics

Educational Background: University of Chicago, Master of Public Policy with a Certificate in Health Administration and Policy; University of Denver, Bachelor of Arts, International Studies and Italian; Bend Senior High School, Honors Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: COCC Board 2017-present (Current Vice Chair, Vice Chair 2018-2020, Chair 2020-2021); Deschutes Public Library System Budget Committee 2017-present, US DHHS, Program Evaluation Intern, 2012

In high school, COCC made my educational journey possible. Through the concurrent enrollment program, I took COCC courses for credit that enabled me to graduate early from college during the great recession. Without that "leg up," I may not have been able to finish college due to financial constraints. Students of all ages, in various stages of life, are currently facing similar constraints with the cost of living and inflation here in Central Oregon. COCC is still here to support them. With every student success story our community grows stronger, a person can provide for themselves and family, and our community grows a workforce to keep businesses thriving.

To meet the changing and dynamic needs of our community, as a board member I will continue to support:

- Growing relevant Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and courses;
- Increasing access to classes and programming through online and physical classroom options;
- Increasing partnerships with local organizations and institutions to best serve the community needs;
- Resourcing for vital nonacademic needs of our students to ensure they succeed;
- Advocating for faculty and staff;
- Maintaining affordable tuition and fees; and
- Being fiscally responsible.

It has been an honor to serve as a COCC Board member and I look forward to continuing to serve the college and our community in this role.

Endorsements:

Emerson Levy, Oregon House of Representatives
Phil Chang, Deschutes County Commissioner
Melanie Kebler, Mayor of Bend
Megan Perkins, Mayor Pro Tem

(This information furnished by Erica Skatvold.)

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Administrative School District #1 Director, Zone 1



Jennifer Lynch

Occupation: Managing Partner, Portland Seed Fund and BVC Growth Fund

Occupational Background: An Investment management, software, newspaper journalism

Educational Background: Northwestern University / BS, Journalism; Columbia Business School / MBA

Prior Governmental Experience: Bend Economic Development Advisory Board; Bend-La Pine Education Foundation Board; Oregon Public Broadcasting Board; Chair, Oregon Innovation Council

"As a mom of three teenagers and a proud volunteer in Bend's schools and community, I'm ready to work tirelessly to ensure every student in the Bend-La Pine Schools thrives." - Jenn Lynch

Values:

- **Ethics:** I will serve with integrity, impartiality and respect for both the public and the district alike
- **Accountability:** I'm focused on transparency, responsibility and student success
- **Equity:** Every kid – without exception – deserves a high-quality school, outstanding academics and the opportunity to excel

Priorities:

- **Academic Achievement:** Raise test scores in English/ Language Arts, Math and other core subjects – bring academic rigor and excellence to every classroom.
- **Safe Schools for All:** Educators, staff and students deserve to feel safe at school. I support clear, consistent classroom discipline and behavior accountability.
- **Community Connections:** I will work to bring the business, nonprofit and parent communities to the table in building stronger schools.
- **Support for Teachers:** I will advocate for state funding that will reduce class sizes and allow our district to invest in teacher professional development, mentoring, and effective performance assessment.
- **Passion and Purpose:** I will protect districtwide opportunities for students to engage in the performing arts, business, athletics, STEM and CTE, to keep students engaged at school, promote attendance and deliver academic results.

Endorsed By:

Bend Education Association
Stand for Children
Oregon Working Families Party
Bend-La Pine School Board Director Amy Tatom
Bend-La Pine School Board Director Kina Chadwick
Bend-La Pine School Board Director Ross Tomlin
Bend-La Pine School Board Director Shirley Olson
Bend-La Pine School Board Director, Chair Marcus LeGrand
State Representative Jason Kropf and State Representative Emerson Levy
State Senator Anthony Broadman
Secretary of State Tobias Read

(This information furnished by Jennifer Lynch.)

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Administrative School District #1 Director, Zone 2



Marcus LeGrand

Occupation: Professor, Afro-centric Program Coordinator, Sr. Impact Advisor: Leadership Educational Equity (LEE), Consultant: Allyship and Action, and Trainer: I4Education

Occupational Background: Program Developer, School Counselor, Navy Veteran, Community Developer and Business Development

Educational Background: Rowan University: Master's in Counseling and Psychotherapy, University of Washington-Seattle: Foster School of Business, BA in Marketing

Prior Governmental Experience: Bend-La Pine School District Budget and Sustainability Committee, Restorative Justice & Equity Member, ODE, AABSS Advisory Group, U.S. Navy

Empower Every Student

I work daily in education as a Professor, Program Coordinator, and Sr. Impact Advisor, passionately uplifting students and teachers while supporting superintendents and boards. With 15 years of experience as an educator, counselor, and advocate, I bring expertise in equity, mental health, and inclusive programming to serve our community and stakeholders.

I prioritize teacher development, student-centered programming, and safety, with a commitment to equity, mental health support, and inclusive education.

Join me in building a brighter future for our schools.

"Marcus is a trusted partner in service and a government official poised to get the job done delivering for our kids, families, teachers, and school workers. As we work to ensure we're holding ourselves to the highest standard for educating young Oregonians, Marcus is the leader our schools need."

-Anthony Broadman, State Senator

With your vote, I will continue to:

- ❖ Expand mental health resources and inclusive learning environments,
- ❖ Promote equity-focused policies and student-centered programming,
- ❖ Support teachers through professional development and resources,
- ❖ Foster resilience and self-awareness for all students,
- ❖ Ensure every child feels valued and prepared to succeed,

We support MARCUS:

Bend Education Association
Oregon Futures Lab
Color PAC
Stand for Children
Working Families Party
Melanie Kebler, Mayor of Bend
Carrie McPherson Douglass, Bend-La Pine School Board Vice Chair
Kina Chadwick, Bend-La Pine School Board of Directors
Ross Tomlin, Bend-La Pine School Board of Directors
Shirley Olson, Bend-La Pine School Board of Directors
Renee Anderson, Community Advocate

(This information furnished by Marcus LeGrand.)

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Administrative School District #1

Director, Zone 4



Shirley Olson

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Educational Consultant, ETS; Director, Campbell Union School District, CA; Director, Williamsville Central School District, NY; Director, Kenmore-

Tonawanda School District, NY; Director/Principal, Salem-Keizer School District, OR; Director, Lebanon Schools, OR; Teacher, Cottage Grove Schools, OR

Educational Background: B.A., M.Ed., University of Oregon; Ed.D., University of Southern California

Prior Governmental Experience: Bend-La Pine School Board; Sunriver-La Pine Rotary, Board; Bend-La Pine Education Foundation, Board; Sunriver Women's Club, Board; Oregon Association of School Supervisors, President; Coalition of Oregon School Administrators, President; New York Women Educators Association, Board

"As a lifelong educator, I feel a responsibility to do what I can to support today's students, and that translates today to having another four years on the Bend-La Pine School Board."

--Shirley Olson

FOCUS for Bend-La Pine Schools:

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- closing achievement gaps for under-represented student groups
- increasing graduation rates
- student achievement assessments that provide learning needs

STUDENT SUPPORT

- curriculum based on researched learning strategies
- staff professional development
- school-based counselors, educational assistants, health professionals

FAMILY/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Cultural Liaisons to engage families
- staff advisory committees and student voice opportunities
- direct communication with schools, students and families

ENDORSEMENTS:

- ✓ Anthony Broadman, State Senator
- ✓ Emerson Levy, State Representative
- ✓ Phil Chang, Deschutes County Commissioner
- ✓ Melanie Kebler, Mayor of Bend
- ✓ Stand for Children
- ✓ Oregon Working Families Party
- ✓ Bend Education Association
- ✓ Marcus LeGrand, Bend-La Pine Schools Board of Directors, Chair
- ✓ Aaron Schofield

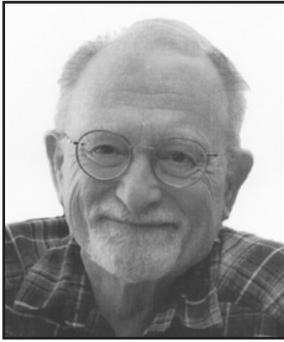
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Administrative School District #1 Director, Zone 6, At Large



Ross Tomlin

Occupation: Director, Bend-La Pine School Board; Adjunct Forestry Instructor

Occupational Background: President, Tillamook Bay Community College; Full-time Forestry Professor; Forester, BLM

Educational Background: University of La Verne, Doctorate of Education, Educational Leadership; Stephen F. Austin State University, Master of Science, Forestry; Stephen F. Austin State University, Bachelor of Science, Forestry

Prior Governmental Experience: Board Member, Zone 6, Bend-La Pine Schools; Board Member, Northwest Regional Education Education Service District Board; Regional Park Manager, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

My passion for education's transformative power remains as strong as when I began my career. After twenty years in the classroom, I transitioned to leadership, becoming President of Tillamook Bay Community College. I worked with superintendents to create a seamless high school-to-college transition, building a dual credit program that saved families over \$250,000 annually in tuition.

I serve on the Bend-La Pine School Board and teach part-time at COCC. Appointed for my budget expertise and commitment to student-centered learning, I'm ready to tackle challenges like uncertain funding and declining enrollment. My experience helps ensure every student graduates prepared for college or a career.

"Ross brings the steady temperament and leadership experience we need on the school board in these turbulent times."

