

voters' pamphlet



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



Attention

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

Letter from the County Clerk

Jackson County Voters:

The Jackson County Voters' Pamphlet is published to inform and educate voters about local candidates and measures. Candidates are not required to be included in the voters' pamphlet. All of the candidate statements and measure arguments included were submitted along with a filing fee. Only the applicable candidates and measures for your precinct will be on your ballot.

The November 5, 2024 General Election, as all elections in the State of Oregon, will be conducted by mail. Ballots for the November 5th general election will be delivered in Jackson County beginning Friday, October 18th.

The deadline to register for the November 5th General Election is Tuesday, October 15, 2024. This pamphlet has been delivered to "post-office mailing addresses". Therefore, the fact that you received a voters' pamphlet does not necessarily mean that you are a registered voter. Voters, currently registered in the State of Oregon, but who have moved, changed their residential or mailing address or name, must update their registration by close of business on Election Day in order to vote. **Vote by mail ballots cannot be forwarded.** If you need to register or update your registration, you can do so online at www.oregonvotes.gov or you can find voter registration cards at your local post office or on our web site at www.jacksoncountyor.gov under elections.

If you have any questions regarding the status of your voter registration, updating your residence or mailing address or the election process in general, please contact the Elections Office at 541-774-6148 or by email at elections@jacksoncountyor.gov. If you would like to register or update your voter registration card in person, we are located at 1101 West Main St., Suite #201, Medford.

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Sincerely,



Chris Walker
Jackson County Clerk

Translation Information

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

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Returning Your Ballot

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5, 2024

After voting your ballot:

- Review** your ballot for mistakes;
- Insert** your ballot into the ballot return envelope;
- Seal** the ballot return envelope;
- Sign** the ballot return envelope;
- Return** your ballot.

You have two ways to return your ballot:

- Mail** your ballot so it is postmarked by Election Day; or
- Deposit** your ballot in an official Oregon ballot drop box by 8 pm on Election Day.

Mail





Official Ballot Dropsite

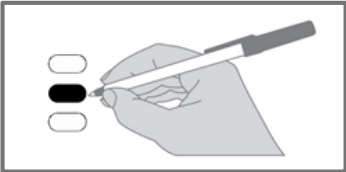
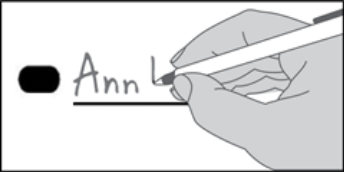
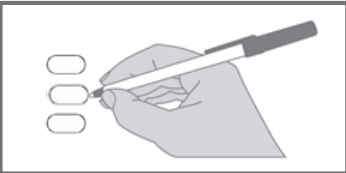
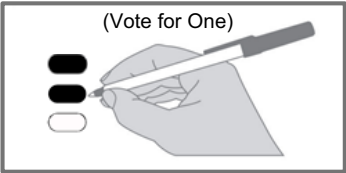
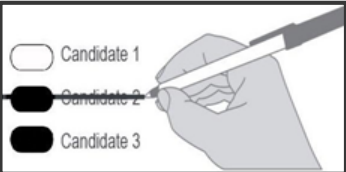


Important! Your ballot must be returned in the ballot return envelope provided with your ballot packet. **Make sure you are signing the ballot return envelope issued to you!** If you have lost or damaged your ballot return envelope, please contact our office at 541-774-6148.

Dropsite Locations

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5, 2024	
Official Jackson County Ballot Dropsites (Opening Monday, October 21, 2024)	
Jackson County Elections 1101 W. Main St., Suite 201 Medford, OR 97501 (Office located on 2 nd floor)	Curbside and walk up ballot drop boxes open 24 hours daily (left lane - W. Main) Closes at 8 pm Election Day Interior ballot drop boxes in Elections office open 8 am to 4 pm, Monday - Friday (7 am - 8 pm on Election Day)
Ashland Library 410 Siskiyou Blvd. Ashland, OR 97520	Curbside ballot drop box open 24 hours daily (alley off Gresham St. by book drop) Closes at 8 pm Election Day
Central Point Library 116 S. 3rd St. Central Point, OR 97502	Walk up ballot drop box open 24 hours daily (south side of library building, main entrance) Closes at 8 pm Election Day
Eagle Point Library 239 W. Main St. Eagle Point, OR 97524	Walk up ballot drop box open 24 hours daily (library main branch entrance) Closes at 8 pm Election Day
Medford Library 205 S. Central Ave Medford, OR 97501	Curbside ballot drop box open 24 hours daily (parking lot entrance off 10th St.) Closes at 8 pm Election Day
Phoenix Library 510 W. 1st St. Phoenix, OR 97535	Walk up ballot drop box open 24 hours daily (library main branch entrance) Closes at 8 pm Election Day
Rogue River Library 412 E. Main St. Rogue River, OR 97537	Walk up ballot drop box open 24 hours daily (library main branch entrance) Closes at 8 pm Election Day

Voting Instructions

This information has been inserted into the voters' pamphlet to assist the voters of Jackson County in marking their ballot.					
Fill in the Oval <table><tr><th>Correct</th><th>Incorrect</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	Correct	Incorrect		 	To ensure your vote counts: → Use a blue or black pen. → Completely fill in the oval. → Do not make checkmarks. → Do not make X's.
Correct	Incorrect				
	 				
Candidate or Measure 	→ To vote for a candidate or measure, completely fill in the oval to the left of your response.				
Write-In 	→ To write in a name, completely fill in the oval to the left of the write-in line and write the name on the line.				
Undervote 	→ If you do not vote on a race or measure, it is called an undervote. → A vote will not be counted for that race or measure. → You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still be counted.				
Overvote (Vote for One) 	→ If you vote for more candidates than allowed, or if you vote both Yes and No on a measure, it is called an overvote. → A vote will not be counted for that race or measure, unless you correct it. → You may correct an overvote by following the instructions on "How to Correct a Mistake".				
How to Correct a Mistake 	→ Draw a line through the oval and your unwanted response. → Completely fill in the oval to the left of your wanted response. → A vote will not be counted for your unwanted response. → A vote will be counted for your wanted response.				
You may contact Jackson County Elections at 541-774-6148 to request a replacement ballot if: you make a mistake, your ballot is damaged or spoiled, or your ballot is lost (or for any other reason). Assistance in Marking Ballot; Allowances and Limitations: Any voter who, due to a disability or inability to read or write, is unable to mark their ballot may receive assistance. The assistance is provided either by two persons of different political parties provided by the county clerk or by some other person chosen by the voter. Any person assisting a voter must follow the direction of the voter as to how to vote the ballot. Also, the person assisting the voter must not afterwards give out any information about how the voter voted. Additionally, a person may not provide such assistance if they are an employer of the voter or an agent of the employer. Also, a person may not provide such assistance if they are an officer or agent of a union of which the voter is a member. (ORS 254.445)					

Voter Registration Information

Registering to Vote: To vote in Oregon you need to be registered in the county where you reside. You can register if you can answer yes to these three questions: 1) Are you a resident of Oregon? 2) Are you a U.S. citizen? 3) Are you at least 16 years of age? *If you are 16 or 17 years of age, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.*

How to register: You can register to vote online at oregonvotes.gov or you can obtain a voter registration card at any of the following places: 1) any county elections office. 2) the Secretary of State's office. 3) some state agencies such as the Division of Motor Vehicles. 4) a voter registration drive. You can fill the card out in person or send it in by US mail. You can also print out a registration card online at oregonvotes.gov.

Updating your voter registration: Once you have registered, you are responsible for keeping your information up to date. You can do this online at oregonvotes.gov or by completing and returning a voter registration card with the new information. You should update your registration if you do any of the following: 1) change your home address. 2) change your mailing address. 3) change your name. 4) change your signature. 5) want to change or select a political party. 6) will be away from home on election day.



Referred to the People by
City of Rogue River

15-230

Charter amendment amending term limits for elected Councilor's and Mayor.

QUESTION: Shall the City Charter be amended to simplify term limits for elected City Council members and Mayor?

SUMMARY: In 1996 the City Charter was amended to provide that City Councilors could not serve more than two (2) four-year terms, Mayors could not serve more than two (2) two-year terms, and that no person could hold any combination of elective office for more than twelve (12) years. In 2014 the Charter was amended to provide that following two terms as Councilor or Mayor any person could sit out one election cycle and then run for office again but clarified that no person could hold elective office for more than twelve (12) consecutive years. In 2023 the Charter was amended to change Mayor terms to four (4) year terms. The effect of the proposed Charter amendment is to allow any elected official to serve a total of 16 consecutive years regardless of whether those years are served as Councilor or Mayor. Each term would remain at four (4) years and elected officials would need to run for office every four (4) years. No elected official would be allowed to serve more than 16 consecutive years.

Explanatory Statement

This measure proposes an amendment to the Charter of the City of Rogue River. The amendment would repeal and replace existing term limits for the positions of City Council and Mayor.

The term limits for the positions of City Council and Mayor were established in 1996, by a Charter amendment, and amended in 2014 by a Charter amendment, and again in 2023 by a Charter amendment. This measure would provide that any elected official serving as either a Councilor or Mayor would be limited to a total of sixteen (16) consecutive years in office.

The current Charter provision provides that a Councilor or Mayor may serve no more than two terms and no more than a total of twelve consecutive years in any elective office of the City. As it stands, the Charter would prevent a person from serving two terms as Councilor and then two terms as Mayor. This proposed measure amending the Charter would serve to resolve that issue and allow elected officials to serve more than two terms, but not more than sixteen (16) consecutive years in office.

(This information furnished by City of Rogue River.)

Measure 15-230 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Because the voters recently approved a change to the length of the mayor's term, it's necessary to amend our Charter to reflect the additional years. To simplify the language but still keep term limits, we're suggesting that the cumulative years served be changed to 16 years total and removing the stipulation of 8 years as mayor and 8 years as councilor which is based on the premise that a councilor will serve their 8 years and then go on to be mayor for 8 years. This isn't always the case as some councilors don't want the additional commitment that's required of a mayor. Also, since there's 6 councilors and only 1 mayor, then only one of the councilors would be able to serve after their council terms expire. It is important to note that councilors and mayor must run for election every four years so the voters will have the opportunity to remove anyone they feel is not meeting their expectations. In allowing this change, we will be able to retain hard-working and dedicated councilors if that's what the voters choose to do.

It has become more difficult to find people that are willing and have the time to participate in local government, especially since neither the mayor nor councilors are paid positions. Having some continuity and experience makes so much difference in the success and positivity of a city. I've observed first-hand what happens when there is constant turn-over in local government – at best, time is spent just learning instead of getting things done and at worst, in-fighting and chaos take over and nothing gets accomplished.

Please help us keep Rogue River the wonderful town that it is by ensuring that we continue to have a strong and stable city government.

Join us in supporting this charter amendment!

Pam VanArsdale, Barb Gregory, Barb Hilty, Grace Howell, Sharie Davis, and Sherrie Moss

(This information furnished by Pam VanArsdale.)

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Measure 15-231

City of Rogue River

Referred to the People by
City of Rogue River

15-231

Prohibits psilocybin businesses within the City of Rogue River.

QUESTION: Shall the City of Rogue River prohibit psilocybin service centers and the manufacture of psilocybin products within the City?

SUMMARY: State law authorizes the manufacturing, transportation, deliver, sale and purchase of psilocybin, the psychedelic drug found in certain mushrooms, in Oregon. A city may “opt-out” by adopting an ordinance prohibiting the establishment of licensed psilocybin product manufacturers and/or psilocybin service centers within their boundaries.

The City adopted an ordinance prohibiting the establishment of psilocybin product manufacturers and psilocybin service center operators (collectively, “psilocybin facilities”) within the City. State law requires that this ordinance must be approved by the voters before it may take effect.

Approval of this measure would prohibit psilocybin facilities within the City. Rejection of this measure would allow psilocybin facilities within the City subject to state and local restrictions.

Explanatory Statement

Approval of this measure would prohibit the establishment and operation of psilocybin-related businesses within the City of Rogue River.

A City Council may adopt an Ordinance prohibiting the establishment of psilocybin related businesses within the city, but the City Council must refer the Ordinance to the voters at a statewide general election. The City of Rogue River City Council has adopted Ordinance No. [24-432-O](#) prohibiting the establishment of psilocybin-related businesses within the City and, as a result, has referred this measure to the voters.

If approved, this measure would prohibit psilocybin-related businesses with the City.

(This information furnished by City of Rogue River.)

Measure 15-232

City of Ashland

Referred to the People by
City of Ashland

15-232

Ashland Charter Amendment: Open Seat Election

QUESTION: Shall the City change its Charter election protocol to have an open seat election for City Council?

SUMMARY: A “Yes” vote for this measure amends the City Charter to remove the requirement that candidates for City Council run for designated seat positions 1 through 6. Instead, candidates for City Council will run for any one of three open Council seats each biennial general election. The three highest vote recipients will be elected to the three open Council seats. If there are more than three open seats, the remaining open seats will be filled by the next subsequent vote earners.

A “No” vote for this measure maintains the existing language in the City Charter, which requires Council members to designate the number of the Council seat to which they seek election.