– Amy Tatom, Director, Bend-La Pine Schools

With your vote, I will continue to:

- ★ Expand Career-Technical Education (CTE) programs
- ★ Promote hands-on, student-centered learning
- ★ Advance equity and inclusion
- ★ Support teachers with resources and development
- ★ Use district resources wisely to prioritize success

We support ROSS:

Marcus LeGrand, Bend-La Pine Schools Board of Directors, Chair
Carrie Douglass, Bend-La Pine Schools Board of Director,

Vice Chair

Kina Chadwick, Bend-La Pine Schools Board of Director
Shirley Olson, Director, Bend-La Pine School Board
Bend Education Association
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Working Families Party
Stand for Children

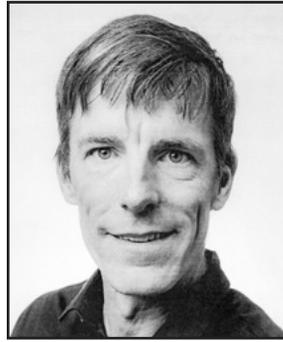
Cameron Salvitelli, La Pine High School Forestry and Manufacturing Technology Teacher

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Administrative School District #1 Director, Zone 6, At Large



Theo Wilhelm

Occupation: Author

Occupational Background: Classroom Teacher (Cascades Middle School & Internationally, 25 years - Retired); Service-Learning Director; Experiential Learning Coordinator; Curriculum Writer; Dean of Students; Journalist, Author & Storyteller

Educational Background: Professional Administrative/Leadership Licensure, Lewis & Clark College; Master of Science/Education, State University of New York, Buffalo; Teacher Certification, CalState Hayward; Bachelor of English, Miami University

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I am a parent and a career classroom teacher who is extremely passionate about engaging all students in learning. As a matter of fact, I've dedicated my entire career to just that.

The truth is, education has always been about rising to new challenges; today's educational challenges are, however, exceptional. I know that the best way to serve every student is to support and empower teachers by providing impactful professional development, creating space for ongoing collaboration, assuring fidelity in practices and policies, and leaving room for modification and creativity.

Notable Experience:

- 1) Extensive work with educational programs, curricular design, and instructional supports.
- 2) Rich classroom management expertise in diverse communities.
- 3) Experience tracking schoolwide academic and behavioral needs in order to provide personalized interventions.
- 4) Numerous roles in teacher leadership and program coordination including budget management.
- 5) Effective interaction with thousands of students and their families on five continents.

My Beliefs:

- Well-being and belonging are non-negotiable for all students, staff, families, and anyone who supports an enriching, joyful school community.
- All students, including historically underserved populations, are entitled to an engaging, equitable education that leads to a variety of enriching opportunities beyond high school graduation.
- Representation of a seasoned classroom teacher will diversify and enhance the board's admirable educational expertise.
- Community outreach and inclusion empower schools.
- Cell phone use and excessive educational technology prevents the relationship building that fosters safe, inclusive schools.
- All students need to see themselves in instructional materials.

It would be an honor to serve our community, our schools. Please vote, Theo Wilhelm.

Visit: theoforschools.com

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Administrative School District #1 Director, Zone 7, At Large



Kina Chadwick

Occupation: Program Director,
Rural Healthcare Access

Occupational Background:
Organizational Development,
Employee Survey Research;
Culture Auditor for Fortune's 100

Best Companies to Work For® List

Educational Background: Mount Holyoke College, B.A., Anthropology/Sociology

Prior Governmental Experience: Bend-La Pine Schools Board of Directors (Dec 2022-Present); City of Bend, Core Area Advisory Board (Nov 2021-2023)

It has been an honor serving on the School Board, especially as we stand firm against unlawful directives. It's imperative to remain consistent and proactive in safeguarding ALL students and staff from far-right extremists.

PRIORITIES

- Increase **early literacy**
Early literacy strengthens a child's neural connections and ability to create healthy bonds. This leads to greater confidence, stronger skills in cultivating relationships, and better outcomes.
- Ensure ALL students and staff experience **belonging**
This means less distractions and improved mental health, enabling students to learn.
- Reduce **absenteeism**
In addition to critical instruction time, schools provide students with access to essential support and resources.
- Improve parent/caregiver, student, teacher, and Board **connection**
The well-being and academic excellence of students is the responsibility of our entire community.

COMMITMENT

- As a **parent** of BLS students, I'm **invested** in seeing our schools **flourish**.
- I am **dedicated** to improving the workplace environment for all **educators** and **staff**.
- It's our **duty** to meet each child where they are with **empathy, support, and resources**.

SUPPORTERS

- Bend Education Association
- Stand for Children
- Basic Rights PAC
- Oregon Working Families Party
- Tribal Democracy Project
- State Senator, Anthony Broadman
- State Representative Jason Kropf
- Phil Chang, Deschutes County Commissioner
- Melanie Kebler, City of Bend Mayor
- Megan Perkins, City of Bend Mayor Pro Tem
- Ariel Méndez, Bend City Councilor
- Mike Riley, Bend City Councilor
- Marcus LeGrand, Bend-La Pine Schools Board of Directors, Chair
- Carrie McPherson Douglass, Bend-La Pine School Board Vice Chair
- Shirley Olson, Director, Bend-La Pine School Board
- Melissa Barnes Dholakia Executive Director, Bend International School

www.KinaforOregon.com

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Administrative School District #1 Director, Zone 7, At Large



Justin Van Patten

Occupation: Owner/Operator –
Best Case Scenario LLC

Occupational Background:
Foreman - SunWest Builders;
Board Member – The Giving
Plate (6 years); Volunteer –
Furnish Hope, Rock Bottom Hope, Family Kitchen; PTO Member
and Middle School Elective Facilitator – Bend-La Pine Schools

Educational Background: Currently pursuing a degree in Psychology and Counseling – Colorado Christian University; Yamhill-Carlton High School – Graduate

Prior Governmental Experience: None

As a father, small business owner, and longtime community volunteer, I'm running for the Bend-La Pine School Board because I care deeply about our students, families, and the future of our schools.

I've spent years building a business in Central Oregon and serving on local nonprofit boards and outreach teams. I've also partnered directly with our schools through PTO involvement and by leading middle school electives – giving me firsthand insight into both the challenges and opportunities within our district.

These experiences have shaped a leadership style rooted in service, practical problem-solving, and collaboration. I understand the importance of equipping students not just for graduation, but for life.

I'm passionate about expanding access to mental health support, mentorship, and career and technical education. Every student should have the chance to discover their strengths and be prepared for success – whether through college, trades, military service, or entrepreneurship.

If elected, I will advocate for academic excellence, responsible budgeting, and strong partnerships between families, educators, and the district. Parents deserve to be engaged in their child's education, and teachers must be supported as essential leaders in our community.

I'm not a politician – I'm a dad, builder, and community advocate who believes in the potential of every student. I want to help foster a school culture that values integrity, creativity, and resilience.

Let's give students every opportunity to thrive. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

Justin Van Patten, Candidate for Bend-La Pine School Board Zone 7

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**Redmond School District 2J
Director, Position 1**



**Eric S
Lea**

Occupation: Director, Clinical Operations, Everest Clinical Research

Occupational Background: Medication Development Professional (>30 Years)

Educational Background: University of Oregon; B.S. Physics and Chemistry

Prior Governmental Experience: Redmond School Board: Appointed 2022, Elected 2023

Eric Lea for Redmond School Board

Redmond schools must provide EVERY student a high-quality education. As your current School Board Director, I have focused on policies that improve student outcomes, ensure responsible budgeting, and increase transparency.

During my first term, I spearheaded efforts to promote the responsible use of technology and reduce the impact of technological dependence on our youth. I refocused district goals on academic excellence for all students, and helped implement data-driven curriculum changes. I am proud to be a member of the community that passed a \$97 million capital improvement bond—one of only two school bonds passed in Oregon last November—ensuring critical investments in safety, infrastructure, and learning environments.

Sadly, more spending alone, does not automatically equal better outcomes. We need regular, actionable feedback to assess our progress and adjust strategies.

In my next term, I will:

- Thoughtfully consider community dialog, seeking to listen and learn.
- Seek equal access for all district students to available resources.
- Encourage our community to model the behavior we wish to see in our children.
- Investigate and implement effective evaluation tools to track student progress.
- Inform staff and students of the importance of regular benchmarking.
- Advocate for policy changes requiring the superintendent to evaluate the effectiveness of interventions and regularly adjust strategies based upon real, actionable data.

Redmond is headed in the right direction. We must, however, remain vigilant, and accountable for results. With your support, I will continue pressing for policies that drive measurable improvements, while ensuring your tax dollars are spent effectively.

I would be honored to earn your vote.

Endorsed by:

Michael Summers, Chair of the Redmond School Board
Keri Lopez, Director— Redmond School Board
Andi Buerger, Author, Founder, Voices Against Trafficking
Annette Montee, Elementary Teacher (Retired)
Kathleen Rafish

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**Redmond School District 2J
Director, Position 1**



**Ashley
Proctor**

Occupation: Deschutes County Social Worker, Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) Specialist

Occupational Background: Army Veteran – Military Police and UAV Operator; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Administrator; Substitute Teacher; Retail Supervisor; Big Brother Big Sister Mentor

Educational Background: University of Oregon; Bachelor of Science - Psychology/Ethics

Prior Governmental Experience: ODDS Licensor Core Competency Committee; IDD Advisory Committee; Trauma Informed Care Committee

Growing up as an at-risk youth, and the first of my family to graduate high school and college, I was empowered by my community and educators to discover how my learned education and skills could create pathways to opportunity. Their support inspired me to be curious, brave, and open to new ideas through differing opinions, research, and civic engagement.

I am a **special education** mother, social worker, advocate, volunteer, and leader of change. Our students are growing up in rapidly evolving times, and I intend to be an **adaptable leader** who prioritizes their **safety, skills, and well-being**.

My advocacy work centers on disability and mental health rights, expertise I will bring to the School Board. Prioritizing marginalized students, mental health, and accessibility fosters thriving communities where every student, regardless of ability or experience, feels valued.

Freedom of thought: Critical thinking requires us to interpret and challenge information, not just consume it. When students and educators have the liberty to explore different ideas without censorship, they develop essential skills of respectful discourse, self-awareness, and curiosity.

Family Centered Support: As a social worker, I connect families to resources and ensure they understand their rights. I will bring this same dedication to the School Board, advocating for first time families, special education families, English learners, and everyone in between. We are one network doing our best with the information we have. Allow me to empower and work alongside you!

ashleyproctor.org

Endorsements

Stand for Children
Oregon Working Families Party
Liz Goodrich, Redmond School Board Vice Chair
Amanda Page, Redmond School Board Director

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Redmond School District 2J Director, Position 2



Michael Summers

Occupation: Co-Owner, Summers Flooring; Musician, Precious Byrd

Occupational Background: Father of four daughters in RSD, Business Leader / Owner, School Leader, Rotarian, Community Fundraiser

Educational Background: Mountain View HS; Norwest Nazarene University

Prior Governmental Experience: Redmond School Board (2021-25): Vice Chair 2021-22, Chair 2022-Present

EXPERIENCE YOU CAN TRUST

For several years, I've had the privilege of serving as Chair of the Redmond School Board, guiding our students, staff, and community through one of the most challenging times in education. From the onset of the pandemic to the ongoing social issues affecting our communities, I have worked diligently to keep the Board focused on the essential mission of educating future generations, while ensuring families feel confident and safe enrolling their children in the Redmond School District.

Through thoughtful planning, community engagement, and the dedication of our teachers and staff, I have advocated for initiatives aimed at addressing learning gaps, investing in mental health resources, and expanding opportunities for ALL students, regardless of their background or abilities.

I have remained committed to transparency, accountability, and collaboration, fostering trust within our community. By working closely with teachers, parents, and local stakeholders, I have ensured that Redmond's schools continue to be places where all students can thrive academically and socially.

The challenges of recent years have not been easy, but through strong leadership and unwavering dedication, I believe I've demonstrated my resilience and commitment to ensuring that every student has the opportunity to succeed. I am proud of what we've accomplished in Redmond, and I encourage you to vote for a brighter future for our students.

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**Redmond School District 2J
Director, Position 3**



**Joelle
Beget**

Occupation: Children’s Ministry Director, Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: Elementary Teacher

Educational Background: Corban University, Bachelor of Science Elementary Education

Prior Governmental Experience: None

My name is **Joelle Beget**, and I have called Redmond home since 2016. Together with my husband, we operate a small family farm that provides healthy, ethically grown meats to our community. I find value in participating in our local 4-H programs and volunteering with Kindred Connections, an organization that supports children and families in crisis. As a mother of four school-aged children, I’ve always felt a strong desire to serve my community and contribute to our educational system.

With a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Corban University, I spent 5 ½ years teaching elementary school. My **experience in the classroom** gives me a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities educators face, and the **unique perspective** to advocate for innovative solutions that keep students on the path to success. I’m committed to being a voice that bridges the gap between administration, faculty, students, parents and the community.

As a board member, I’ll advocate for **transparency** in all levels of our educational system, ensuring that parents, teachers, and students are heard. I’ll work to support **parental involvement, welcome community engagement, and advocate for programs and curriculum** that keep students engaged and on the path to success.

I believe every child deserves an exemplary education, and I am ready to serve our community, staff and students to that end. I stand for **integrity, transparency, and cooperation**, and I would be honored to earn your vote.

We endorse **Joelle Beget** for Redmond School Board

Jay Patrick, City Councilor

Carmen Patrick, Ret. School Dist.

Ken Marshall

Breanne Roe

Jim Roe

Danielle Harris, teacher

Jim Holm, Compassion First

Keri Lopez, Director- Redmond School Board

Stephen V O’Malley, EMS Deputy Chief, Bend Fire & Rescue, Retd.

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(This information furnished by Joelle S Beget.)

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**Redmond School District 2J
Director, Position 3**



**Amanda
Page**

Occupation: Flight Paramedic/ Social Responsibility & Belonging Advisor, Life Flight Network

Occupational Background: Critical Care Instructor - Distance CME; Curriculum Development - Senate Bill 13;

Program Development Manager – The Klamath Tribes

Educational Background: Western Governor’s University, BS – Business Administration

Prior Governmental Experience: Redmond School Board Director (Incumbent), The Klamath Tribes Education & Senate Bill 13 Committees

In the ewksiknii (Klamath) language there is a phrase, homas gi. It means to be that way, a reference to people who are living a good life and serving our people. As a tribal member I was taught this is my compass. Being the mother of a teenager, I know the importance of public education and as a school board member, I live out homas gi. Re-election to the school board will ensure every child in our community has access to a quality education that fully prepares them for a career they are excited for upon graduation. There are two primary ways I will do this:

Focusing on Students - The school board cannot be distracted by issues that are political and not in the best interest of our students. We need to put energy into things that promote quality education for every student, adhering to a responsible budget that prioritizes student outcomes, and creating safe spaces where teachers have what they need to do what they do best...educate our children.

Ensuring Resources - Redmond is a unique community and our students are just as distinguished. There is no one-size-fits-all educational plan. I will continue to work to ensure that every child has what they need to be successful - identifying unnecessary barriers and mitigating them to provide students with the best opportunities for advancement.

With your vote, I will continue to prioritize student success and outcomes.

Endorsements:

Liz Goodrich, Redmond School Board Vice Chair

Clifford B Evelyn, City Councilor

Phil Chang, Deschutes County Commissioner

Rick Russell

Stand for Children

Oregon Working Families Party

(This information furnished by Amanda Page.)

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**Sisters School District 6
Director, Position 1**



**Megan
Jamieson**

Occupation: Stay-at-home Parent; Volunteer at Sisters Middle School and Sisters Elementary School

Occupational Background: Assistant Director of Community Engagement, The Bear Creek

School; Director of Strategic Accounts, Redirect Risk; Admission Advisor, Washington State University, Global Campus; Program Manager, The Chicago School

Educational Background: Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, Bachelor of Arts in Humanities; North Park University, Chicago, Illinois, Master of Higher Education Administration, Certificate in Non-Profit Management

Prior Governmental Experience: Intern, Oregon Department of Education, Salem, Oregon; Intern, City of Vancouver Department of Media and Communications, Vancouver, Washington

My name is Megan Jamieson. I am running for the Sisters School District Board, Position #1. My experience in education spans over twenty years. I have worked for large universities, independent schools, and small start-ups. I am a parent to three children in the district and a committed community member and volunteer. My experience in community engagement and higher education administration equips me with the skills essential for leadership on the school board.

Our district will be facing many challenges over the next four years. My top priorities are:

Belong – our students deserve an educational environment where they feel respected and supported. Our staff and faculty make our schools great. We must support them and continue to encourage innovative thinking.

Prepare – our world is changing. It is imperative that our students can graduate with the skills and tools needed to achieve their goals while also learning how to be positive members of their communities.

Inspire – our programming offers students opportunities to be motivated and passionate. These programs are unique and must continue to set Sisters School District apart. Students that are excited about what they are learning are motivated to come to school. Supporting current programs and encouraging new and exciting opportunities will keep students excited about their futures.

Let's ensure that our school district continues to thrive in the future.

(This information furnished by Megan Jamieson.)

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**Sisters School District 6
Director, Position 1**



**Sarah
Keeton**

Occupation: Orthopedic surgical nurse.

Occupational Background: Classroom volunteer: Reading mentor-Sisters Elementary School; Garden Club volunteer-Sisters Garden Club

Educational Background: Oregon Health & Science University – Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Sarah Keeton

- o Sisters resident for 33 years.
- o Mother of six children, with two remaining in high school.
- o A Registered Nurse working in Orthopedics.
- o Community member with years of volunteer experience.

Understanding our past will help guide our future:

Teacher recruitment and retention: Many experienced teachers are close to retiring. A primary objective is to attract new educators who aspire to reside, work, and integrate into the Sisters community. We must provide initiatives like affordable housing to make them want to stay.

Student Health and Wellness:

- Mental health care is vital to the well-being of our students. Students struggling in this area are less likely to attend school regularly.
- Promoting new cell phone reduction initiatives to reduce distraction and improve engagement.

Early childhood interventions: Reestablishing support services such as Speech and Social/Emotional learning for students who suffered delays during COVID. Working toward establishing early childhood education to meet the needs of preschool-aged children and their working parents.

Expanded learning opportunities: I support educational opportunities that prepare every student for their next step, whether college, trade school, or military service. Every child deserves learning opportunities that excite and propel them to their future.

Fiscal Responsibility: Sisters residents have generously invested in their schools. As a board member, I will remain fiscally responsible.

As a mother and nurse, I am most notably an advocate. I use my knowledge and voice to advance the cause of those in my care. As your school board member, I will do the same for the children, the teachers, and the community.

(This information furnished by Sarah Keeton.)

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**Sisters School District 6
Director, Position 5**



**Emily
Horton**

Occupation: Deschutes County Program Manager- Environmental Health, Preparedness and Engagement

Occupational Background: Deschutes County Health Environmental Health Specialist II;

Teton County Wyoming Environmental Health Supervisor

Educational Background: Imbler High School – High School Diploma ; University of San Diego – B.A Biology; Colorado State University – M.S. Bioagricultural Sciences and Pest Management

Prior Governmental Experience: None

As a proud alum of a small Oregon school district, I experienced firsthand the benefits of a strong, active, and supportive community. The combination of high academic standards and diverse extracurricular opportunities laid the foundation for success in my life and the lives of my peers.

Now, as a parent of three children in the Sisters School District—each with unique strengths and challenges—I see the immense value of a district that recognizes and supports every student. Our schools must continue to cultivate an environment where all students are encouraged to excel, whether in academics, athletics, the arts, or vocational pursuits.

With expertise in policy development, impact assessment, and stakeholder engagement, I am equipped to help our schools navigate both challenges and opportunities. I believe conflict is an inherent part of leadership, but through active listening and open communication, we can make informed, balanced decisions that serve our students, educators, and community.

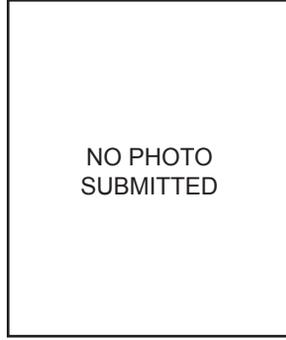
I am dedicated to fostering strong literacy and critical thinking skills—essential foundations for lifelong success. Additionally, I believe in providing support to our teachers, ensuring they have the resources, training, and respect necessary to inspire and challenge their students. Engaging families in their children’s education is key to creating a strong partnership that benefits every student’s growth and success.

Above all, I want every student to find a welcoming environment where they can be challenged and equipped with the skills to become resilient, capable adults. By setting high expectations and working collaboratively as a community, we can ensure that every child has the opportunity to succeed.

(This information furnished by Emily Horton.)