Explanatory Statement

The current City Charter requires candidates to designate the number of the Council seat (1 through 6) to which they seek election. As a result, candidates only run for election against another candidate or candidates who seek that same specific Council seat number. A “no” vote will keep this current structure.

The change will allow candidates to run for any of the three open Council seats that are open for election every four years. The candidates who receive the three greatest number of votes will receive a full-term seat.

An “unexpired” seat refers to a Council seat that is on the ballot due to a prior vacancy and that is for the remaining two years of the term, since Ashland operates on a biennial election cycle. The change provides that, after the three highest vote earners have been delegated to the full-term seats, the next highest vote recipient or recipients shall fill the remaining unexpired Council seat or seats for the remaining two years of the unexpired term.

If a voter selects on their ballot more Council members than there are open Council positions, that voter’s selections shall be disregarded.

(This information furnished by City of Ashland.)

Measure 15-233

City of Ashland

Referred to the People by
City of Ashland

15-233

Ashland Charter Amendment: Municipal Judge as an Appointive position

QUESTION: Shall the City Charter remove the Municipal Judge as an elected position and have it appointed by Mayor and Council?

SUMMARY: A “Yes” vote for this measure amends the City Charter to allow for the Mayor, with the confirmation of Council, to appoint an individual with the appropriate experience, skills, and temperament to fill the Municipal Judge position, as well as remove compensation for the Municipal Judge from the City Charter schedule.

A “No” vote for this measure maintains the existing language in the City Charter which, outside of being a member of the Oregon State Bar, provides no further selection criteria for being the elected Municipal Judge. A “No” vote will maintain the salary for the position that was initially established to be the same as for the year 1978-79 and thereafter to be adjusted in the same percentage as the average salary adjustment of the other supervisory employees and department heads of the City of Ashland.

Explanatory Statement

Chief considerations for the job of being a Municipal Judge include ensuring fair, impartial, and equal access to justice, maintaining courtroom decorum, and effectively interpreting and applying the law. Outside of admittance to the Oregon State Bar, the Charter provides no additional qualifications or application criteria to be the elected Municipal Judge.

The amendment will also change the Municipal Judge from an elected position to an appointive position and remove the Municipal Judge’s compensation from the Charter schedule. Currently, the salary for the Municipal Judge was initially established to be the same as for the year 1978-79 and thereafter to be adjusted in the same percentage as the average salary adjustment of the other supervisory employees and department heads of the City of Ashland, without a connection to workload. If the amendment passes, the Municipal Judge will be appointed by the Mayor, with the confirmation of Council, and compensation for the Municipal Judge position will fall within standard payment schedules, as suggested by the Human Resources department.

(This information furnished by City of Ashland.)

Measure 15-234 City of Ashland

Referred to the People by
City of Ashland

15-234

Approving Ashland Resolution 2024-05 authority to issue water revenue bonds.

QUESTION: Should the City be authorized to issue up to \$75,000,000 in revenue bonds to finance construction of water system improvements?

SUMMARY: This measure seeks voter approval of City of Ashland's authority to issue water revenue bonds under Resolution 2024-05 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$75,000,000 to finance capital improvements to the City's water system, including but not limited to water treatment plant improvements and east and west forks transmission line rehabilitation. The City anticipates the issuance of the water revenue bonds to the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under a federal loan program that is designed to help local governments invest in the replacement of aging water infrastructure.

If the measure is approved, the resolution grants the City authority to issue revenue bonds payable solely from water system revenues. The bonds will not be general obligations of the City, and neither the authorization nor issuance of the bonds will authorize the City to levy any taxes. Approval of the measure will authorize the City to access funding through the EPA for its construction of the water treatment plant, addressing crucial water infrastructure needs.

A "Yes" vote authorizes the city to issue water revenue bonds to finance the construction of the water treatment plant and rehabilitation of the east and west forks transmission line. A "No" vote requires the city to consider other financing options to address the water system needs and delays construction.

(This information furnished by City of Ashland.)

Explanatory Statement

This measure asks voters whether the City of Ashland should be authorized to issue water revenue bonds to finance the construction of a new water treatment plant and the rehabilitation of associated infrastructure in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$75,000,000. Water revenue bonds are secured by and payable from revenues generated from the city's water system. This measure does not ask whether the city should build the water treatment plant; that decision has already been made following extensive public discussions and council decisions over the past decade.

The water treatment plant and related infrastructure projects have been identified as critical needs due to their age and condition. To fund these projects, the city proposes to issue water revenue bonds to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA will purchase the water revenue bonds, thereby lending the money used to purchase the bonds to the city. Water revenue bond payments by the city will serve as loan repayments. The EPA is purchasing the bonds and lending the funds under a federal loan program designed to help local governments replace aging water infrastructure. This loan program allows for a flexible loan structure, including deferred payments, extended repayment periods, and construction reimbursement flexibility.

Should the measure not pass, the city will need to explore alternative financing options such as general obligation bonds. General obligation bonds require voter approval and would authorize the city to increase property taxes to repay the general obligation bonds. In contrast, water revenue bonds do not affect property taxes as they are repaid by revenues generated by the water system. Water rates will be increased as needed to ensure the water system and associated project debt are funded correctly.

Measure 15-234 Arguments

Argument in Favor

A Cautionary Tale

You may be wondering why a former Mayor of Shady Cove is taking the time and effort to submit a voter pamphlet statement for a water measure in Ashland, so let me cut to the chase.

I know from personal experience, without a reliable water source investment in future growth is obstructed, homes lose value, businesses remain empty, and a downtown area is without an opportunity to revitalize and grow.

For decades Shady Cove residents have turned down all city bonding efforts to secure a reliable and safe water system for our community, and now as a result hundreds of residents in our town of 3,000 find themselves without water as piecemeal water systems break down and wells go dry.

Past reasoning for voting NO on city water bonds have ranged from: "I got mine" to "no new taxes" to "a water shortage will curb development". The result has been devastating for Shady Cove homeowners and the city's business community, not to mention that solving this problem costs more with each passing year.

Those in your community who believe a resilient water system is born out of on-the-cheap, band-aide solutions, are sadly mistaken, and if they say you can just buy more from Lost Creek (TAP), they're not being truthful.

I recall the New Years' Day Flood in 1997 that pulled Ashland's water system off line for weeks, just as I recall what a challenge and hardship it was for your community, especially those who were homebound. All of Jackson County rallied to help in any way we could, but I can attest that offers of good will are in short supply when a wound is self-inflicted.

Vote YES to help secure your water system against future environmental disasters.

Lena Richardson
Shady Cove

(This information furnished by Lena Richardson.)

Argument in Favor

We need to replace our 1948 water treatment plant. At 76 years old, it's extremely vulnerable to wildfires and floods, and there's no space to treat harmful toxins. City staff and industry engineers have analyzed alternatives for over a decade. Citizens' advisory committees and City Council have reviewed and approved the approach and design each step of the way.

We cannot afford to wait any longer. Staff have secured the equivalent of a low-interest line of credit from the Environmental Protection Agency designed specifically to support water projects. Over 100 utilities, including the Medford Water Commission, have taken advantage of this program since it was established by the Obama administration.

The EPA program provides access to funds at the federal government's cost, which gives us a lower, fixed interest rate and a longer repayment period than available in the traditional municipal bond market. Stretching repayments over 35 years means significantly less impact on residential water rates. Additionally, the program allows for flexible payment schedules that can be customized to match anticipated revenues.

The projected cost is well below the credit line limit, and under the program's terms we only pay interest on the portion we draw when it's needed, instead of paying interest on the entire amount from Day 1.

Therefore, we can start now to account for rising construction costs while staff continue applying for grants, and we are always able to use any award received to pre-pay amounts back to the EPA. Conversely, traditional bond financing would immediately start charging for the full balance, even well before we're ready to construct.

We need a new resilient water treatment plant, and it's time to act now. It's fiscally responsible, and like countless other progressive municipalities, the City Council authorized utilizing this EPA program because it's by far the best deal available.

Vote YES on measure 15-234

Jeff Golden, State Senator
Bob Kaplan, City Councilor
Jeff Dahle, City Councilor
Brian Almquist, former City Administrator

(This information furnished by Jeffrey R Dahle.)

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Measure 15-234 Arguments

Argument in Favor

No one wants to have to build a new water treatment plant, but providing for Ashland's infrastructure needs is a primary responsibility of city government.

A reliable source of clean drinking water tops the list of what a city must provide so residents can have a high quality of life and local businesses can thrive.

As our drinking water goes, so goes our town.

This is why council after council has supported building a new water treatment plant in a different location. We simply cannot protect our 75-year-old treatment plant from wildfires, floods, landslides, and earthquakes and it does not have space to treat toxic algae. Four of these risks are accelerating rapidly due to climate change.

Imagine what happens if a wildfire destroys our water treatment plant. What happens to our residents? SOU? OSF? Workers who rely on local businesses for their livelihoods? What happens to you?

This won't be like the flood of '97 when our water supply was cut off for weeks. It will be many months of extreme difficulty. And it will be more expensive to fix, as it always is when one is paying for a major project in a time of crisis. Key economic anchors in Ashland may not survive.

City staff have secured excellent financing and are pursuing millions of dollars in grant funding. With federal infrastructure funding available, now is the time to make this critical investment.

The City is building this water treatment plant. That will not change. What could change is how much it costs. A YES vote keeps the favorable terms the City has secured, while a No vote makes the project more expensive and overburdens our low-income neighbors.

Please join us in voting YES on Measure 15-234.

Tonya Graham - Mayor	Former Mayor, Cathy Shaw
Paula Hyatt - Council Chair	Former City Councilors:
Councilors:	Stephen Jensen
Dylan Bloom	Mike Morris
Jeff Dahle	Eric Navickas
Eric Hansen	Rich Rosenthal
Bob Kaplan	Dennis Slattery

(This information furnished by Tonya Graham.)

Argument in Favor

In the 1920s, Ashland developed its own water system, comprising some 70 miles of pipe, a 7 million gallon water treatment plant (WTP), and Hosler Dam, built on Ashland Creek in 1928, creating Reeder Reservoir. The WTP was placed in a narrow, steep canyon to generate electricity. Now Ashland gets its electricity elsewhere, and our 1940s era plant remains in a very precarious location with aging infrastructure.

Today, our WTP is vulnerable to a potential Cascadia earthquake, wildfires, rock slides, and flooding. Ashland has experienced 11 major floods over the past 100 years, the most recent of which was then catastrophic flood of 1997, which halted our drinking water supply for 2 weeks and caused major damage to the WTP. In 1974, our water was out for a month. In addition, the existing WTP does not have enough capacity to treat large, toxic algal blooms. These natural risks are all expected to increase in frequency with climate change and the growing potential of the Cascadia earthquake.

Beginning in 2011, engineers and residents in the Ashland Water Advisory Committee (AWAC) studied the risks, and unanimously recommended building a new, modern, safer WTP, and the city council agreed. Ashland rolls the dice every day that WTP is not built. For over a decade, that recommendation has been re-validated by new engineering cost studies.

A new WTP not only gives us a modernized facility with better protection from natural disasters, but increased city-wide fire and drought protection as well, by securing our water supply and adding additional storage.

Ashland has an incredible opportunity to take advantage of Biden's federal infrastructure funding on very favorable terms. Building a new WTP isn't cheap, but it's vital to Ashland's viability as a community and to a healthy future. Please vote YES on Measure 15-234.

John F. Williams, AWAC Chair
Pat Acklin, AWAC Member
Larry Cooper, AWAC Member
Pam Marsh, Oregon State Representative

(This information furnished by John F Williams.)

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Measure 15-234 Arguments

Argument in Opposition

Make no mistake. It's very simple. This measure is NOT about water. It is about fiscal responsibility.

The City Council should NEVER commit the residents to any substantial new debt without their consent except in emergencies. On March 6, 2024, the City Council voted to apply for federal government LOANS of up to \$75,000,000 in order to finance construction of a new water treatment plant. That loan at 4.77% for 35 years could amount to a total cost of over \$150,000,000. That debt would begin to be repaid by increases in water rates of 77% over the next six years. That potential \$150,000,000 would be removed from the local economy. It would come out of the residents' pockets. It would come out of the revenues of our local restaurants and businesses. It would have a huge negative impact on the economy of this city for decades. Its impact would be similar to that of the Food and Beverage Tax, which likewise removes roughly \$3,000,000 per year from our residents' and businesses' discretionary income.

The city has attempted to frighten people with talk of the vulnerabilities of the current plant which are all hypothetical acts of God of low probability, all of which could be mitigated. In 2019, consultants hired by the city opined that the current facility could be viable for at least the subsequent 20 years, and that maintaining the current facility would cost 25% that of building a new plant. And that was before the estimated construction cost doubled.

This debt is unnecessary. Our current water treatment plant is functioning perfectly. We have a backup supply source. There is no emergency. There is no urgency. There is no reason to assume this huge debt at this time.

We must send a message to the city council to NEVER commit the city to any new debt without consent of the residents. Send that message by voting NO on Measure 15-234.

Learn more at <https://ashland-debt.info>

(This information furnished by Dean Silver, Don't Drown Ashland in Debt PAC (23909).)