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**Sisters School District 6
Director, Position 5**



**Edith (Edie) Ann
Jones**

Occupation: Retired Educator

Occupational Background: Adult Education Director of the Kentuckiana Girl Scout Council – Louisville, KY; Owner/ Director of Camp Tamarack – Sisters, OR; Parent Educator

for Together For Children – Central Oregon; Executive Director of Together For Children – Central Oregon

Educational Background: Stadium High School – 12th grade – Diploma; Washington State University – BA of Recreation and Dance - Diploma; Bellarmine College, Louisville, KY – Adult Education; Oregon State University – MA of Adult Education - Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: Vice President Associated Students of Washington State University; School Board Director – Sisters, OR

Being involved in education my entire adult life has made the quality of learning a lifetime pursuit. My careers have spanned from early childhood education, elementary, middle, and high school, through continuing education and adult learning. Living in Sisters for over 34 years has provided me with a vast network of connections and information.

Serving on the Sisters School Board for the past five years has given me the opportunity to share my experience and positively impact decisions that have led to the passing of bond issues and the construction of our new beautiful elementary school. It has also given me the satisfaction of connecting with students, teachers, and administrators who share the wonderful things that are possible in an exceptional district. Knowing the challenges and opportunities ahead, I would be honored to continue in that role.

(This information furnished by Edith (Edie) Ann Jones.)

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**Alfalfa Fire District
Director, Position 4**

**Cloverdale Rural Fire Protection District
Director, Position 4**



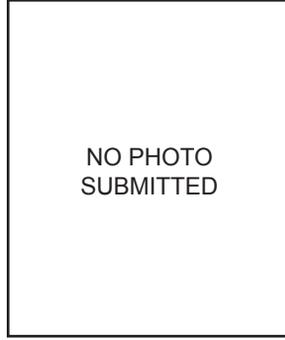
**Mark
Laucks**

Occupation: Electrician, semi-retired; Volunteer Firefighter

Occupational Background: Electrical Contractor; U.S. Navy 1977-1983

Educational Background: N/A

Prior Governmental Experience: Alfalfa Fire District, Director, Board of Directors



**Deanne
Dement**

Occupation: Board Member position 4 Unpaid

Occupational Background: Board Member Position 4 for the last 8 years, Unpaid; Volunteer fire fighter with Cloverdale RFPD 21 years, Unpaid

Educational Background:

Prior Governmental Experience: 8 years on Cloverdale Rural Fire District Board

I look forward to another 4 year term serving the members of the Cloverdale Rural Fire District, and the residents of our district.

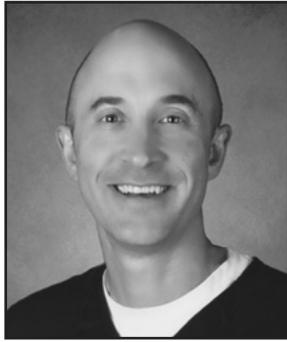
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Deschutes County Rural Fire Protection District Director, Position 2



**Oliver
Tatom**

Occupation: Registered Nurse

Occupational Background: Paramedic

Educational Background: University of Southern California, BA, American Studies; Central

Oregon Community College, AAS, Nursing; Yale-New Haven Center for EMS, Paramedic Certificate; Bend Senior High School, Diploma (Class of 1997)

Prior Governmental Experience: Deschutes County Rural Fire Protection District #2 Board of Directors (2021-Present); Deschutes County Project Wildfire Steering Committee (2020-Present); Central Oregon Community College Board of Directors (2019-2023)

Deschutes County Rural Fire Protection District #2 and the City of Bend are "Partners in Protection," jointly funding the operations of Bend Fire & Rescue. In 2023, city and rural district voters passed a funding increase, allowing us to fully staff all six fire stations and add a fourth Advanced Life Support ambulance. Consequently, everyone who lives, works, or visits Central Oregon is safer today than four years ago.

However, serious challenges remain. Wildfires are increasingly destructive. The 1996 Skeleton Fire near Bend destroyed 19 structures, including my childhood home. Thirty years later we see megafires destroying entire cities, driving homeowners' insurance rates into the stratosphere.

At the same time, calls for Emergency Medical Services are increasing, and the cost of responding to these calls – crew time, apparatus maintenance and repair, medications and medical supplies, and gasoline – go up even as reimbursement rates from private insurers and government programs like Medicare and Medicaid go down.

We cannot increase spending on the backs of our taxpaying constituents, nor can we cut costs on the backs of our firefighters. Instead, we need to find creative ways to reduce calls for service. That's why I support the creation of a volunteer "fire corps" to help residents prevent emergencies before they occur, whether that is hardening their home against wildfire or reducing the risk of a devastating fall.

If we want to maintain our quality of life, then we must go beyond the status quo. We must become Partners in Protection and *Prevention*.

(This information furnished by Oliver Tatom.)

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La Pine Rural Fire Protection District Director, Position 1



**Robin Lannan
Adams**

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Physician, The Corvallis Clinic 1989-2017; Self-employed contract physician, 2017-2021

Educational Background: University of Vermont Internal Medicine Residency; Oregon Health and Sciences University, MD; University of Oregon, BA

Prior Governmental Experience: La Pine Rural Fire Protection Board 2021-25

Four years ago, La Pine Fire was unsettled.

- The District's budget was stressed by an increasing number of medical calls and hospital transports.
- We struggled to staff adequately to support our growing population.
- Firefighter morale was at an all-time low. Turnover was high.
- We were embroiled in several lawsuits with local health-care facilities.

Aided by my leadership and medical experience, the District is now more stable.

- We hired a new fire chief.
- I spearheaded the campaign to pass a new operating levy, which, with careful budget management, has improved our financial situation.
- We resolved our lawsuits with local healthcare providers.
- We have a healthy, cooperative relationship with our firefighters and successfully negotiated an innovative collective bargaining agreement without using mediators for the first time in decades.

We have accomplished much, but there is much left to do!

- I will continue to help manage our taxpayer dollars efficiently.
- I will help retain our current fire force and support the growth of our District, while maximizing utilization of existing staff.
- I will help maintain our good working relationship with our Union and line staff.
- I will continue to lobby for improved reimbursement for medical transports that keep our crews out of District for upwards of 2 hours.
- I will work with District administration on long-range policies addressing threats to the health and welfare of our increasingly densely populated community.

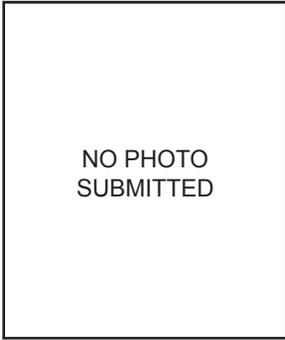
With your support, I will help La Pine Fire remain one of Central Oregon's premier emergency services providers.

Proudly endorsed by IAFF Local 3387 – La Pine Professional Firefighters

(This information furnished by Robin Lannan Adams.)

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**Redmond Fire & Rescue
Director, Position 1**



**Gary L
Ollerenshaw**

Occupation: Retired
Occupational Background: US Army, Retail Store Manager, Small Business owner, Mortgage broker, Census Office Manager, Census recruiter, Box Truck Driver, Medline Clerk

Educational Background: David Douglas High School, 12th, diploma, COCC, Small Business Management Program, Certificate, Clackamas Community College, Supervisory Workshops

Prior Governmental Experience: Redmond Fire and Rescue Budget Committee, Board member Redmond Fire and Rescue, committee member Hope Plaground

Past President and current member of Redmond Kiwanis Club. Board member of Redmond Kiwanis Foundation Board. Awarded from Chamber of Commerce, Community Involvement Award and Citizen of the Year Award.

(This information furnished by Gary Ollerenshaw.)

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**Redmond Fire & Rescue
Director, Position 2**



**Richard D
Knorr**

Occupation: Retired.
Occupational Background: Member of the Redmond Volunteer Fire Department as a Firefighter/EMT from 1985 to 1989. Employed as Firefighter/EMT, Captain/Paramedic, Operations

Chief, Training Chief, Battalion Chief, and Program Manager for Redmond Fire & Rescue from 1989 to 2021.

Educational Background: Redmond High School Diploma; Oregon State University Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; C.O.C.C. Associate of Applied Science Structural Fire Science; C.O.C.C. Associate of Applied Science in Emergency Medical Services.

Prior Governmental Experience: Redmond Fire & Rescue Civil Service Commission.

I believe Redmond Fire & Rescue should strive to prevent fires & injuries, make bad situations better, provide excellent customer service, and be cost effective. I have a long history with both Central Oregon and Redmond Fire. I also have a strong background in the administration of emergency services that will allow me to understand the challenges faced by Redmond Fire & Rescue and to help develop creative solutions to those challenges.

(This information furnished by Richard Dale Knorr.)

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**Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District
Director, Position 1**



**Kristie
Miller**

Occupation: Director, Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District

Occupational Background: 6 years, Director, Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD; 35+ years, US Forest Service (retired)

Educational Background: Oregon State University; BS, Forest Management; Blue Mountain Community College; AA, Liberal Arts; Wasco County Union High School; High School Diploma

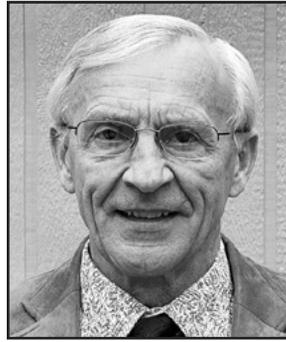
Prior Governmental Experience: 6 years as Director; Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District; 35+ years; US Forest Service (retired)

After many years of serving the public as a grocery store clerk and forester for the US Forest Service I found that I still had a desire to serve. When the opportunity came to run for a director position with the Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District I found my next calling. As a director I am able to connect with the staff, volunteers and the people of Sisters Country and serve them in a capacity where I feel like I can continue to make a difference. I believe I have been successful as a Director for the past six years as we have moved the District along in several arenas including the recent hiring of a new Fire Chief and filling a new position that will manage the training of the staff so they, the staff, are better able to focus on their real work of taking care of those in the community. There's still a lot to do, and I'm hoping I'll be involved in that work. Your vote would be greatly appreciated.

(This information furnished by Kristie L. Miller.)

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**Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District
Director, Position 2**



**Rodney
Cooper**

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: 32 year teaching career in public education. Post career substitute teacher; 10 years.

Educational Background: North Douglas High School graduate.; Lane Community College; 2 years.; University of Oregon graduate B.S. degree.

Prior Governmental Experience: Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors

I am currently on the Board of Directors of the Sisters Camp-Sherman Fire Protection District.

My first term will expire in June 2025, thus I am running for re-election in position 2.

I am retired from a career in education. I serve as a council/board member of my local church.

I have a long history of working well with people to collaborate, navigate and bring to resolution challenging tasks.

My responsibility as a Director is to be one of the fiduciary agents, to adopt an annual budget, monitor the year to date spending versus the budgeted expectations, and assure your monies are appropriately accounted.

Directors are also responsible for review, amendment, and adoption of board policy for the district.

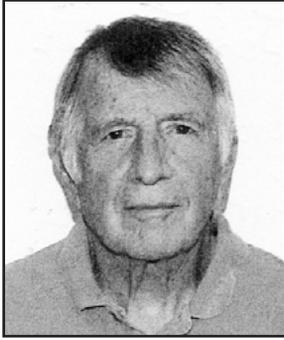
The highlight of my first term was working through the process of hiring your new fire chief.

I look forward to serving our community through the Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District for another term as Director.

(This information furnished by Rodney G Cooper.)

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Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District Director, Position 2



**Jeffrey
Tryens**

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Owner – Measures Matter Consulting; Deputy Director – New York City Mayor’s Office of Operations; Director – South Australia Strategic Plan; Execu-

tive Director – Oregon Progress Board; Deputy Director – Center for Policy Alternatives; Director – Urban Planning Aid

Educational Background: Drexel University, BS, Civil Engineering; MIT, SM, Civil Engineering; Harvard University, MPA

Prior Governmental Experience: Board of Directors– Sisters Park and Recreation District; Budget Committee – Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District; Vice-Chair - Sisters City Parks Advisory Board; Other – See Occupational Background above

I have been associated with the fire district since 2015 when I was appointed to serve on the budget committee. I also helped the district develop two strategic plans. I am currently wrapping up an eight-year stint on the SPRD board; served as the first board chair of Seed to Table; and spent four years on the Sisters City Parks Advisory Board.

While I have a lot to learn, I believe my experience and skills can help the fire district be even better. If elected, I would focus on two areas:

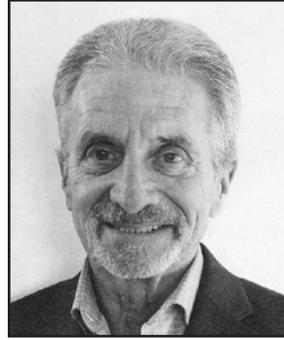
1. Refreshing the District’s Plans –The district is overdue to update its strategic plan (2022-23), and some key operational data are out of date. As a planner and self-professed data junkie, I would love to have the opportunity to work with other board members and Chief Prior to update both.
2. Supporting Efforts to Make Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation a Higher Community Priority – Climate change continues to grow the threat of a cataclysmic wildfire in our area. While I fully support existing work, like the City’s defensible space building code modifications, I would advocate for a more rigorous inter-agency/government public planning process with clear goals and measurable outcomes.

Other areas of interest are collaborating with partner organizations to establish an urgent care facility in Sisters and bringing the next generation of volunteers into the fire district fold.

(This information furnished by Jeffrey Tryens.)

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Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District Director, Position 3



**Jack
McGowan**

Occupation: Retired.

Occupational Background: Trading Floor Representative, New York Stock Exchange; Marketing/Public Affairs Director, Oregon Zoo; Executive Director, 18 years, statewide

Oregon non-profit organization founded by Governor Tom McCall; Correspondent/On-air host, KGW-TV, Portland; Aide to Portland Mayor “Bud” Clark.

Educational Background: Graduate, Mater Christi H.S.; Attended Pace University & Queensboro College; Honorary Doctorate, Pacific University.

Prior Governmental Experience: Aide to Portland Mayor “Bud” Clark. Portfolio included: Media Relations, Liaison to Portland Business Community, Emergency Management.

For the past 7+ years, it has been my honor and privilege to serve all of Sisters Country as a Director of the Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District. During my terms of office, I have held the positions of Secretary/Treasurer and currently, Vice-President of the Board. Throughout my tenure, I have seen first-hand the exemplary professionalism and passion from the staff and volunteers who breathe life into the daily operations of this crucial resource that we all believe in and count on.

With this honor also comes a deep responsibility, placed upon my fellow Directors and me by you, the taxpayers who fund this important resource. We take your fiduciary trust very seriously.

I am a passionate believer in volunteerism. I have put this ethic into practice with my past involvement as Board President for the Sisters Folk Festival, Board Member for Oregon Public Broadcasting and Providence Medical Foundation, and numerous other Boards, Oregon State Commissions and civic engagement organizations, including serving as one of the founding advisory members of Sisters’ Citizens for Community (C4C) and the “Emergency Preparedness Campaign” for Sisters.

I am once again asking that you place your trust in me by electing me as a Director. It is my promise to you that I will again strive to serve and represent you to the best of my ability.

(This information furnished by Jack McGowan.)

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Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District Director, Position 5



Gordon L Hovies

Occupation: Retired Lieutenant / EMT, Portland Fire & Rescue

Occupational Background: Volunteer Firefighter Tualatin Rural Fire Protection District, Professional Firefighter Clackamas County Fire District

#54, Professional Firefighter/Officer Portland Fire & Rescue, Communication and Security Business Experience

Educational Background: Eastern Oregon University – Fire Administrative Studies, Portland Community College – AAS Fire Protection Technology, Western Oregon University – Advanced & Basic Fire Institute/Administrators Certificate

Prior Governmental Experience: 2009 to Present: Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Board Member, 2020 to 2022 Vice President of TVF&R Fire Board, 2017 to 2020 Secretary/Treasurer of TVF&R Fire Board, 2015 to 2017 President of TVF&R Fire Board.

Understanding – Knowledgeable – Experience

Gordon is a Home and Property owner within **Sisters – Camp Sherman Fire District (S-CSFD)** for over 15 years. Gordon is thrilled to donate his time to an unpaid elected position to bring S-CSFD his unique experience of over 45 years connected to Public Safety. Gordon's philosophy to keep things simple mending or adjust what is broken and leave alone what works. Gordon will follow through on being a good steward and diligent representing the Citizens, Businesses and Property Owner's served by S-CSFD to make conclusive decisions.

Gordon will see that S-CSFD will continue to be:

- **Financially Prudent and Accountable**
- **Keeping up to date with the latest pertinent Technology, Training and Staffing.**
- **Actively Coordinating and works Jointly with other Fire Departments and Municipal entities.**

Gordon previously Assisted S-CSFD in obtaining a fresh up-to-date Fire Engine

Gordon will work with S-CSFD, it continues with:

- Securing Operational funding for several years
- Keeping Staffing levels current and Adding when Necessary
- Recruiting and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters
- Preventative Maintenance and upgrading of Fire Stations, Apparatus and Facilities.
- Wildfire Preparedness and Resources
- Emergency Management Readiness

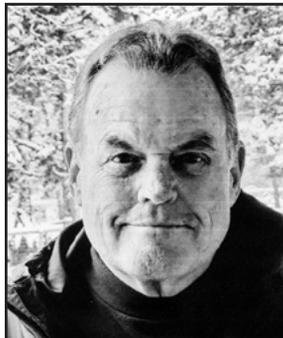
Be ready for any challenges coming before us. Continuing with good planning, training, and leadership we will be prepared with providing First – Class Emergency Service operations for those served by S-CSFD by Electing Gordon.

Elect Gordon L Hovies – S-CSFD Fire Position #5

(This information furnished by Gordon L Hovies.)

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Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District Director, Position 5



Craig W Matthews

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Vice President, Checkpoint Software Technologies; Vice President, Hitachi Data Systems

Educational Background: B.A., Business Administration

Central State University Edmond, OK; Immersive Marketing Studies, Stanford Graduate School of Business

Prior Governmental Experience:

As the current President of the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire and Ambulance Association, I have been afforded the opportunity to closely work with the people and the operations of the Sisters Fire District. The people are fantastic, from the career firefighters, the volunteers, and the administrative staff. Their commitment is outstanding. I am running for seat number 5 on the Board of Directors so I can lend my many years of Organizational Management experience to the fiduciary and strategic planning process the board engages in. I believe experienced and compassionate oversight of the Fire District is an essential part of ensuring that our public funds are used wisely and our direction is in line with the growing demands of Sisters Country.

After graduating from college with a degree in Business Administration, I started my career in High Technology. Over the next 25 years I advanced from an entry level finance position to running an organization of over 500 hardware and software engineers, with an annual revenue of over one hundred million dollars. I learned that people are capable of achieving amazing results when properly lead.

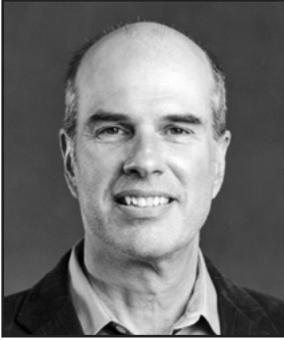
My wife Monica and I moved to Sisters in 2000. I have been coming to Central Oregon since a child since my grandparents lived in Bend. I have come to cherish our community and this beautiful place we all call home. If elected, I will work tirelessly to ensure that the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District remains a steady cornerstone of our community.

The fulfillment derived from serving others is the capstone on a well lived life.

(This information furnished by Craig Matthews.)

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Bend Metro Park & Recreation District Director, Position 3



Nathan Hovekamp

Occupation: Biologist and Educator

Occupational Background: College biology instruction, environmental conservation, and natural interpretation & resource management

Educational Background: Kent State University, B.S. in biology; University of Wisconsin-Madison, M.S. in zoology; Oregon State University, Ph.D. in education

Prior Governmental Experience: Bend Park & Recreation Board, 2015-present (served as Chair three times); Deschutes County Planning Commission, 2022-present; City of Bend Planning Commission, 2004-12 (two years as Chair); Bend-La Pine School Board, 2004-08 (one year as Chair)

Personal:

I have lived in Bend since 1997. My family and I enjoy exploring Oregon's magnificent high desert, mountains, and coast.