Argument in Opposition

Would you rush purchase a house if its price could increase 100% at closing and with a 35 year mortgage at an above-market interest rate? That is essentially the deal being proposed to finance the WTP project.

There are compelling reasons to believe that the currently proposed WTP project is not even required at all. This cannot be known with certainty. Technical information has not been provided by City Staff. The investment is so significant that it must not proceed without much more public consideration. Alternative projects must be considered. A few of the alternatives:

1. Defer action. The current plant is capable, with proper maintenance, of serving Ashland for the next undefined period. We know the future is an unknown in the faces of global climate change and population growth. Why build for an imaginary world thirty years in the future? Will the water be there to supply the new plant?
2. Defer action but protect the current site from uncontrolled reservoir releases with an engineered diversion wall, and from wildfires with a defensible space.
3. Begin the renovation of Reeder Reservoir to protect against or mitigate blue-green algae. Barley straw could be used until the reservoir has been adequately renovated. The EPA actually recommends this: <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/fs1171/>. This would have the beneficial effect of protecting Ashland Creek for recreation as well as the water supply. This is a highly recommended step regardless of the alternative.
4. Expanding our regional water solution partnership. This will obviously take some time to negotiate, and implement. Meanwhile, see above.

None of the alternatives or the current plan should be executed without public buy-in that could be achieved with a series of public sessions where the public can interrogate the Staff to better understand why various design decisions have been made in the last decade.

(This information furnished by David Helmich, Civil Engineer, retired.)

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Measure 15-234 Arguments

Argument in Opposition

In Ashland we are fortunate to have our own water treatment plant, supplying pure water from the watershed. That WTP is 75 years old, and despite the fact that it is functioning perfectly as intended, the city wants to replace it.

In 2018, the City hired consultants to evaluate the condition and viability of the current plant. Their report made it clear that the current plant could easily serve our need for at least the next 20 years, given the proper maintenance. They estimated that the cost of maintenance would be about 25% of the cost of building a replacement.

Ashland residents know that the city has been lax in its attention to maintenance of its resources in the past.

Unsurprisingly, the City decided that the best approach would be to build a new plant, the report notwithstanding. By 2022, the plans called for a new plant similar in size to the old one. The cost estimate was just over \$30M. The city gained approval of federal loans at 1.97%. But the plans hadn't been finalized yet. When the plans were finally delivered, the cost had doubled to about \$60M. And the old financing deal was gone, replaced by one at more than double the cost, 4.77%. And zero grants.

Next, the job will go out for bids, and you can rest assured that the final cost will far higher than estimated. But if the city has partial funding, the project will be unstoppable, regardless of cost to you.

Now the City is telling us that this is the BEST deal possible, and we MUST hurry and build this plant NOW, at these terms, irresponsibly doing everything in their power to frighten and mislead people. Do you believe it?

Should we maintain at a far lower cost, or wastefully build when it's not necessary? If you'd rather build new, shouldn't we wait for a better deal?

There is no urgency. It's YOUR money. Vote NO.

(This information furnished by Dean Silver, Don't Drown Ashland in Debt PAC (23909).)

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Measure 15-235

City of Gold Hill

Referred to the People by City of Gold Hill

15-235

Proposed Amendments to the City of Gold Hill Charter

QUESTION: Shall the voters of the City of Gold Hill approve a revised City Charter?

SUMMARY: If adopted by the voters, this measure would revise, update, and reorganize the Gold Hill City Charter. Changes to the Charter were last adopted by the voters in 1988 and it has not been updated since. The proposed revised Charter would change the Mayor's term from two years to four years, but would maintain the existing composition of the council as the mayor and six councilors. The proposed revisions would reorganize and streamline existing Charter provisions, eliminate repetitive and outdated sections, update Charter language, and ensure conformity with state law. The revisions would clarify the City Council's voting and quorum requirements, establish the position of City Manager as a charter-level City officer, and formalize the City Council's legislative, administrative, and quasi-judicial authority. The revisions would also make all elections for city offices non-partisan, remove language regarding the nomination process for candidates for Mayor and City Council, and change the process for filling council vacancies.

- Defining a quorum in more detail, including what constitutes a quorum when filling vacancies, all the way down to one occupied council seat with 6 vacancies.
- Addressing nepotism - Defines that no employee may have an immediate family member on the city council. Also, no immediate family member of the city manager may hold any appointive office or employment with the city.
- Updating Nominations – Requires the council to adopt an ordinance prescribing the manner for a person to be nominated to run for mayor or council. This removes the major conflict our current charter has with State law on time frames and manner of signature collection. This could potentially allow for a candidate to either collect signatures or pay a pre-determined fee to the city in order to be placed on the ballot.
- Defining that no councilor will receive any compensation (pay) for council duties. Reimbursement for expenses (example; training) is allowed.
- Keeping the provision for a municipal judge, but allows the council to transfer some or all of the functions of the municipal court to an appropriate state or justice court.

The text of the measure may be obtained online at www.cityofgoldhill.gov or at City Hall, 420 N. 6th Avenue, Gold Hill, OR 97525, by emailing info@cityofgoldhill.gov or calling 541-855-1525.

(This information furnished by City of Gold Hill.)

Explanatory Statement

The Gold Hill City Council formed a Charter Review Task Force and is proposing these updates to the City Charter. The task force was comprised of Gold Hill residents, council members, and one citizen at large. The task force unanimously approved the proposed charter amendment as adopted by council. If approved, the City Charter changes would take effect January 1, 2025.

Voters last approved amendments to the Charter in 1988.

The City Council's intent in proposing these amendments is to modernize the City's Charter and ensure that the City's operations conform to the latest Oregon laws.

Key elements of the proposed charter include:

- Using The League of Oregon Cities Model Charter as the base.
- Changing to a council/manager form of government from the current mayor/council form. The task force and council agreed that the city needs a permanent city manager to handle the complex affairs of Gold Hill. Proposed language defines that a city manager must be hired based on: "education and experience in competencies and practices of local government management."
- Defining the duties, responsibilities and supervisory authority of the city manager including the ability to hire or terminate a city attorney, whether an employee or contractor.
- Changing the city recorder position from a council appointed position to a city manager appointed position. The city manager should have direct responsible charge over the city recorder. This is the process many other cities use and is more efficient, given that a city manager will be administering the City's daily operations.
- Beginning with the November 2026 general election, the mayor will be elected to a 4-year term. Mayor continues as a non-voting councilor, except for a tie. This was done to provide continuity and align the mayor's term to be the same length as councilors.

Measure 15-235 Arguments

Argument in Favor

The current city charter was adopted in 1968, and although it has been amended numerous times since its adoption 56 years ago, it does not provide the government structure necessary for the citizens of Gold Hill to effectively face the increasing challenges of the future. There are many examples in the current charter where the language is wordy, cumbersome and in one case, in conflict with state election law. Amongst other items in this amendment, it would change Gold Hill's government to a council/manager form of government from the current mayor/council form. Even for a city the size of Gold Hill, it is essential to have a full-time city manager in order to meet the many challenges municipalities face. Finance, water, wastewater, street maintenance, storm water management, planning, parks and code enforcement are just some of the issues that require the services of a competent full time city manager, even in Gold Hill. There are many examples in Gold Hill's past where either not having a city manager, or not having hired a competent city manager has resulted in the inability deal with many of the aforementioned issues. This amendment would enshrine in Gold Hill's government language stating that a city manager must be hired based on; "education and experience in competencies and practices of local government management." Additionally, this amendment addresses nepotism, aligns the mayoral term to the same 4 years as a councilor, changes the city recorder to a city manager appointed position and more accurately defines a council quorum. We urge you to read the full amendment available on the city website and vote YES on this important measure. It's the result of a lot of hard work from your fellow citizens and is the first step in helping The City of Gold Hill meet the challenges of the future.

Melia Biedscheid Mike Biedscheid Carol Holm Larry Holm
Hugh Schoonover Susie Schoonover Cindy Warwick
Mark Warwick Jason Wilkinson Tammy Wilkinson

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Measure 17-119

Rogue Community College District

Referred to the People by Rogue Community College District

17-119

Bonds constructing, updating career education, community learning facilities, audits required

QUESTION: Shall Rogue Community College construct, update, vocational facilities; improve accessibility, safety, security; issue up to \$60,315,000 in bonds; audits required? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY:

- State expected to provide \$15 million in matching funds
- Bonds would finance capital costs to support students and the Southern Oregon community, including:
 - Increasing capacity in workforce training programs:
 - apprenticeship, diesel, commercial truck driving, pre-nursing, welding, manufacturing and adding automotive at Table Rock Campus (White City)
 - automotive, welding, manufacturing and adding EMT, diesel programs at Redwood Campus (Grants Pass)
 - Improving safety and security at all campuses
 - camera systems
 - lockdown capabilities
 - Modernizing student success center and classrooms at Riverside campus (downtown Medford).
 - Accessibility improvements at all campuses
 - Building improvements to extend lifespan
 - energy efficiency
 - HVAC
 - roofs
 - Site improvements, furnishings, equipment, bond interest, issuance costs.

Jackson County: bond levy rates are estimated to continue at the current rate of \$0.13/\$1000 of assessed value

Josephine County: bond levy rates are estimated to increase by \$0.09/\$1000 to \$0.13/\$1000 of assessed value

Rates subject to change based on interest rates, assessed value fluctuations. Bonds would mature within 21 years from the date of issuance, may be issued in series.

Explanatory Statement

Established in 1970, Rogue Community College (RCC) now serves over 9,300 students at three campuses across Josephine and Jackson counties.

THE COLLEGE SEEKS VOTER APPROVAL TO ISSUE BONDS ESTIMATED TO MAINTAIN CURRENT BOND TAX RATE FOR JACKSON COUNTY RESIDENTS

The RCC Board of Education seeks voter approval of a \$60,315,000 general obligation bond. **If this measure is approved, the College estimates that property owners in Jackson County would continue to pay the same rate for the College's bonds as they are currently paying.**

\$15 MILLION IN STATE GRANT FUNDS

The Oregon legislature has made eligible up to \$15,000,000 in grant funds but only if the College provides matching funds. Passage of the bond would secure the College's matching funds.

WHY IS THE COLLEGE PROPOSING THIS MEASURE?

The College spent a year examining the condition and needs of its facilities; interviewing students and staff to understand what improvements would have the greatest positive impact on the learning environment and bringing in industry experts to assess the physical conditions of College buildings. The College found four areas of focus for facility improvements:

1. **Workforce Demand:** There are local, regional, and national shortages in the fields of nursing, commercial truck driving, emergency medical services, welding, and manufacturing and other vocational programs the College offers. Student enrollment and demand for these training programs exceeds available space.
2. **Safety and Security:** All three campuses need important safety and security improvements in order to keep students and staff safe.
3. **Outdated Learning Environments:** Classrooms, labs & technology need important upgrades in order to support student workforce training.
4. **Aging Buildings:** Buildings across the college need replacement and repair work on aging roofs, siding, and HVAC systems.

PROPOSED PROJECTS

- Increasing capacity in **workforce training programs** to meet growing enrollment in programs and improve space utilization:
 - **apprenticeship, diesel, commercial truck driving, pre-nursing, welding, manufacturing** and adding **automotive** at Table Rock Campus (White City)
 - **automotive, welding, manufacturing** and adding **EMT, diesel** programs at Redwood Campus (Grants Pass)
- **Enhancing safety** with improved camera systems, and lockdown systems
- **Updating aging building systems to extend lifespan and improve energy efficiency** including roofs and HVAC
- **Renovating downtown Medford campus** with new student success center for more learning opportunities outside the classroom
- **Makes upgrades to improve ADA accessibility** — also known as the Americans with Disabilities Act — to improve student, staff, and community member access to College buildings

OVERSIGHT FOR BOND EXPENDITURES

Law requires bond funds be used for expenses described in the ballot. The RCC Board of Education would provide oversight to ensure that all bond funds are used for the purposes approved by voters.

FINANCIALS

Jackson County: property tax rates are estimated to continue at the current rate of \$0.13 per \$1000 of assessed value

Josephine County: rate is estimated to increase by \$0.09/\$1000 to \$0.13 per \$1000 of assessed value

Rates are subject to change based on interest rates and assessed value fluctuations. Bonds would mature within 21 years from the date of issuance, may be issued in series.

(This information furnished by Rogue Community College District.)

Measure 17-119 Arguments

Argument in Favor

The Rogue Community College Education Association (RCCEA) strongly encourages a

YES vote for Measure 17-119.

As part-time and full-time educators at Rogue Community College (RCC), we know first-hand the value that our community college provides to the Rogue Valley. RCC educators focus on student education, workforce development, and strategic K-12 school partnerships. The skills we impart as educators create significant improvements to our community. Businesses get the locally trained workers they need. Passing bond investments help RCC to keep expanding programs in growing job fields.

These expanding job fields include nursing, commercial truck driving, emergency medical services, welding, and manufacturing (to name a few). This bond will provide structural investments and prepare students for high-demand jobs, benefiting the local economy and meeting the needs of regional employers such as Mercy Flights, Grants Pass Toyota, and Providence. It also targets funds to our students and community needs which will help more local students and businesses to thrive in our region.