Why I'm Running for Re-election:

Outstanding parks, trails, natural areas, and recreational facilities & programs are central to our quality of life in promoting health, happiness, and connections with nature. They are also public amenities and shared assets contributing to an attractive and prosperous community. Their oversight requires visionary and strategic planning, careful monitoring of policies and operations, responsible fiscal management, and public accountability that is responsive and transparent.

I know that you expect wise and trustworthy stewardship of our precious parks and trails. I've been on the Park Board for 10 years and would like the opportunity to continue representing you, working with board and staff colleagues, listening to concerned citizens, and helping ensure equal access to and distribution of these amenities all across the park district. I will continue to concentrate on conscientious expenditure of public funds and the balance between expanding our system as needed in order to sustain our level of service versus taking care of what we have and the investments the community has already made.

Thank you,
Nathan Hovekamp

Endorsements:

Past and present Bend Park & Recreation Board Directors:

- Jodie Barram
- Dan Fishkin
- Brady Fuller
- Ariel Méndez
- Donna Owens
- Cary Schneider
- Deb Schoen
- Ted Schoenborn

(This information furnished by Nathan Hovekamp.)

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Bend Metro Park & Recreation District Director, Position 4



Austin Mazzolini

Occupation: Software Engineer

Occupational Background: Small Business Owner; Urbanism and YIMBY; Non-profit encouraging made in America products; Non-profit supporting

student initiatives in low-income communities

Educational Background: Bachelor's in Business Honors and Business Management, Texas A&M University

Prior Governmental Experience: Parks and Recreation Board Bryan, TX

I am running for the Bend Parks and Recreation District because I believe our parks, trails, and public spaces should grow with our city - not as an afterthought, but as a foundation for a livable, connected, and equitable Bend.

Bend is changing rapidly. As we grow, we must ensure every resident has access to high-quality parks, trails, and recreation opportunities.

That means not just protecting what we have but planning boldly into the future.

I am actively involved in local urbanism groups, supporting:

- More and affordable housing
- Pedestrian-first infrastructure design
- Sustainable development

I also advocate for safer, more connected bike and pedestrian networks because how we move through our city directly affects how we access parks, work, and recreation.

Before moving to Bend, I served on the Parks and Recreation Board in Bryan, Texas. This experience gave me first-hand insight into how strong park systems are built, from budgeting and maintenance to community programming and public engagement.

More importantly, I understand what makes Bend's parks special and why we as a community love them. I have the experience and the passion to help them grow and to give back to the city that's given me so much.

I'm an avid cyclist and regular user of our trails and facilities. I know the value of these public spaces, both from a personal and communal perspective.

Together, we can:

- Expand access across all neighborhoods
- Strengthen our trail network and bike connectivity
- Make our park system more fire-resistant and sustainable

I will bring my experience, activism, and passion to help Bend's parks and recreation system grow equitably and sustainably alongside our city.

I would be honored to earn your support.

(This information furnished by Austin Mazzolini.)

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Bend Metro Park & Recreation District Director, Position 4



Cary Schneider

Occupation: Small-business owner

Occupational Background: Business owner across multiple industries, including outdoor recreation and guided excursions

promotion. Employment roles in leadership and business development.

Educational Background: University of Oregon, BS Finance and Management

Prior Governmental Experience: BRPD Board of Directors (present); BPRD Budget Committee

Engaged and Community-Focused

I'm a lifelong Oregonian, proud parent of four young adults, and a small-business owner, helping individuals achieve their goal of business ownership. I appreciate and enjoy Central Oregon's natural beauty and value our wonderful trails, parks, and recreation opportunities. Over the years, I have volunteered in leadership and support roles helping build a stronger community with youth sports, senior services, animal welfare, local schools, homeowner associations, and business organizations.

Experienced and Solutions-Driven

Appointed to this Board last year, I am proud of BPRD's accomplishments including:

- **Expanding** our parks and trails system.
- **Increasing equitable access** to facilities and recreation services for traditionally underserved.
- **Supporting community partners** addressing housing affordability and habitat restoration efforts.
- Adopting a **balanced budget** with healthy reserves for planned future projects and maintaining assets.

I'm committed to continue delivering on BPRD's mission and collaborating with dedicated colleagues and talented staff to:

- **Maximize the impact of tax dollars** by balancing the reinvestment in our existing parks and recreation facilities along with allocating appropriate resources for future growth.
- **Expand equitable access** by reducing barriers for underserved areas of our community.
- **Connect trails** and increase park, green space, and recreation services capacity through thoughtful planning.
- **Preserve natural areas** by working with community partners to preserve and restore habitats impacted by recreational use so that they remain for future generations.
- **Ensure fiscal discipline** and transparency in responsibly overseeing our community resources.

I'm grateful to serve our community in this role and would be honored to earn your vote to continue. Thank you!

Endorsements include:

ALL current BPRD Directors including:

Jodie Barram

Nathan Hovekamp

Donna Owens

Deb Schoen

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

CaryForParks.com

(This information furnished by Cary Schneider.)

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Bend Metro Park & Recreation District Director, Position 5



Debra Schoen

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Interim Director of Park and Recreation Services, Superintendent of Community Programs, Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District.

Educational Background: Certified Park and Recreation Professional, Western High School

Prior Governmental Experience: Bend Park & Recreation Board Member (BPRD), BPRD Foundation, MountainStar Relief Nursery, Oregon Recreation & Park Association, Beaverton Arts Commission and Foundation.

I have been deeply committed to community engagement throughout my forty-year park and recreation career. I am dedicated to ensuring that the Bend Park & Recreation District remains a high-quality, award-winning agency.

Working with the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies has deepened my understanding of national best practices. I am committed to supporting organizations in achieving these standards, which will significantly benefit the Bend Park and Recreation District.

My passion and concern have always centered around building community and improving quality of life. I have been provided with the opportunities necessary to exercise sound judgment on behalf of others, specifically those who might not have the chance to speak for themselves. I will prioritize planning for growth, exercising fiscal responsibility, and ensuring equitable access to nature and programs for our community by maximizing participation in decision-making, addressing barriers, and advocating for sustainable practices in our parks.

Endorsements include:

Nathan Hovekamp, Jodie Barram, Donna Owens, Cary Schneider, BPRD Board of Directors

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

(This information furnished by Debra Schoen.)

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La Pine Park & Recreation District Director, Position 4



Carlos Soto

Occupation: General Contractor, Owner/Operator

Occupational Background: Over 25 years in the construction trades. Union and non-union.

Educational Background: High school Graduate. Enlisted 1992-1997 Recon 19D ORANG. Some college.

Prior Governmental Experience: La Pine Parks and Recreation District. Appointed November 2024

As an enthusiastic advocate for our community, I am committed to fostering an environment where every resident can connect with nature, engage in healthy activities, and build lasting relationships with their neighbors.

I have always appreciated the role parks and recreational programs play in our lives. Everyone deserves access to these essential resources, and I am dedicated to ensuring that our parks and recreation facilities are inclusive, accessible, and well maintained.

Throughout my career, I have championed initiatives that promote health, wellness and environmental sustainability. My experience has equipped me with a strong understanding of the challenges facing our parks, from funding constraints to maintenance issues. I am committed to advocating for increased support and resources to ensure our parks remain a source of pride in our community.

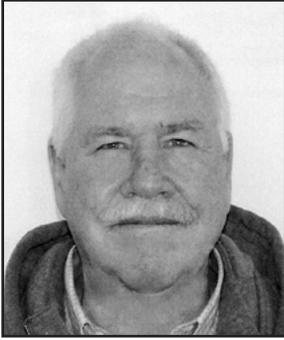
I will prioritize community input to identify their needs and desires of our parks and recreational programs. Together, we can create inclusive spaces that reflect our community's diversity and promote well-being for all ages.

Join me in this journey to revitalize our parks and recreation district. Let's work together to build a healthier, more connected community where everyone can thrive. Your support is crucial, and I am excited to bring our collective vision to life!

(This information furnished by Carlos Soto.)

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Redmond Area Park & Recreation District Director, Position 1



**David M
Cospers**

Occupation: Owner/Responsible Engineer, David M. Cospers Engineering, LLC (10 years) – Responsible for the design of commercial and residential structures, including warehouses, office space, barns, arenas,

shops and homes throughout Central Oregon.

Occupational Background: Owner/Responsible Engineer, DMC Design Group, Inc. (14 years) – Responsible for the design of public works improvements for municipalities throughout southern California, including new parks, recreational facilities, streets, and water, sewer and storm drain facilities.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer (15 years) - Responsible for implementing public services for 3 California cities, including services associated with streets, parks, recreational facilities, swimming pools, golf courses and domestic water, sewer and storm drain systems. Responsible for capital improvement programs for each city, including the design and construction of new parks, recreational buildings, pool facilities, streets and water, sewer and storm drain system improvements.

Facilities Engineer (4 years) – Responsible for locating and constructing new plant facilities for a structural steel company and a fiberglass reinforced concrete panel company.

Army Corp of Engineers (1 year) – Provided engineering support in the design of earthen fill dams throughout California, including the New Melones Reservoir and the Cottonwood Creek dams in California.

U.S. Forest Service (3 years) – Member of a firefighting team located at Bogard Ranger Station, Lassen National Forest.

Educational Background: CSU-East Bay – Masters, Public Administration; UC-Davis – Bachelors, Civil Engineering; Lassen Community College, Susanville – Engineering Prep.; Lassen Unified High School, Susanville – Diploma, College Prep

Prior Governmental Experience: For over 30 years, I provided services to municipalities throughout California related to the operation, maintenance, design and construction of public service improvements, new parks and recreational facilities. Since my firefighting days nearly 50 years ago, I have consistently applied my skills, knowledge and experience to municipalities in the implementation of public services and would very much like to continue this effort with the Redmond Area Park and Recreation District in meeting the future parks and recreational needs of our community.

(This information furnished by David M. Cospers.)

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Redmond Area Park & Recreation District Director, Position 1



**Katie
Jalo**

Occupation: Loan Servicing Coordinator, Craft3

Occupational Background: Administrative work in nonprofit sector

Educational Background:

Master of Public Administration- The Evergreen State College; Bachelor of Science, Sociology- Southern Oregon University; High School Diploma- Bend Senior High School

Prior Governmental Experience: None

My name is Katie Jalo. I'm running for Redmond Area Park and Recreation District board position #1. I am a third generation Central Oregonian, raising the fourth generation, my daughter, in Redmond. Growing up, my family spent a lot of time in the desert, in the mountains, and playing at local parks. I still love these places and sharing them with my daughter as she grows.