The infrastructure improvements reflect an ongoing commitment to our community, and the job training and education our students need. Campus safety and greater community ADA accessibility help to extend a safe environment for the whole Rogue Community. This bond will expand and upgrade classrooms and labs across **all** three campuses. These improvements are essential for keeping up with high enrollment demand. It provides students with modern, technology-enhanced cutting-edge learning environments that are necessary to be job ready upon graduation.

Finally, this Bond will result in **No Increase in Property Tax Rates for Jackson County. It continues an important community investment that will continue to have positive impacts into the future.**

By voting “**YES**,” you are ensuring that Rogue Community College can continue to meet the needs of our local economy with high-demand job training while providing a safe, inclusive, and innovative educational environment.

Vote YES on 17-119

(This information furnished by Mary Middleton, Rogue Community College Education Association.)

Argument in Favor

COMMUNITY LEADERS URGE THE PASSAGE OF MEASURE 17-119

As residents deeply rooted in Josephine and Jackson County, we strongly encourage a “Yes” vote on Measure 17-119, the Rogue Community College bond. This bond is essential for addressing our community’s pressing needs.

Passage of this measure will result in safer and enhanced facilities for training in high demand workforce areas, including diesel, automotive, commercial truck driving, pre-nursing, dental hygiene, welding, manufacturing, and EMT. Southern Oregon urgently needs skilled workers to provide essential services, and these programs will serve as a vital pathway to career-wage jobs. RCC is committed to training local residents, enabling them to achieve a better quality of life while remaining in Southern Oregon.

Furthermore, the state is offering \$15 million in matching funds that we can only secure if this measure passes. This is a golden opportunity to leverage state funds for local benefit, ensuring our community college can deliver the quality education and training our residents deserve.

In Jackson County, Measure 17-119 replaces expiring bonds, meaning our rate will remain unchanged at thirteen cents per thousand dollars of assessed value, just like last year. 100% of the funds will be reinvested locally, creating a ripple effect that strengthens our economy and transforms lives.

By voting “Yes” on Measure 17-119, you are choosing to invest in the future of Southern Oregon. Let’s support our community, strengthen our workforce, and create lasting opportunities for our residents.

Andy Linerud

Kevin Talbert

Kristin Gaylor

Peter Sage

Outlier Construction

Medford Fabrication

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Measure 17-119 Arguments

Argument in Favor

ELECTED OFFICIALS SUPPORT ‘YES’ ON RCC M17-119
As elected officials representing the residents of Jackson County, we wholeheartedly endorse Measure 17-119, the Rogue Community College bond. This measure addresses critical needs at our community college, which plays a vital role in our region’s education and workforce development.

Measure 17-119 has garnered bipartisan support because investing in education and job training is truly a community issue-one that transcends political boundaries. If passed, this measure will offer upgraded and more secure facilities designed specifically for high-demand workforce training programs featuring diesel, automotive, commercial truck driving, pre-nursing, dental hygiene, welding, manufacturing, and EMT. These programs are critical for equipping our workforce with the skills necessary to meet the needs of local employers actively seeking trained workers. Likewise, high quality training offered near our homes creates opportunities for local students and families.

Moreover, this measure enables our community to apply for \$15 million in state matching funds. However, we can only secure these funds if the measure passes. We won’t see a tax increase! Measure 17-119 replaces expiring bonds, which means that if approved, you’ll pay the same thirteen cents per thousand dollars of assessed value as you did last year. Furthermore, all funds generated will stay within the RCC district, benefiting our community and boosting our local economy. We urge our fellow residents to vote “Yes” on Measure 17-119. Together, let’s invest in the future of our local education and workforce development to ensure a vibrant and prosperous community for all.

Oregon State Senator, Jeff Golden
Oregon State Representatives Emily McIntire & Pam Marsh
Jackson County Commissioner, Dave Dotterer
Medford Mayor, Randy Sparacino
Medford City Councilors Jessica Ayres, Nick Card, Sarah Spansail & Tim D’Alessandro
Talent City Councilor Eleanor Ponomareff
Ashland City Councilors Jeff Dahle & Paula Hyatt

(This information furnished by Gary Plano, Friends of RCC.)

Argument in Favor

HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS URGE THE PASSAGE OF MEASURE 17-119

We ask you to vote “Yes” on RCC Measure 17-119 because it addresses critical shortages of health care workers. These shortages increase your wait times to get the care you need and affect the health of our communities.

In Jackson County, Measure 17-119 will not increase taxes. It would replace expiring bonds to ensure continued investments in health care training programs and up-to-date equipment students need to train in fields including pre-nursing, dental hygiene, and EMT. It’s an investment in the well-being of our community, ensuring that when we need care, we have local professionals ready and able to provide it.

Supporting Measure 17-119 is about more than just funding education. It’s about caring for the health and future of our southern Oregon community. RCC is where many of our friends, neighbors, and family members gain skills to become the health care professionals we rely on. When local students are trained at RCC, they don’t just gain an education; they build a career and deep connection to our region, understanding the unique needs of the people they will eventually serve.

Health care outcomes improve when care is provided by professionals who are not only skilled but also committed to their community. RCC graduates are those people-they’re the nurses, medical assistants, and health care workers who stay here, work here, and make a difference in our lives every day.

By voting “Yes” on Measure 17-119, we’re ensuring that RCC can continue to grow and support the training of these essential workers.

AllCare Health
Jackson Care Connect
La Clinica
Prime Care Inc.
Providence
Mercy Flights Inc.
Valley Immediate Care

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Measure 17-119 Arguments

Argument in Favor

RCC BOARD OF EDUCATION URGES YES ON MEASURE 17-119

The Board of Education of Rogue Community College (RCC), urge you to vote YES on Bond Measure 17-119. As stewards of RCC, we have carefully assessed the needs of our college and the community we serve. We believe this bond measure is essential for several reasons:

- **Affordability: No tax increase.** Measure 17-119 replaces an expiring bond in Jackson County, so the rate stays the same. Passing this measure will also qualify RCC for a \$15 million matching fund grant from the state.
- **Workforce Development:** This measure invests in crucial training programs for fields with critical shortages, including nursing, emergency services, welding, diesel mechanics, commercial truck driving, dental hygiene, and automotive technology. Expanding RCC's facilities will allow us to enroll 7,900 additional students annually, directly tackling workforce gaps.
- **Creating Local Opportunities:** RCC's training programs pave the way to career-wage jobs, enabling residents to build their lives here and contribute to their community. With over 16,000 students—45% of whom are first-generation college attendees and 30% who are parents—this bond keeps tuition affordable and ensures education remains accessible.
- **Campus Safety:** The measure will fund vital safety and security upgrades across all campuses, including enhanced lockdown capabilities and improved camera systems to better protect our students and staff.
- **Modernizing Infrastructure:** Many of our buildings are over 50 years old. This bond will facilitate repairs and updates to outdated systems, ensuring our facilities continue to effectively serve students.
- **Enhancing Learning Environments:** To ensure Career and Technical Education students are job-ready, we need to upgrade and expand specialized facilities with industry-standard equipment. This bond will provide the modern tools and technology necessary for hands-on experience and career success.

Vote YES on Measure 17-119 to support a stronger local workforce, safer facilities, and expanded educational opportunities.

Gary Plano, Chair
Vanessa Jones, Vice Chair
Roger Stokes
Jonathan Bilden
Maria Ramos Underwood
Pat Fahey

(This information furnished by Gary Plano, Friends of RCC.)

Argument in Favor

TRUCKING INDUSTRY CALLS FOR SUPPORT OF MEASURE 17-119

Measure 17-119 addresses the shortage of workers in the trucking industry, which is the backbone of our local economy. More than 76% of communities in Oregon rely on trucks to move their goods. We need a well-trained workforce to keep these critical resources moving. A "Yes" vote on Measure 17-119 enhances training programs for commercial truck driving and diesel technicians, broadening the pipeline for students to enter the modern trucking industry fully prepared.

This measure is also about creating good local jobs that drive our community's growth and stability. Investing just nine cents per thousand dollars of assessed value—about \$20.34 annually for the typical Josephine County homeowner—means helping families earn jobs and ensuring safe, efficient highway transport that keeps Southern Oregon connected to vital goods and services.

A "Yes" vote on Measure 17-119 supports a strong Southern Oregon economy, where RCC's trucking program helps local businesses thrive, creates job opportunities, and keeps our community moving forward.

A&M Transport
Freightliner Northwest
TEC Equipment
Timberland Helicopters

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Measure 17-119 Arguments

Argument in Opposition

If this passes, Josephine County taxpayers will directly pay \$60 million and more than **\$87 million** of tax money will be spent. We will be left in debt paying off the bond.

In May of this year, by a 36 point margin (68% NO, 32% Yes), voters voted against maintenance bonds for the Three Rivers School district. It was noticed that a cost of \$1-\$2 per square foot for roofing materials that required only simple installation, did not make sense when the school was going to pay \$40-\$50 per square foot for the project. This one is back on the ballot for November too - they figure they can keep asking hoping voters will someday say yes.

Is the \$87 million for Rogue Community College going to be more wisely spent? We doubt it. The public information we can find is very vague. It certainly does not look like \$87 million worth of updates.

The essence of learning a special skill is doing it. While expanding Rogue Community College's programs may be useful, this should not cost huge amounts of money. A program that involves apprenticeship, for example, with a local diesel repair shop should be inexpensive to operate and beneficial for everyone involved. Such programs should be self-sustaining.

Right now, the Oregon capitol in Salem is being renovated at a cost of \$600 million dollars or \$2,500 per square foot. This is the equivalent of spending \$4 million to renovate an ordinary 1600 square foot house. The RCC project will likely have similar problems.

Oregonians are far poorer than they need to be, because of poor government management. Excessive regulations burden our businesses driving up costs and vast amounts of taxpayer money is taken for projects with inflated price tags and wasted.

Families are struggling right now. Increasing their taxes and forcing them to pay off a long-term bond will only add to the burden.

Please vote NO on 17-119

Dr. Matthew Robinson

(This information furnished by Matthew Robinson.)

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Measure 17-123 Three Rivers School District

Referred to the People by
Three Rivers School District

17-123

Authorizes Bonds to Improve Safety, Security, and Re-roof Aged Buildings

QUESTION: Shall Three Rivers School District issue \$39,000,000 in bonds for school capital costs and receive a \$6,000,000 matching grant? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: Three Rivers / Josephine County Unit Joint School District in Oregon depends on local support to fund capital improvements. The District has been awarded a \$6,000,000 grant which will be available only if the bonds are approved. If approved, this measure would finance capital costs within the District, including:

- Re-roof buildings throughout the District to maintain structural integrity and protect the community's investment in school district facilities
- Safety and security measures with a focus on access control at all locations
 - Additional fencing
 - Manned Gates
 - Buzz-in entry systems
 - Cameras
 - Key card entry
 - Security lighting
 - Security Doors and hardware

Bonds would mature in 21 years or less from the date of issuance and may be issued in one or more series. If approved, the annual bond tax rate is estimated to be \$0.42 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value. Actual rates may vary based upon interest rates incurred and changes in assessed value.

State Grant

The District has been selected to receive a matching state grant of \$6 million for these projects only if this bond measure is approved. If the measure is not approved this matching grant would be awarded to another district in Oregon.

The projected tax rate associated with this bond is estimated to be \$0.42 per \$1,000 of assessed value. For example, a property assessed at \$300,000 would contribute an estimated \$126 per year for the 21-year bond term. The actual levy rate may differ due to actual interest rates and changes in assessed value.

(This information furnished by Three Rivers School District.)

Explanatory Statement

This bond measure addresses safety, security, and integrity of our school buildings within Three Rivers / Josephine County Unit Joint School District with a focus on re-roofing aging structures and enhancing security measures. The District currently serves over 4,000 students and employs approximately 600 staff members across 14 schools.

Addressing Roofing Needs

Many of the District's buildings are over 60 years old and in critical condition, as identified in a recent long-range facility plan. Re-roofing these structures will help maintain their structural integrity and prevent future costs. Approximately \$35 million would be dedicated to re-roofing buildings across the District to enhance the safety, functionality, and integrity of the District's aging facilities.

Enhancing School Security

In response to evolving safety concerns, the District's Safety Team and local law enforcement have assessed our school buildings and campuses. The proposed strategy aims to strengthen school perimeters by managing entry and exit points along with deterring and delaying potential threats. Approximately \$10 million would be allocated for security enhancements, including fencing, gates, and advanced entry systems to prioritize the safety of the school community.

**Jackson County
Commissioner, Position 2**



**Denise
Krause**
Democrat

Occupation: Public health consulting

Occupational Background: Retired healthcare executive, state government 25 years

Educational Background: University of Kansas, B.A./B.A.;

Monterey Institute of International Studies, M.A./M.A.; University of Mississippi Medical Center, M.S./Ph.D.

Prior Governmental Experience: Director, Rogue Valley Transportation District; Rogue Valley Transportation Budget Committee; Precinct Committee Person

Dear Fellow Taxpayers:

Are you as tired of wasteful spending and higher taxes as I am? I'm asking for your vote as your new Jackson County Commissioner.

We live and work in a marvelous place. We must take care of our County's business the same way the hardworking taxpayers of Jackson County take care of their family budgets and businesses.

County commissioners shouldn't be making decisions behind closed doors. I'll have an open-door policy and put service back into public service. You'll have my personal hotline where you can call me anytime about county business.

Commissioners must be futuristic leaders in problem-solving while spending your hard-earned tax dollars. We cannot solve today's problems with yesterday's thinking.

Creating new and better jobs is a priority. I plan to team up with local businesses and educational institutions to help boost total economic growth. We cannot tax and spend ourselves into a better economy.

Ensuring fire protection and readiness is essential in safeguarding our families, homes, and livelihoods. I'll collaborate with emergency and forest services to make sure all our communities are as well-prepared as possible. We'll work to update current zoning and building codes to make Jackson County one of the best counties in America.

Inclusiveness and a level playing field must be part of our leadership approach because every taxpayer matters.

I'm asking for your vote and invite you to join me in bringing new ideas for a prosperous future, solving the challenges we face, like housing and homelessness, crime, and access to services. Together, as a united community, we can shape a future where everyone has a chance to thrive and enjoy the highest quality of life possible.

(This information furnished by Denise Krause.)

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**Jackson County
Commissioner, Position 2**



**Randy
Sparacino**
Republican

Occupation: Mayor, City of Medford

Occupational Background: Chief - Medford Police Department; Chief Policy Advisor - City of Medford; Small Business Owner; U.S. Army National Guard and Reserve; Fly Fishing Instructor

Educational Background: Master's in Management; Bachelor's in Social Science, Southern Oregon University

Prior Governmental Experience: RCC Board of Education; Jackson County Airport Advisory Committee; City of Central Point Budget Committee; Oregon Association Chiefs of Police Board

Prior Governmental Experience: RCC Board of Education; Jackson County Airport Advisory Committee; City of Central Point Budget Committee; Oregon Association Chiefs of Police Board

"I love Southern Oregon and have dedicated most of my life protecting and serving it. As Commissioner, I would be honored to continue the work to meet the important challenges facing Jackson County."

- Randy Sparacino

ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY

"Randy's experience in public safety and proven track record as Mayor—dealing with issues like homelessness, mental health, and addiction—equips him to join the Jackson County Board of Commissioners and be a strong advocate for our community's safety." **- Sheriff Nate Sickler**

TACKLING HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS CRISIS

"Randy's commitment to addressing the housing crisis stems from his love for our community. His strong leadership has proven his ability to bring stakeholders together for innovative solutions." **- David Wright, CPM Real Estate Services**

BOOSTING ECONOMIC GROWTH

"Randy's extensive experience in economic development, coupled with leadership skills honed as Medford Police Chief and Mayor, makes him exceptionally qualified to bring people together and find effective solutions for our community."

- Commissioner Dave Dotterer

ADDITIONAL ENDORSEMENTS

U.S. Representative Cliff Bentz • Former U.S. Representative Greg Walden • State Representatives Kim Wallan and Emily McIntire • Commissioner Rick Dyer • Phoenix Mayor Terry Baker • Phoenix City Councilor Scott Clauson • Eagle Point City Councilor David Lacombe • Medford City Councilors Jessica Ayres, Nick Card, Tim D'Alessandro, Chad Miller, Zac Smith, Eric Stark • Claudette Moore • Builders Association of S.O. • Jessica Gomez • Lily Morgan • Mike and Laura Naumes • Travis Snyder • Randy Jones • Kevin Keating • Oregon Forest Industries Council • Oregon Cattlemen's Association • Medford Fire Fighters Association-Local 824 • Oregon Chiefs of Police Association

ElectSparacino.com

(This information furnished by Randy Sparacino.)

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City of Ashland
Mayor



**Tonya
Graham**

Occupation: Geos Institute,
Executive Director

Occupational Background:
Climate resilience planning

Educational Background:
Goddard College, MA Community
Development; Northland
College, BS Biophysical Environmental Studies

Prior Governmental Experience: Liaison to Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization; Ashland City Councilor/Chair; Council Liaison to Wildfire Safety Commission and Climate Policy Commission; Ashland School District Bond Committee Co-Chair; FEMA National Advisory Council; Oregon Department of Transportation Climate Change, Environment, and Resiliency Work Group; Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development Climate Change Vulnerability Advisory Group; League of Oregon Cities Energy and Environment and General Government Committees
Your Mayor

As your Mayor, I have worked with city councilors and staff to meet our community's needs and make it easier for you to engage with your city government. Working together, we have:

Community Engagement

- Launched a new City of Ashland website
- Hosted Coffee & Conversation and Town Hall events

Wildfire

- Strengthened our Fire Adapted Ashland program
- Created evacuation zones
- Updated our Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Removed dead trees from our watershed

Housing

- Completed a Housing Production Strategy
- Secured land for affordable housing
- Supported a new community land trust
- Purchased a severe weather shelter

Economic Development

- Launched the business beautification grant program
- Hired an economic development specialist
- Streamlined permitting processes
- Offered early childhood education grants to support working families

Infrastructure

- Secured favorable financing to build our new water treatment facility
- Re-paved Ashland Street with separated bike lanes

Climate Action

- Installed civic center solar panels
- Increased fuel switching incentives
- Installed electric vehicle charging stations
- Initiated an Electric System Master Plan update to ensure system capacity

Grants

- Secured \$7.9 million in grants

Our Future

Ashland is a city on the move. We still face challenges, but we are facing them together. Our future lies in our resilience. It has been my honor to serve as your mayor. With your support, I will continue to work with city councilors, staff, and community partners to keep Ashland an incredible place to live, work, play, and raise a family.

www.TonyaForAshland.com

(This information furnished by Tonya Graham.)

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City of Ashland
Council Member, Position 1



**Douglas
Knauer**

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background:
Sales Operations Management /
Business Operations Consultant
- Polaroid, Sony, Levi Strauss,
Jones Apparel, Treasury Wine
Estates, Comcast

Educational Background: B.A./ M.A. Economics - UCLA

Prior Governmental Experience: Appointed to Ashland Planning Commission in 2022. Currently serving as Vice-Chairman
Community Involvement:

ASHLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT - Wildfire Resilience Assessment Program - certified volunteer assessor; ASHLAND PARKS AND RECREATION - invasive weeds removal - volunteer; SOUTHERN OREGON LAND CONSERVANCY - land steward and education docent at the Rogue River Preserve; SOUTHERN OREGON BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION - member

Big Challenges We Face:

- Our business economy - We must attract greater business diversity and lessen our dependence on tourism if we are to ride out the downturns we are seeing with summer smoke and wildfire
- Affordable housing - Getting housing built that Ashlanders below the Average Median Income level can purchase or rent
- State mandates - Complying with state-imposed Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities guidelines without losing the 'look and feel' of our neighborhoods
- Wildfires - Hardening our city against wildfire and ensuring we have a realistic and tested evacuation plan to get out quickly

My Initial Focus:

- Economic - Assessing the vibrancy and diversity of our local business economy and determining opportunities where we can support existing and attract new businesses
- Affordable Housing - We have done a lot studies. It's time to pick an approach that appears to have a good chance of delivering results ... and try it.
- Ashland's Demographics - Marketing our city to younger individuals and families to encourage them to move here by showcasing our great schools, many restaurants, diverse arts scene and outdoor recreation opportunities
- Transparency - Our city government must do better when communicating with residents the 'why' of its decisions

-> Opportunity | Community | Responsibility <-

(This information furnished by Douglas Knauer.)

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

**City of Ashland
Council Member, Position 2**



**Kelly
Marcotulli**

Occupation: Preschool Educator

Occupational Background: Educator Preschool through Middle School

Educational Background:

UCLA Teaching Credential; UCLA Sociology BA

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Kelly Marcotulli for Ashland City Council Position 2

I believe that Ashland needs a vital reset. I know I can do the work required to create a healthier and safer home for all of us. The City Council needs to open up communication channels so mutually beneficial solutions to our problems can be achieved. Our local economy is hurting and I have ideas to stimulate revenue. We need serious disclosures of fire safety procedures and our children's welfare must be a priority for our Council. I want to pursue healthy living initiatives that generate better community vitality. I will represent the will of the people, not the corporate interests that are warping our local politics and our affairs.

As a City Councilor, I will:

- Examine and remedy any financial waste and/or city ordinance that isn't healthful and a benefit to all residents
- Pursue new revenue streams and use taxes to benefit local businesses
- Adopt a more welcoming and more communicative Council chambers
- Pursue a Blue Zone (healthy town) designation for Ashland

Endorsements

"As a resident of this community for forty years, I have concerns about Ashland's future. Accountability, caring and proaction are required at a leadership level to correct and return Ashland to a balanced environment of livability, health and safety. My working engagements with Kelly Marcotulli confirm she possesses clear insights to the problems that threaten us and she has the foresight, drive, determination, and leadership necessary to restore and sustain a healthy Ashland. Without hesitation, I endorse Marcotulli's run for City Council.

Gerry Lehrburger MD, Director
Health Research Institute

(This information furnished by Kelly Marcotulli.)

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

**City of Ashland
Council Member, Position 2**



**Jeff
Dahle**

Occupation: Owner and President, Technical Consulting business; Professional Pilot; NCAA Referee

Occupational Background: Director, Solutions Engineering and Architecture, Zayo LLC;

Chief Engineer, Entravision Communications; Former President/Treasurer, multiple non-profit 501 (c)3 organizations

Educational Background: University of Oregon; University of Phoenix, BS Information Technology; Southern Oregon University

Prior Governmental Experience: Ashland City Councilor; Ashland Budget Committee; Ashland Airport Commission, Chair

My name is Jeff Dahle, I'm an Ashland native, and this is my family's home.

I have over three decades of proven leadership and experience working with diverse organizations in both public and private sectors collaborating to solve complex issues.

My Priorities for Ashland

Wildfire Resilience: I will always advocate for proactive mitigation measures and emergency preparedness to keep our community and critical infrastructure safe.

Economic Innovation: I will partner with local entrepreneurs to formulate new ideas and foster an environment that appreciates as well as respects their unique insight.

Accessible Housing: I will promote creative solutions and partnerships that increase housing security for all residents.

As your Councilor, I am firmly committed to achieving these objectives by:

- Fostering open communication: I encourage diverse voices to share their perspectives, ensuring all stakeholders feel heard and valued.
- Promoting constructive dialogue: I practice active listening and strive to understand the underlying motivations, concerns, and emotions driving different viewpoints.
- Utilizing data and evidence: I support policy decisions with reliable, objective information to help navigate differing opinions and build consensus.
- Encouraging compromise: I recognize that effective policy involves finding a balance among competing interests and striving for the greatest common good.
- Maintaining transparency: I will continue to ensure that my decision-making processes are clear, open, and accessible, fostering trust and accountability among all Ashland stakeholders.

With your support, we can create a vibrant future for Ashland, where informed decisions are prioritized, and collective progress leads to excellent outcomes.

I am honored to serve our community, and I am extremely grateful for your trust and your vote.

Learn more at www.jeffdahle.com

(This information furnished by Jeff Dahle.)

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**City of Ashland
Council Member, Position 3**



**Dylan
Bloom**

Occupation: Service Advisor
Occupational Background: Operations Manager; Marketing Consultant; General Manager; Server; Line Cook; Dishwasher

Educational Background:

Southern Oregon University - BS Political Science; Ashland High School

Prior Governmental Experience: Ashland City Council - Position 2 (Appointed); Housing and Human Services Committee; Transportation Advisory Committee; Rogue Valley Council of Governments (Board Member); Homelessness Masterplan Subcommittee; Associated Student of Southern Oregon University

Background

Ashland has been my home for 20 years, since I moved here at age 12. Since my appointment to the City Council in March 2023, I've worked to address our city's challenges with balanced, thoughtful solutions.

Qualifications

Current Ashland City Councilor, Position 3
5+ years of public service and volunteer work, including at the severe weather shelter

Long-time Ashland resident with a deep understanding of our community's needs

My Priorities

Homelessness: I support services for those in need, volunteering at the severe weather shelter, and have advocated for a camping ordinance to better manage public spaces and help people transition into shelter.

Public Safety: I strongly support the Ashland Police Department's community policing culture and training, and I advocate for budget increases. I also support Ashland Fire and Rescue, promoting increased funding and the single-role EMS program to ensure public safety and firefighter availability.

Economic Stability: We must diversify our economy by promoting outdoor recreation, particularly mountain biking, and proactively recruiting small batch, light manufacturing to create high-paying jobs.

Housing Affordability: As a renter, I understand the housing challenges in Ashland. I've been a strong proponent of the Housing Production Strategy and will continue advocating for policies that make Ashland accessible to all income levels and attract young families.

Why Vote for Me?

I believe in finding balanced, practical solutions to Ashland's challenges and will continue to work toward creating a resilient, inclusive community.

(This information furnished by Dylan Bloom.)