I believe parks are for everyone, and park and recreation programs are extremely important for the community. Robust recreation opportunities keep people healthy, generate revenue, and build community.

As a financial services administrator for a nonprofit, I understand the importance of prudent fiscal management. I believe budgets are moral documents, revealing the priorities of an organization. I will bring my financial skills to the board, assuring sound monetary stewardship.

As a board member I will prioritize maintaining the parks & facilities we have, as well as expanding recreational opportunities to meet the needs of our growing community.

Last year, I spent six months on a waiting list to get into the WaterBabies swim class. While a great experience, it was crowded. I saw first-hand how critical the new space is for Redmond. The long overdue rec center will bring much needed space and expansion of programs to RAPRD.

I will champion additional low to no cost recreation opportunities for everyone throughout the district, including trail systems between existing properties in Redmond, Terrebonne & Smith Rock areas.

I would be honored to be elected to the RAPRD Board of Directors. I pledge to be a positive force in our community, to faithfully represent the residents of the Redmond Area Park and Recreation District. Thank you for your support.

(This information furnished by Katie Jalo.)

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Redmond Area Park & Recreation District Director, Position 2



Mercedes Cook-Bostick

Occupation: Bilingual Registrar/Counseling Administrative Assistant at Ridge View High School

Occupational Background: Experienced in Bookkeeping, Administrative Assistance, and Trauma Unit Coordination.

Educational Background: Culver Highschool; Linn-Benton Community College- Sports Medicine; OSU-Sports Medicine; COCC-Nursing

Prior Governmental Experience: Director of Redmond Area Park and Recreation District, Member of Redmond Planning Commission, and Active Participant in Political Action Committees.

Commitment to Our Community: As a lifelong resident of Central Oregon, I am deeply committed to the welfare and future of our community. Over the past four years as your Elected Director of the Redmond Area Park and Recreation District, I have tirelessly advocated for the prosperity of our parks and recreation facilities. During my first term, I was instrumental in endorsing a bond that garnered widespread voter support, emphasizing fiscal prudence, strategic space utilization, and minimizing community tax impact. A major achievement of my previous campaign was advancing the development of a new Recreation Center for Redmond, coupled with a significant increase in youth sports participation, particularly in soccer which nearly doubled, partly due to grants that facilitated inclusion of minority groups. The upcoming four years are crucial as our district continues to grow and evolve. My continued presence on the board will ensure the successful completion of the Recreation Center and provide necessary support to our Park and Rec staff during this transformative period.

Key Priorities for Re-Election:

- Support the timely and budget-conscious completion of the Recreation Center, making it accessible to all community members.
- Advocate for operational efficiency within the RAPRD budget, avoiding additional levies or financial burdens on taxpayers.
- Ensure safe, inclusive, and accessible spaces and services for the residents of Redmond and neighboring communities.
- Collaborate with fellow board members and the Executive Director to uphold staff accountability towards RAPARD goals, adapting our programs and facilities to meet evolving community needs.

Vote for Experience, Vote for Stability, Vote for Mercedes.

(This information furnished by M. Mercedes Cook-Bostick.)

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Redmond Area Park & Recreation District Director, Position 3



Kevin Scoggin

Occupation: Air Traffic Controller

Occupational Background: United States Air Force (USAF), Non-Commissioned Officer

Educational Background:

Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) - Associates in Airway Sciences; CCAF – Associates in Avionics Sciences; Portland State University – 2 years; Roosevelt High School, Portland, OR - Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: RAPRD Vice Chair (Jun 2023 – Present); RAPRD Board Member (Jul 2021 – Present); Precinct Committee Person (May 2022 - Present)

Thank you for the privilege of serving on the RAPRD Board. As a 24 year resident of Redmond, and an Air Force Veteran, my hope is that the District approves of their investments in RAPRD. My time on the Board has allowed me the opportunity to give back by directly participating in crucial decisions that benefit all our citizenry.

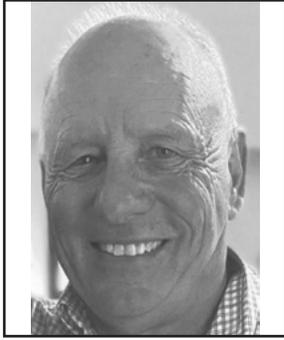
As our city continues to grow, it is important that the District spend precious taxpayer dollars on programs and projects that will benefit our residents now and in the future. I want to ensure that the new CASCADES AQUATIC AND RECREATION CENTER currently under construction meets the needs of the District residents and becomes a fine example of what we can achieve when we all have common purpose. I also want to ensure that parks under our governance are safe and enjoyable for all. The last four years has affirmed to me how important it is to listen objectively, to consider all points of view, and to deliver a solution that is best for the overall community.

I would appreciate your vote of confidence in my ability to continue representing your best interests as a Director of the Board.

(This information furnished by Kevin L Scoggin.)

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Sisters Park & Recreation District Director, Position 1



**Bob
Keefer**

Occupation: Retired Parks and Recreation Executive; Part-Time Sr. Consultant with Special Districts Association of Oregon

Occupational Background: Superintendent, Willamalane Park and Recreation District,

Springfield, OR, 2000 – 2016; Parks Manager, Lane County, Oregon, 1990 – 2000; Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, Bend Park and Recreation District, Bend, OR, 1983 – 1990; Director of Parks and Recreation, City of Junction City, OR 1979 – 1983

Educational Background: Oregon State University, BS Recreation Resource Management; University of Oregon, Sophomore, Recreation and Park Management; Junction City High School, Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: See occupational background; Sisters Park and Recreation District, Board of Directors, September 2016 - Present

Since joining the SPRD board in 2016, I've seen tremendous growth in our district. Thanks to two levies approved by voters, we've expanded recreation programs, retained a professional staff, and kept our services affordable to all. We also navigated the pandemic to maintain critical services for our children, youth, and families. Today, we're expanding with a new community center and park at the former elementary school.

Much of this success is the result of strong partnerships with the City of Sisters, Sisters School District, Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs, the Sisters Pickleball Club, district staff, volunteers, and **most importantly, our district patrons.** I believe the best days are still ahead. By continuing to build these partnerships, listening to the community, remaining fiscally responsible, and adapting to meet emerging needs, we will continue to provide exceptional services.

In the next term, I am committed to engaging with the community to ensure we meet your needs, address concerns about programs and facilities, and consider expanding services or developing new spaces. SPRD is your park and recreation district, and we are here to serve you. I can think of no better way to serve you than listening to the community and collaboratively working to achieve your goals.

I would appreciate your vote.

(This information furnished by Bob Keefer.)

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Sisters Park & Recreation District Director, Position 2



**Katie
Bunce**

Occupation: Youth Sports Coach with Sisters Park and Recreation District, Volunteer at Sisters Elementary School, Office Manager for our family business

Occupational Background:

Volunteer Youth Sports Coach, SPRD; Volunteer Youth Sports Coach, RAPRD; Youth Enrichment Recreation Coordinator, Bend Park and Recreation District (BPRD); Volunteer Youth Sports Coach, BPRD; Youth and Adult Recreation Assistant Coordinator, BPRD; HR Assistant Specialist, BPRD; Special Events Assistant Coordinator Interim, BPRD; Youth Recreation Lead, BPRD; Sports Recreation Specialist, BPRD; Youth Sports and Recreation Specialist, Olympia Park and Recreation District

Educational Background: Clarkston High School, Eastern Oregon University – 2 years, OSU Bachelor of Science in Recreation Management

Prior Governmental Experience: none

With 18 years of experience in the public service recreation industry, I hope to share my recreation management guidance and collaboration skills with the Board of Directors team. I hope to cultivate more partnerships with community organizations and independent contractors and provide a voice for all Sisters residents.

With the facility transformation and opening of the new community center, Sisters Park and Recreation District (SPRD) will soon be able to develop and elaborate on its diverse offerings to an eager population. This facility makeover has the potential to be the next town center; the heart of play, a fun place to meet up with friends and get our sweat on, or maybe shoot some hoops in our spare time, take a class to learn a new skill, create something artistically unique or a chance to simply make new friends. Whether you are excited about open gym opportunities, culinary classes, toddler tumbling or new pickleball courts, the expectations and anticipations are high.

Let's use positive community engagement to support SPRD and continue to strengthen a community that values athletics, creativity, physical development as well as personal growth and enrichment through experiences and connection.

I am passionate about what this parks and recreation district can do for our community and would be honored to receive your vote for this position.

(This information furnished by Katie Bunce.)

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**Sisters Park & Recreation District
Director, Position 3**



**Julia
Sarver**

Occupation: Owner, Online Marketing & Sales Consulting Business; Sisters Organization for Activities and Recreation Foundation Board; Sisters Community Garden Board; Zimbabwe Rhino Project Board

Occupational Background: Development Director, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; CASA Ambassador Board

Educational Background: Bachelor of Arts, Scripps College

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I'm running for the SPRD Board to help guide the organization as it enters the next phase of providing our town with recreation opportunities. I bring over 20 years of experience in strategic planning, fundraising, and community development, but my passion is community engagement. Without community support and involvement, change can't happen effectively. I want to draw on the existing talents and insights of the Sisters community, both individually and professionally, to bring those great minds to the table as SPRD grows.

My first hand experience as a youth athletic coach and school volunteer have shown me how much community engagement matters for kids and families in Sisters Country. As SPRD moves into the former elementary school, we have an opportunity to create a community center that functions as an important new activity hub for residents of all ages.

SPRD can partner with Sisters-based businesses, fitness professionals, creatives, and other community members to provide a wider array of programming to meet the needs of Sisters Country residents. We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create a center that welcomes everyone, provides recreational and athletic activities for residents of all ages, offers creative and interesting classes, and supports families through education-based preschool, summer camps, and more.

As a mom of two young children and an active community member, I want to help SPRD serve our community as effectively as possible. It would be an honor to represent you on the SPRD Board.

(This information furnished by Julia Sarver.)