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

**City of Ashland
Council Member, Position 3**



**Eric
Navickas**

Occupation: Certified Organic Farmer; Residential Designer

Occupational Background: Planning Consultant; Residential Designer; Political Organizer

Educational Background:

University of Oregon; 5 year Professional Degree Bachelor of Architecture (BArch)

Prior Governmental Experience: Ashland City Councilor (4 years); Ashland Citizen Budget Committee (5 years)

It is a love for this community and a deep commitment to our city that inspires me to run for Ashland City Council. Together, we can work toward creating a verdant and successful city.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION:

A focus on rejuvenating downtown vitality by updating Ashland's Downtown Plan of 1989 will bring the community together to comprehensively discuss how to invigorate this indispensable asset. Parking, housing, event planning, street furniture, lighting, public space, zoning regulations, auto, bicycle, and pedestrian flows will be reassessed toward increasing the vitality of our downtown.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

My previous efforts on the city council resulted in the construction of over 120 affordable homes in Ashland. Through a focus on affordable housing our city will become more accessible to young families.

ECONOMIC DIVERSITY:

I will work to promote diversification of the local economy to augment our tourism and entertainment base. Through expanding light industry including specialty food production, fabrication, arts production, clothing manufacturing, etc., we can add jobs and employ a rising generation.

QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE:

Savings and economic prosperity come through investment in quality infrastructure. Deferring maintenance and reducing quality standards results in problems and wasteful spending.

CLIMATE FRIENDLY CITY:

Through maintaining a dense urban footprint, protecting the urban growth boundary, investing in green infrastructure, and expanding conservation programs, Ashland can thrive and be a climate friendly city.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY:

With five years of experience on the Ashland Budget Committee, I have a deep understanding of how to set priorities toward avoiding wasteful spending. Sound fiscal planning is basic to a healthy government and I will work tirelessly toward economic stability for the city and savings for the community.

(This information furnished by Eric Navickas.)

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

**City of Ashland
Council Member, Position 5**



**Gina
DuQuenne**

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: More than 20 years in the hospitality industry. 14 years with the Neuman Hotel Group as Senior Sales Manager in Ashland. Founder and former owner of

Absolute Elegance, an event and wedding planning company.

Educational Background: Attended Bishop Conady Catholic School, and earned a General Equivalency Degree (GED)

Prior Governmental Experience: Ashland City Councilor; Council Liaison to Housing and Human Services Committee; Council Liaison to Southern Oregon University; Council Liaison to Social Equity and Racial Justice Committee; Council Liaison to Ashland Chamber of Commerce and Travel Ashland; Council Liaison to Public Arts Committee

Now more than ever we need to find common ground and get the work of the people done. I will continue to be fiscally responsible with your money and ask the hard questions while creating a livable Ashland.

A Voracious Economy

We need family wage jobs in hemp manufacturing, modular home construction and limited but valuable wood processing. I will work to bring jobs back through proposing incentives and encouraging employers to locate in Ashland.

Housing Crisis & Homelessness

Change the onerous regulations that discourage affordable housing in Ashland. Urge Community Development to create accessible and affordable plans for realistically priced homes with ADU premade plans, greater flexibility for increasing affordable housing by partnering with community-based organizations.

Climate Action

I will continue to commit to working with our regional climate-action groups and our community to achieve Ashland's goals to reduce consumption, emissions and wildfires. And we need a greater emphasis on "know your zone" evacuation routes and zone captains who assist in regular drills and communication, so that in case of fire, everyone knows their roles and evacuation routes.

Social Equity & Racial Justice

Everyone has the right to live with dignity and integrity, free from discrimination. I will continue working for racial equity in our community.

ENDORSEMENT: Unite Oregon Action

WEBSITE: www.GinaForThePeople2024.com

(This information furnished by Gina DuQuenne.)

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**City of Ashland
Park Commissioner, Position 1**



**Michael
Gardiner**

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Tree-planter, forest management provider: Transportation management, trucking.

Educational Background: University of Evansville, IN -

Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Prior Governmental Experience: City of Ashland Planning Commission, 1996-2002; Ashland Parks & Recreation Commission, 2002-2010, 2012-2022; Ashland Transportation Commission, 2010-2012; Citizen's Budget Committee, Ashland, 2022-23.

As a candidate for Ashland Parks & Recreation Commission (APRC) Position #1, I look forward to collaborating with commissioners as they plan for a future of change and opportunity. I am committed to continue offering quality park and recreation experiences for all of Ashland citizens and visitors.

As a 38-year resident of Ashland, I have experienced first-hand the many events that have changed and shaped our community. Throughout all of these changes, one theme resounds over the years: consistent community support for a robust and quality recreation and open-space infrastructure.

My past service on the commission has given me the opportunity to work with the Planning Department, Public Works, Ashland Fire and Rescue as well as the substantial APRC staff. As the guiding elected body, APRC has multiple opportunities to impact these relationships that support the delivery of the many city-wide services. I know and understand this world.

As commissioner, I will be committed to the judicious allocation of our limited General Fund and Food and Beverage tax dollars. Every capital improvement project must be rigorously vetted by APRC staff and commissioners. Every operating dollar within the APRC budget must be efficiently used with care and purpose. I also know and understand this world.

There is a new spirit of collaboration and understanding within our City governance as we move forward in our mission to bring quality parks and recreation experiences to all of Ashland.

I ask for your VOTE for Ashland Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Position #1.

Thank you.

(This information furnished by Michael Gardiner.)

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

City of Ashland
Park Commissioner, Position 1



**Fer
Mejia**

Occupation: Family Engagement and Outreach Supervisor at the Oregon Child Development Coalition

Occupational Background: Southern Oregon Head Start: October 2012-August 2015;

Council of Science and Technology of the State of Guanajuato: August 2008-August 2010

Educational Background: Southern Oregon University: Masters in Management ; Universidad de Guanajuato: BA in International Commerce

Prior Governmental Experience: N/A

My name is Fer Mejia and I am choosing to run for APRC position #1 because I love parks! I moved to Ashland back in 2010 from my childhood home of Guanajuato, Mexico. I am a proud graduate of Southern Oregon University and achieved a masters degree in 2012. Prior to living in Ashland I spent some time living in the southern region of Belgium and Montreal Canada for schooling in my younger years. Since moving to Ashland I have learned to really appreciate the nature that surrounds this city. I've been working with DEVO, a local non-profit that teaches youth mountain biking, since its inception. As my full time normi job I work for another non-profit organization that provides early childhood education to low income children. In my free time I enjoy trail running, riding bike with my husband and friends, and organizing group rides for women. If elected, I plan is to continue to give back to the community that I have come to care for so deeply.

(This information furnished by Fer Mejia.)

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

City of Ashland
Park Commissioner, Position 2



**Daniel
Weiner**

Occupation: Family Practice Physician

Occupational Background: White Water Rafting Guide; Activities Therapist

Educational Background:

California State University, Chico. Received a BA in Psychology and Philosophy; Western University of Health Sciences. Received a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

Prior Governmental Experience: None

My name is Daniel Weiner and I am honored to offer my candidacy for Ashland Parks and Recreation Commissioner.

I have had the pleasure of working in Ashland for the past 9 years as a Family Practice Physician supporting the health and wellness of our community.

I developed a deep appreciation for the outdoors at a very young age growing up in the foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains. As an young adult I spent many summers working as a river guide on the Upper Klamath River and spent my off days in and around Ashland.

It was apparent at that time the Ashland City Parks are an integral part of who and what this city is. As a Parks Commissioner I will be steadfastly committed to ensuring the care of this treasured resource we are blessed with.

The Parks and Recreation Department is also equally responsible for the oversight of Recreation Programs and Senior Services. These programs and services are critical to providing growth and development opportunities for our children and a safety net for our seniors. Equal attention must be paid to all areas of departmental responsibility.

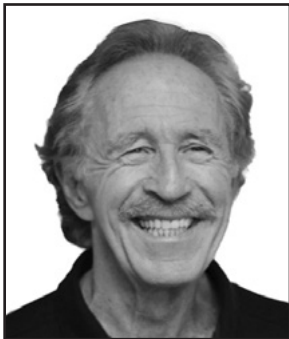
Every decision made relating to the management of the Department must consider 1) how will that decision serve current community needs, 2) How might that decision impact attraction of new community members and 3) How might that decision enhance business and revenue opportunities for Ashland in a changing economy.

My commitment to you if elected is that I will listen to the voice of the community and work every day to move your vision forward with financially responsible decisions ensuring our parks and recreation programs with thrive for many years into the future.

(This information furnished by Daniel Weiner.)

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

City of Ashland
Park Commissioner, Position 2



**Rick
Vann**

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Corporate Management, Hospitality and Foodservice Design Industry.

Educational Background: B.S. Marketing, SDSU.

Prior Governmental Experience: None

My family and I love Ashland! My two daughters graduated from Ashland High School and our family has enjoyed the parks, trails, and the year round "vibe" here. I would like to give back to our great community with the help of YOUR vote in November!

I believe that the connections and mental health value of our park/rec system are remarkable, and I intend to focus on these. My decades of corporate experience in the hospitality industry and my humanistic approach will help me encourage more community involvement. And I also stay connected by teaching an OLLI course and hosting a local radio show.

I think it is critical to PRESERVE our parks and recreation areas for future generations. I will work to prevent commercialization in our park/rec areas. Tourists and locals alike love our outdoor activities .. hiking, biking, meditation, entertainment, golf, tennis, pickleball, ice skating, birding, and much more.

Climate change will impact our parks/ trails, we need to plan ahead. I'll address challenges like drought and wildfires. And we need to protect the variety of wildlife that call Ashland home and add to our enjoyment!

I will also work closely with police, fire and public works to ensure that YOU have an advocate in the planning process. If elected I would have community forums to get YOUR ideas and concerns. I would be accessible and my personal contact info would be available to all 24/7.

Some of MY ideas?

*A Native American garden/ educational exhibit in Lithia Park.

*Indoor/ covered facility planning for smoky days, extreme heat, and winter use.

*Historical Display for the women that truly created Lithia Park.

*Intergenerational events and activities for all ages to play and connect!

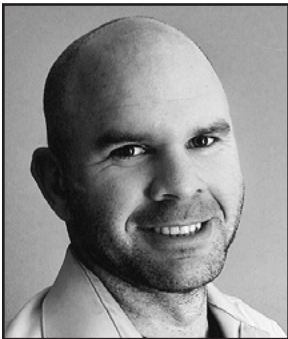
A vote for Rick Vann for APRC is a vote for everyone who enjoys our parks and trails!

Thank You!

(This information furnished by Rick Vann.)

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City of Ashland
Park Commissioner, Position 2



**Ian
Cropper**

Occupation: Engineering Manager

Occupational Background: Software Engineer

Educational Background: B.A. Computer Science: Brigham Young University; Ashland High School

Prior Governmental Experience: None

As an Ashland native, I m running to ensure that our beloved public spaces continue to thrive and serve present and coming generations as graciously as they ve served past ones.

As a Parks Commissioner, my priorities are:

- Take our trails seriously
- Use Parks & Rec to help bolster our local economy
- Strengthen Ashland s young-family appeal
- Diversify funding and decrease reliance on the Food & Beverage tax

I grew up in Ashland, playing in its creeks, frequenting its parks, climbing its trees, hiking its trails and attending its schools. Having spent most of my career away from Ashland, I now want to combine the ideas, lessons, and skills I ve gained towards the passion I have for our town.

I kindly ask for your vote, and I look forward to collaborating with residents to make our parks, outdoors, and recreational opportunities a flourishing cornerstone of our community.

(This information furnished by Ian Cropper.)

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



**Taneea
Browning**

Occupation: Managing Partner at CraterWorks Makerspace LLC and Executive Director for Direct Involvement Recreational Teaching (DIRT)

Occupational Background: 20+ years of Workforce Development, Entrepreneurial startup, Non-profit development

Educational Background: Eagle Point High School, Rogue Community College

Prior Governmental Experience: Central Point City Council, League of Oregon Cities Board of Directors, Western Municipal League, Rogue Valley COG, Fire District 3 board liaison.

I was born and raised in Oregon, have lived in Central Point for 15 years, and I love serving this community. Having served as the president of the League of Oregon Cities, and currently chairing the Western Municipal League, I bring a broad range of policy-making expertise to the table. I understand the importance of prioritizing public safety, small-town culture, and active participation in regional and statewide conversations that help Central Point thrive as a community. As our mayor of over 22 years retires, I plan to continue to build upon the great work that this city has undertaken and prioritized.

I have served on the Central Point City Council for nearly a decade and have strived to build and maintain relationships that support Central Point's vision and values. As your new mayor, I will continue to support the top priorities identified in the City of Central Point's citizen surveys, which include:

- Prioritizing Public Safety
- Maintaining our unique small-town feel

Additionally, I will focus on:

- Preparing our young residents for the future
- Connecting resources for Central Point with regional partners

I believe that keeping important decisions at the local level—made by local leaders—is vital for the continued success of our community.

Passionate About Central Point

"Taneea always shows up and is willing to work with others, roll up her sleeves and find solutions for our community." - **Retired Central Point Police Chief Kris Allison**

More info at: taneeaformayor.org

(This information furnished by Taneea Browning.)

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



**Zachary
Matthew
Sutton**

Occupation: I am a screenwriter and director at Films Against Empires LLC.

Occupational Background: I was a file clerk at the law office of Matthew Sutton from 2010 through May 2021; a volunteer

receptionist and office worker at Help Now! Advocacy Center from August 2017 to November 2017; and a paid canvasser for Jeff Golden's campaign working for Fieldworks from October 2018 to November 2018.