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**Deschutes Public Library District
Director, Zone 1**



**Erin
Trimble**

Occupation: ASL Interpreter Coordinator, COCC. 2017-present

Occupational Background: ASL Interpreter. 2003-present

Educational Background: Western Oregon University. MA

Interpreting Studies; William Woods University. BS ASL/English Interpreting

Prior Governmental Experience: Deschutes Public Library Board. 2024-2025. Appointed; Redmond Parks Committee. 2021-2025. Appointed

I believe in the power of libraries to transform lives, fulfill dreams, and create connections within our community. My dreams of becoming a sign language interpreter were made possible by my childhood library. I'm Erin Trimble and I'm running for Deschutes Public Library Board Zone 1, a position I've held since being appointed in 2024. I've lived in Redmond for 19 years and have children attending the Dual Language Program in the Redmond School District. My reasons for running can be described as my ABCS:

Accessibility

I'm committed to ensuring that our libraries are welcoming and inclusive spaces for everyone. From physical accessibility to diverse resources and programs, I advocate for unrestricted access to information and services.

Bond Projects

The successful opening of the new Redmond library, finished on time and on budget, demonstrates a commitment to fiscal responsibility and community trust. The remaining bond projects are vital to expanding and improving our library facilities, thereby enhancing our community's access to resources, programs, and spaces.

Connections

Libraries are hubs of connection. From lifelong learning opportunities to neutral spaces where everyone feels welcome, I'm dedicated to ensuring our libraries remain vibrant centers of connection, creativity, and growth for all.

Supporting Staff

Our library staff are the backbone of the system. From expanding educational programs to offering services that meet the evolving needs of our residents, I advocate for investments in staff and services that uphold the excellence of our libraries.

I respectfully ask for your vote in this May 2025 election. Let's work together to create a library system that serves every person in our community.

Endorsed by
John Lodise
Liz Goodrich, Redmond School Board Vice Chair
Alan Ewert
Elizabeth Sanchez

(This information furnished by Erin Trimble.)

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Deschutes Public Library District Director, Zone 2



**Laura
Leis**

Occupation: Children's Department Manager - Paulina Springs Books, Sisters; City Parks Advisory Board - City of Sisters

Occupational Background: Doctor of Optometry (Integrated Eyecare - Bend, OR); Doctor of

Optometry (UCSF Medical Center - San Francisco, CA); Associate Professor of Optometry (VA Medical Center - Salt Lake City, UT); Editorial Assistant (HarperCollins Publishers - New York, NY)

Educational Background: University of California, Berkeley; Doctorate of Optometry with Honors; Brown University; Bachelor of Arts, English Literature; Cambridge University, Pembroke; Fellowship in English Literature; Sisters High School; Valedictorian

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I'm the current Children's Department Manager at Paulina Springs Books, a member of the Sisters City Parks Advisory Board, and a lifelong member of our local community. After earning a degree in Literature from Brown University and a doctorate in Optometry from UC Berkeley, I returned to Sisters to raise my young daughter and contribute to the place that helped shape me.

Libraries are more than book collections—they are essential community spaces for connection, continuing education, and opportunity. My work in the bookstore has reinforced the importance of creating welcoming spaces where families can learn and grow together.

As a board member, I will advocate for responsible financial stewardship and thoughtful planning to meet the needs of our growing community. I believe in fostering collaboration to ensure our libraries continue to thrive and remain accessible for all.

I'd be honored to earn your vote.

Endorsements:

Lane Jacobson, Owner, Paulina Springs Books
Bunny Thompson, Incumbent Board Member, Deschutes Public Library Board

(This information furnished by Laura Leis.)

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Deschutes Public Library District Director, Zone 3



**Michele
Anderson**

Occupation: Broker, Cascade Hasson Sotheby's Realty; Board Member (Secretary/Treasurer), Camp Tamarack; Board Member (Treasurer), Deschutes Public Library Foundation

Occupational Background: CPA, Deloitte; CPA, Price Frunk & Co; Lecturer, School of Business Administration - Sonoma State University

Educational Background: Sonoma State University, BS Business Administration

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Michele Anderson: Your Champion for Public Libraries

While raising my kids in Deschutes County, the library was our home away from home. I believe libraries play a critical role in fostering informed & engaged communities, as well as being a hub for gathering, opportunity and resources for everyone. As a member of your library board my priorities would include:

Fiscal Responsibility: In 2020, voters passed a historic bond measure to build and remodel libraries. Voters put their trust in the district, and I will work to ensure these funds continue to be spent responsibly. I bring a much needed financial background to safeguard & strategically utilize our public dollars.

Expand Library Offerings: As our community continues to grow, it is imperative that we expand our library offerings. This includes increasing the number of books and tools we have in circulation, as well as programming for seniors & children, educator support & legal aid available.

Integration of New Technologies: With the continual emergence technological advances, our libraries need to adapt to harness the latest digital resources, as well as utilize library automation to streamline operations & improve efficiency.

Community-Centered Planning: As we provide a long-term vision for tomorrow's libraries, it is important to incorporate the voices of our community members. Our libraries can do this by actively engaging in community conversations, offering diverse programs and continuing to foster relationships with local organizations.

I would be honored to serve and give back to the library system that has given so much to our community and my family. I ask for your vote!

(This information furnished by Michele Anderson.)

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

Deschutes Public Library District Director, Zone 4



Betsy Tucker

Occupation: Business Manager,
Bend Fire & Rescue

Occupational Background:
Local Government Budget &
Finance

Educational Background:

Oregon State University, Bachelor of Science, Managerial Economics

Prior Governmental Experience: Board Member, Deschutes Public Library, Appointed 2024

Libraries are more than books – they are the heart of our community, providing access to knowledge, connection, and opportunity. As a dedicated public servant with over 12 years of experience in government finance, policy development, and strategic planning, I am committed to ensuring that our libraries remain strong, innovative, and accessible to all.

As a current Library Board member, I have worked to support expansion efforts while maintaining fiscal responsibility. I believe in strengthening community partnerships and ensuring our libraries serve everyone – no matter their background or circumstances.

If elected, I will focus on:

- Financial Sustainability – Ensuring responsible stewardship of resources to keep our libraries thriving.
- Equitable Access – Supporting policies that keep library resources available and accessible to all.
- Support for Library Staff – Advocating for those who make our libraries welcoming and innovative spaces.

Libraries play a critical role in shaping a well-informed, connected, and resilient community. I am committed to preserving and enhancing that role through thoughtful leadership, strong fiscal oversight, and a deep respect for the diverse needs of Deschutes County residents.

I would be honored to continue serving and advocating for our libraries. I ask for your vote to keep them strong for generations to come.

Vote Betsy Tucker for Deschutes Public Library Board!

(This information furnished by Betsy Tucker.)

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The Elections Process in Deschutes County



Step 1. Voter Registration

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

ORS 247.012



Step 2. Election Equipment Testing

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

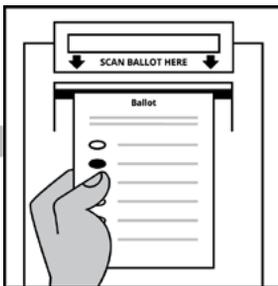
ORS 254.235



Step 3. Ballots Are Mailed

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

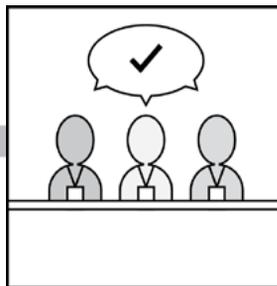
ORS 253.065, 253.545, 254.470



Step 7. Ballot Scanning & Tabulation

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

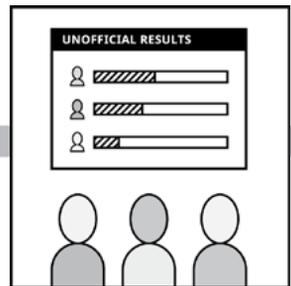
ORS 254.485, 254.500



Step 8. Ballot Adjudication

Teams of two staff, each of different political parties, review if ballots are damaged, have stray marks, or have corrections, undervotes, overvotes, and blank contests to verify voter intent and ensure accurate tabulation. All ballots are stored in a secure location under 24/7 surveillance.

ORS 254.476, 254.482, 254.483



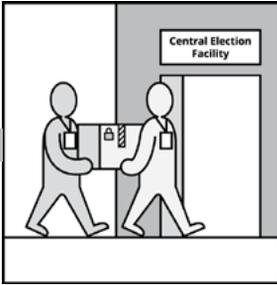
Step 9. Unofficial Results

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

ORS 254.545

Find unofficial results on
deschutescounty.gov/electionresults

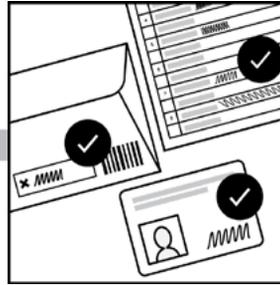
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Step 4. Ballot Collection

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

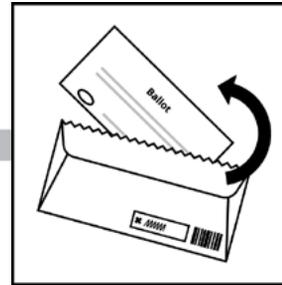
ORS. 254.470



Step 5. Verify Voter Eligibility

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

ORS 247.012, 247.019, 247.025, & 254.470



Step 6. Processing Ballots

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

ORS 254.478



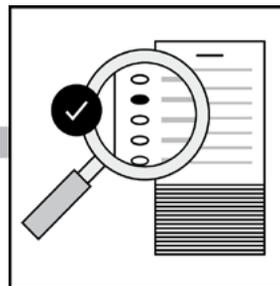
Step 10. Certification of Official Results

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

ORS 254.545(3)

Certified election results are published 27 days after Election Day on

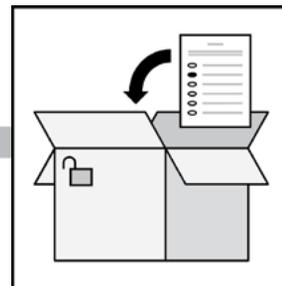
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Step 11. Audit

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

ORS 254.529



Step 12. Ballot Storage

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

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