Educational Background: I attended middle school and high school at St. Mary's School in Medford, Oregon from 2009 to 2016; an online film studies class called "The Art and Technique of Film" from UCLA from July to August 2014; California State University Northridge, majoring in CTVA (Provisional) from 2016 to 2017; then, I majored in digital cinema at Southern Oregon University during sophomore and junior year. I'm currently taking a break to focus on producing and directing my first movie, a political film.

Prior Governmental Experience: None

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

I served on three political campaigns, including two presidential campaigns, starting from a young age when my father was a campaign organizer and a delegate in 2008. I've done phone banking; canvassing; and made merchandise.

POLICIES

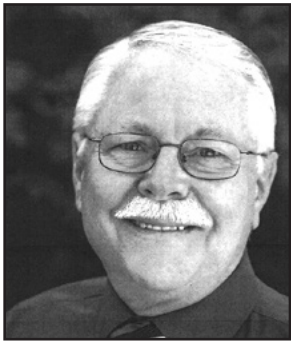
I intend to become mayor so I can make Central Point a better place and help people. I plan to, as mayor, install recycling receptacles in downtown Central Point and use my position to ensure that Rogue Disposal recycles all the recyclable materials they receive. I plan to start a trash cleanup program where volunteers would pick up the trash around town one day every other week for a few hours and receive a free sack lunch. I intend to start a veteran voucher card program where veterans would receive a card that they could swipe at gas stations, convenience stores, and grocery stores to receive 20% off on gas and groceries.

(This information furnished by Zachary Matthew Sutton.)

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City of Central Point
Council Member, At-Large

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Council Member, At-Large



**Michael
Parsons**

Occupation: Meadows Community Homeowners Association; Board member; 2012-present; unpaid; Central Point Police Department; Volunteers in Police Service 2016; present; unpaid

Occupational Background: Quality Transport Inc; (Transportation Logistics; 24; yrs paid

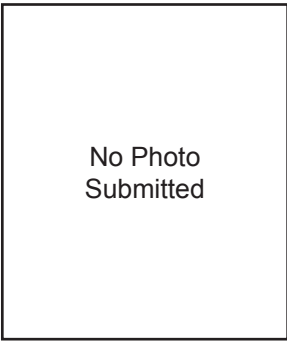
Educational Background: Samuel Merritt College, Oakland CA; majored in Criminology, Administration of Justice, Police Science; 7 years.

Prior Governmental Experience: Central Point City Council, Appointed 2018; elected in 2020: Rogue Valley Sewer Service Board of Directors; appointed in 2020; elected in 2022; Jackson County Civil Service Commission; appointed in 2022; Central Point Parks and Recreation Foundation, Board Member since 2022.

My name is Michael Parsons. I have been an Oregon resident since 1975, 28 of those years in the Rogue Valley, and returned to retire in Central Point in 2012. I am an elected Boardmember for The Meadows Community Homeowners Assn. in Central Point for 11 of the last 13 years, 9 Yrs as its President. In 2016 I began to Volunteer with the Central Point Police Department as a Volunteer, the last 5 years I have trained the new Volunteers with the emphasis on Safety and Protocol and as an Ambassador for the City of Central Point. In 2018 I was appointed to the City Council at-large-position, and was elected in 2020. As a council member I have acted as Council liaison to both Central Point Parks and Recreation and Foundation, and as liaison to the Jackson County Public Safety Coordinating Council. If reelected I will serve to help maintain the safety security and livability that we all enjoy in this Community. The citizens of Central Point submitted their opinions in the Citizens Surveys over the years and the City listened. Those opinions were integrated into the Central Point Strategic Plan 2040 Document. As a City Council member we have the fiduciary duty to make decisions that maintain the Community value, and to make decisions that benefit all of its stakeholders - the Citizens of Central Point.

(This information furnished by Michael Parsons.)

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**Rob
Hernandez**

Occupation: Retired
Occupational Background: 1973-1994 Boise Cascade Western Oregon (1984-1994 Area Purchasing Manager); 1995-2016 Co-Owner S&B James Construction Company;

2008 Co-Founder Black Rock Coffee Bar

Educational Background: 1972 Graduate Crater High School

Prior Governmental Experience: 2017-2024 Central Point City Council; Currently serving on Jackson County Fire District 3 Budget Committee, School District 6 Bond Oversight Committee; Previously served on City of Central Point Budget Committee and Planning Commission 2008-2011 Oregon Construction Contractors Board (2 years Chairman)

Past President and 30 year member Rotary Club of Central Point. Current President and 30 year board member of The Crater Foundation. Current Board Member Providence Community Health Foundation. Current Vice President Jackson County Friends of The Fair Foundation.

(This information furnished by Rob Hernandez.)

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**Kathy
Sell**

Occupation: Current Mayor of Eagle Point. Owner: Ridgeback Forest Management LLC

Occupational Background: Good Guys Guns 10 yrs-present. Owner of Valley Feed and Pet Supply, Eagle Point 38 yrs.

Production Manager Upper Rogue Independent 10 yrs. Forest Industry work 30+ years.

Educational Background: Southern Oregon University, Santa Rosa High School

Prior Governmental Experience: Current Mayor of Eagle Point 2yrs. Eagle Point/Upper Rogue Community Foundation, present. Eagle Point City Council 10 yrs. Eagle Point Economic Commission, Eagle Point Parks and Recreation Committee

I have lived, worked and played in Eagle Point for 40+ years. My Husband, Randy and I owned and operated Valley Feed and Pet Supply for 38 of those years. We raised our family in Eagle Point and plan to live out our lives here. Over the years we have been active with the Scout Troops that serve our community and continue to help when needed.

The people of Eagle Point have been very supportive of our business and our family. My goal as Mayor is to show that same support to them. I have served the city in many capacities over the years and would like to continue to do so as your Mayor. My goals for Eagle Point continue to be keeping Eagle Point STRONG, SAFE and PRODUCTIVE FOR BUSINESSES and a place people would want to live.

I would be honored to show my gratitude to Eagle Point by continuing to serve as your Mayor.

Kathy Sell

(This information furnished by Kathy Sell.)

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**Lena
Beach**

Occupation: HomeGoods

Occupational Background: Full charge bookkeeper, accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, A/R collections, furniture sales, phone sales, website product uploader, life insurance sales, property maintenance and manager

Educational Background: Watsonville High School, Cabrillo College, Alameda City College, Hayward State, College for Financial Planning, H&R Block tax school, Series 7 stock brokers course for licensing, Life insurance courses for licensing.

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Can we preserve the unique and historical aspects of Eagle Point, or do we sit silent and let the subdividers have their way with our community. Urban sprawl beyond the eye can see, crime, untreated sewage dumped into the river, water rationing.

What will the future landscape of our community look like after our farmland is developed with more subdivisions on the horizon?

We need leaders with a vision, will and character to help preserve our town and ensure that houses have yards big enough for nurturing families and children and that the architecture of our buildings enhance the historical character of our town.

City of Eagle Point is adopting Climate Friendly Equitable Communities (CFEC) aka 20-minute neighborhood or 15-minute city by changing the zoning of our town. This top down plan will be used to police how much fuel we use, how far we can drive, our food choices, etc.

If elected, I will listen attentively, engage in careful deliberation, and support policies that retains Eagle Point's character. I will commit to ensuring effective public safety, fostering economic development, encourage citizen involvement, maintain open communications and uphold prudent financial policies.

Eagle Point and all of her citizens are my top priority.

I would be honored if you placed your vote for me to serve as your Eagle Point City Councilor.

(This information furnished by Lena Beach.)

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City of Eagle Point
Council Member



Stacy
Fields

Occupation: Director, Bridging Communities

Occupational Background: Secretary/Treasurer, Hadley Roofing, Inc., 1997-2020; Fitness Instructor/Water Safety Instructor, Rogue Valley Family YMCA, 1996-2020

Educational Background: South Medford High School, Graduate; Rogue Community College, Community Health Worker Certification

Prior Governmental Experience: City Councilor

I am honored to serve as your current City Councilor, appointed by a majority vote of the City Council in February 2023. Having lived in Eagle Point for over 20 years, my husband and I are raising our family here and are deeply committed to the future of our community.

Professionally, I direct the Family Network for Jackson and Josephine Counties, a nonprofit program dedicated to connecting families of children with disabilities to each other and to the community. I also work to help create a welcoming community and collaborate to improve services and supports for children and families. Additionally, my husband and I own and operate a small machine shop, which keeps me actively involved in the local economy and attuned to the needs of small business owners.

My involvement extends to various state and local committees and boards, including the Oregon Developmental Disability Services Children's Services Advisory Group, the Oregon Department of Education's State Advisory Council for Special Education, and the Board of Directors for The Arc Jackson County. I am also a board member of a local charter school, committed to providing quality education and supporting our community's educational needs.

With more time on the City Council, I would love to focus on ensuring strong connections between our local government and educational institutions, fostering a thriving community and building a bright future for all of our residents.

I would be grateful to receive your support and continue working for you, advocating for policies and initiatives that benefit our entire community. Your vote will allow me to keep serving and making a positive impact in Eagle Point.

Better Together,
Stacy Fields

Endorsed by Mayor Kathy Sell, Council President Michael Stanek and Robert Pinnell

(This information furnished by Stacy Fields.)

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City of Eagle Point
Council Member



Kira
Zavala

Occupation: Vice President of Communications & Programs, The Chamber of Medford & Jackson County

Occupational Background: Butte Creek Mill Foundation Current Board Member; Sal-

vation Army Advisory Board Member; Coordinator for Jackson County Toys for Tots 2015 - 2021; Oregon Employer Council Board President 2018.

Educational Background: Institute of Organization Management, US Chamber of Commerce; College of The Desert (three years); Rogue Community College (one year).

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Vision for a Vibrant Eagle Point

I am committed to enhancing livability, promoting local business growth, and preserving our community's unique character.

I will work to:

1. Expanding Recreational Opportunities

I will advocate for additional public amenities, explore funding for new park projects, and work to keep our public spaces safe and welcoming for all.

2. Supporting Community Development

I am dedicated to fostering community partnerships and supporting initiatives that improve our quality of life. I strive to create a collaborative environment where people are excited to volunteer and decisions reflect the needs of Eagle Point residents.

3. Preserving Our Heritage

I am committed to preserving and promoting Eagle Point's rich historic and cultural heritage. I will support efforts to protect historic resources and community events celebrating our town's unique history and culture.

4. Strengthening Local Businesses

By building strong relationships with business owners, advocating on their behalf, and connecting them with resources and clients, I aim to ensure that Eagle Point remains a vibrant and economically robust community.

Fresh Perspective on the City Council

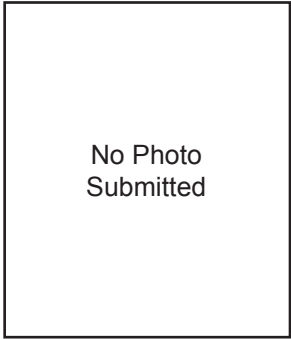
I bring a fresh perspective to the Eagle Point City Council and am dedicated to working towards solutions that truly represent our community's needs. I will work diligently to foster a safe, welcoming environment for residents and visitors alike.

Join Me in Building a Stronger Eagle Point

Together, we can make Eagle Point an even better place to live, work, and play. I am honored to have your support and appreciate your vote in this election. Let's work together to build a stronger, more connected community.

(This information furnished by Kira Zavala.)

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**Melia
Biedscheid**

Occupation: Retired Speech-Language Pathologist

Occupational Background: Speech-Language Pathologist

Educational Background: MA Communication Science and

Disorders, University of Montana; BA Linguistics and Spanish, University of Montana

Prior Governmental Experience: Councilor, City of Gold Hill; Council President, City of Gold Hill; Vice-Chair, Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO); Member, Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (RVACT); Member, Gold Hill Charter Review Commission

I first ran for City Council in 2020 because I love our little city. I moved here with my family 25 years ago from a small town in Montana. When I arrived in Gold Hill for the first time, I knew immediately I wanted to live here forever. For the past 25 years, I have been busy raising children, caring for my elderly mother, working and volunteering. I retired in June 2020, and now have time to give back to my community. I bring 40 years of professional experience in education and health care to the position. As a city councilor since 2020 I have used my skills in communication, negotiation and organizational planning to help make Gold Hill a more vibrant place for families, business and recreation. I advocated through RVACT to convince ODOT to widen the bridge at Exit 40 to accommodate larger emergency vehicles and public transportation vehicles. I advocated letting the citizens vote on the Rogue Valley Sewer Services annexation allowing Gold Hill to modernize our wastewater system. I wrote a grant to replace the entrance doors to City Hall so that they are fire regulation and ADA compliant. I am involved in the process to convert the abandoned and dangerous cement plant powerhouse site in the Sports Park to a safe and beautiful public space. In my next term, I will continue efforts to improve infrastructure and economic opportunity, to acquire funding for our drinking water system and parks, and to implement solutions for public safety and wildfire preparedness--working with Gold Hill residents to help achieve our community's potential.

(This information furnished by Melia Biedscheid.)

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**Donna
Bowen**

Occupation: Current Mayor of Jacksonville

Occupational Background: VP of Operations various Brokerage firms including Shearson/American Express and A.G. Edwards.

Educational Background: S.W.O.C.C

Prior Governmental Experience: Historic Architectural Review Commission; Budget Committee; Personnel Committee; City Councilor; Liaison Cemetery Commission; Liaison CIG; Liaison RVACT; Liaison RVMPO; Incumbent Mayor

As current Mayor of Jacksonville, I have worked the last four years to maintain a balance in our historic town of the past; the present; and the future. This echoes the views presented to me by our citizens, and our Council. The Jacksonville City Council, and myself, were able to accomplish a body of work that I am proud of including:

- **The development of a Citizen's Emergency Guide, and Emergency Evacuation Checklist and Map; to ensure our citizens safety, in event of wildfire or disaster.**
- **Completion of a new Fire Hall and Emergency Operations Center, replacing a building on the site.**
- **Rebuilt our police department staff, after losing officers to retirement and natural attrition.**
- **Joined with citizens bringing new speed regulations; increased enforcement of traffic violations; purchased mobile speed signs and speed bumps; and added new signage throughout the city.**
- **Began development of bringing a museum back to Jacksonville, utilizing our historic "Old City Hall" building.**
- **Formed a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and a Committee for Citizen Involvement (CCI). These committees research city projects and make recommendations to Council.**
- **Neared completion of re-writing our Municipal Code, chapters 1-18. This is with the help of Council members, the CAC and CCI.**
- **Presented yearly balanced budgets and adhered to these budgets, after revamping the budget process.**

As a native Oregonian, I understand the love, and pride, we take in our state and cities. Jacksonville is unique as a historical city and I will continue to uphold our values. I ask for your vote, for Mayor, to continue our successful work.

(This information furnished by Donna Bowen.)

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City of Jacksonville
Council Member



Michelle M Erwin

Occupation: Film Production-Marketing & Branding - Board Member: The Quester Community - Barista

Occupational Background: None

Educational Background: University of Life, Serial Entrepreneur

Prior Governmental Experience: Taxpayer

We fell in love with Southern Oregon during a location scout for our independent film company. Our family moved here in 1999; our children attended Jacksonville Elementary; we built a beautiful life.

Our town is not just any town but a living museum on the National Historic Register. I have had the unique privilege of working at six of our five-star businesses in the heart of Jacksonville. This experience taught me what it takes to build a beautiful brand and the unique challenges our local businesses face.

Preservation with a Purpose: Our town's history isn't just about old buildings; it's the story of us, etched in brick and mortar. I'm committed to preserving our heritage, not for nostalgia's sake but because it's the foundation of our identity. However, preservation doesn't mean we embalm our town in amber. We'll find innovative, sustainable ways to maintain our integrity while making our town livable for today's citizens. One example of blending the past with the future is my work completing the Jacksonville Skate Park. It was challenging. Through communication and patience, the city council approved the project. If elected, I will seek grants to beautify the park.

Engagement Over Entitlement: It isn't just about me serving you; it's about working together. I am committed to engaging with every neighborhood and every community group to understand what preservation means to you and to ensure that your voices are part of the decisions that shape our town. Let's make our town's next chapter as compelling as its first, striking the perfect balance between remembering and moving forward without breaking the bank.

On a personal note, my beloved husband, Mike, passed away on November 1, 2021. The deep, loving friendships that we built over two decades buoyed me through my loss and grief. I'm forever grateful, Jacksonville!!

(This information furnished by Michelle M Erwin.)

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City of Jacksonville
Council Member



John W Jorgenson

Occupation: Retired Retail Executive; SCORE Mentor

Occupational Background: Marketing and Operations gasoline and convenience Stores.

Educational Background:

Winona State University, B.S. Elementary Education

Prior Governmental Experience: Served on the Citizen Advisory Committee for the City of Jacksonville. The CAC is a citizen involvement program that ensures the opportunity for citizens to be involved in the planning process. During my two years with the CAC, we put together Chapter One of the updated Comprehensive Plan.

I serve as the chair of the Committee for Citizen involvement. We advocate for public participation in the City's land use processes. During my tenure we held public hearings on two of the new code updates including state parking requirements for developers and a new tree removal ordinance.

Seeking a seat on the city council is a natural progression in my desire to serve the good folks of Jacksonville. I plan to bring my passion to protect what we already enjoy as citizens of Jacksonville with an openness to new opportunities to help keep our city relevant and thriving.

I have thirty-five years of experience operating a large portfolio of gasoline and convenience store locations and often faced hiring, budgeting, and other challenges. I am confident I can use that experience to add value to the ongoing operating challenges we face in Jacksonville.

I am a proponent of a strong business community and support and celebrate the work done by our small business operators. I continue to serve small business operators as a SCORE Mentor. SCORE is a nonprofit organization that provides free, confidential business mentoring and training workshops to small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs.

Jacksonville has welcomed my family with open arms and has given us so much; we are so grateful to everyone who makes this such a special place to live. I look forward to receiving your vote to join the Jacksonville City Council, and I am ready to serve this special city.

(This information furnished by John W Jorgenson.)

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City of Jacksonville
Council Member



**Andrea L
Thompson**

Occupation: Retired Educator
Occupational Background:
Professor of American Literature
Educational Background:
University of Arizona, Ph.D.;
Stanford University, MA; Reed
College, BA

Prior Governmental Experience: Elected to Jacksonville City Council, 2020; Jacksonville Budget Committee; Board of Directors, RVCOG; Committee for Citizen Involvement, Chair; Board of Trustees, Chico Unified School District, 2 terms

Jacksonville is an amazing place to call home. As President of the Jacksonville Boosters Club, I am committed to community service. Before relocating here in 2016, I was Professor of American literature and Native American Studies at CSU, Chico where I also served as Director of the University Honors Program. Professionally and politically, I learned the importance of team building, inclusiveness and transparency.

I was elected to the Jacksonville City Council in 2020. During my term, many of my efforts have been directed to concerns about wildfire. Working with the Council, we produced Evacuation Maps and updated the City's Emergency Operations Manual; I authored several articles for the *Jacksonville Review* on techniques of home hardening and emergency preparation. I worked with Jacksonville Fire and Police on grant applications for equipment and for fuel reduction monies. I was pleased to assist with a grant which brought the City \$500,000 for fuel reduction in Forest Park. During my term we resisted turning our police department over to the County, instead advocating for and working to rebuild our own police department.

Looking forward, the Council will face critical issues including delivering exceptional public safety services despite the rising costs, balancing encouraging tourism with the needs of our residents, accommodating inevitable growth while maintaining the unique character of the town. These are challenging questions, yet I believe I possess a pragmatic, thoughtful approach, one wedded to collaboration and to community participation. I would be honored to have your vote.

(This information furnished by Andrea L. Thompson.)

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City of Jacksonville
Council Member



**Steve
Casaleggio**

Occupation: Retired
Occupational Background:
Municipal bond attorney
Educational Background:
University of California, Davis;
Bachelor of Arts 1966; University
of California Law School San Francisco; Juris Doctor 1969

Prior Governmental Experience: Councilor; Jacksonville City Council; 2017 to present

I'm honored to have been a Jacksonville City Councilor for two terms and am seeking your support to continue. After retiring as a public finance attorney, I've served on our City committees and commissions and as Boosters Club president and am still active in City volunteer work. But, my most rewarding contribution has been as a member of a hard-working City Council, dedicated to Jacksonville's best interests.

I'm proud to have been a part of our City's accomplishments: completion of our new, state of the art fire station replacing its leaky, inadequate predecessor; ordering a brand new fire engine; repurposing our vacant Old City Hall as an interactive history museum; updating and simplifying our City codes; addressing needed disaster preparedness measures; and assuring a consistently balanced City budget, a claim that many of our neighbor cities cannot make. Our vital fire and police services are preserved within our budget.

Jacksonville's continued vitality is in its caring citizens and in its remarkably collegial and respectful Council. In these challenging times, new and increased fiscal and policy issues will face the next Council. But, with the right members, it will remain dedicated to a common goal: sustaining the treasure that is our City. Please allow me to continue to help in that most worthy cause. Thank you.

Steve Casaleggio

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City of Medford
Mayor



Logan Leverette
Vaughan

Occupation: Slave to Jesus Christ, Dad of four, Husband, Business Owner; Fourth generation Rogue Valley resident my great-grandfather Walter Leverette owned the Ashland Spring Hotel, built the Holly Theatre, and planted some of

the very first pear trees in the valley (Sun Sugared Pears)

Occupational Background: Saved at six. I was raised in a God-fearing home. Learning the “hard way” I was homeless at nineteen and overcame a ton the last twenty years. God gets all the glory. I’ve worked industries from retail to real estate, and I am currently working in the commodities business. However, my main focus, besides seeing Gods Will done in my life, is raising lions not sheep. Homeschooling three kids under six years old, I invest the majority of my time in raising them in the way they should go so when they are old they will not depart from it. I am here because ‘evil only prevails because Good men do nothing’. It’s time to extinguish the corruption.

Educational Background: South Medford 2003 graduate, I knew “with drive” and without saddling myself to huge debt I would make it. Today, I have no debt, financially independent, credit score 840+, and run a profitable business. Score only mentioned to show my fiscal responsibility.

Prior Governmental Experience: PCP in west Medford, I see firsthand the changes needed. Simple fixes, like getting the needles out of our parks. How about we stop passing needles out at the taxpayers’ expense?

Feel free to ask me anything. Nothing is off the table. I stand for the Constitution and the Word of God. Sorry, not sorry. I say it like it is and can’t be bought because I’ve already been bought by the Blood of The Lamb and The Word of His Testimony. God Bless America.

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City of Medford
Mayor



Clay
Bearnson

Occupation: Downtown Business Owner

Occupational Background: Service Industry

Educational Background: South Medford HS; RCC

Prior Governmental Experience: Medford City Council (2015-2022); MURA Board (2015-2022); Medford/MURA Budget Committees (2015-2022); Arts Commission (2012-2015); Parking Commission (2013-2015)

Change in Leadership

I have lived in Medford for over 30 years, owned a downtown business for more than 21 years, and volunteered as a Medford City Councilor for 8 years. I believe our community is in need of a fundamental change in leadership. If we want a city that works for all of us, we need to elect leaders who are not bound by special interests or partisan platforms, and have the vision and courage to try new solutions. As your mayor, I will be that leader.

Let’s bring our taxes back from Salem & D.C. to address our community needs:

Downtown Revitalization and Small-Business Development: A vibrant downtown reflects a healthy community.

Medford should increase investment in partnerships with local agencies who prioritize building relationships between property owners, business owners, developers and government to make our downtown a place where people want to spend time. Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and the vast majority can’t afford to pay dues for representation. We can support all businesses by investing in economic development initiatives that stimulate innovation and create better job opportunities locally.

Infrastructure & Transportation Improvement: Maintaining and improving our roads, bridges, and public transportation is essential for the well-being and safety of Medford residents. Local elected officials must prioritize investments in infrastructure projects that enhance our quality of life and improve overall mobility, without increasing our taxes and fees.

A Well-designed, Age-friendly Community: Our growing population of seniors need accessible, affordable housing to continue to lead fulfilling, independent lives. We all benefit when city leaders commit to improving the quality of life for the very young, the very old, and everyone in between.

Proudly endorsed by the Independent Party of Oregon

(This information furnished by Logan Leverette Vaughan.)

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(This information furnished by Clay Bearnson.)

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City of Medford
Mayor



**Curt
Ankerberg**

Occupation: Retired
Occupational Background:
Certified Public Accountant
Educational Background:
California State University Los
Angeles - B.S. Business Admin-
istration/Accounting

Prior Governmental Experience: Medford 549C Tutor

Medford is the most corrupt city in southern Oregon. The Chamber of Commerce good old boy Mafia spends millions of dollars getting their puppet candidates elected, then bribes them, so that those bought politicians regularly give their good old boy masters no-bid city contracts (which screws the taxpayers), and they fraudulently spend hundreds of millions of your misappropriated tax dollars subsidizing privately-owned good old boy projects. I'll vigorously represent Medford residents, and not the crooked good old boys.

I'm retired after a 33-year career as a Certified Public Accountant, including working at two of the largest CPA firms in America, and managing two of the largest CPA firms in southern Oregon. Prior to that, I managed grocery stores for 11-years for a large grocery chain. I have more high-level financial and management experience than my opponents. I'm a proud common-sense conservative. I won't increase your taxes.

My opponents are corrupt, failed, tax-and-spend former city councilmen who served from 2014 to 2022. During that period, Medford had the State's second-highest crime-rate, and drug-addicted derelicts overwhelmed the Greenway and downtown. My opponents voted for road diets, and for numerous tax increases, and for every corrupt good old boy project which cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars.

MURA was created to benefit Liberty Park, which is THE POOREST neighborhood in the State, yet MURA has been abused to benefit predator billionaire good old boys like Pacific Retirement Services and Lithia Motors, which got the City to pay for more than 50% of their downtown office buildings. MURA should be dissolved.

Ashland proposed building a covered Olympic pool for \$10 million. Medford's over-budget Rogue X boondoggle (which I opposed) cost \$80 million. Now, the Chamber audaciously wants another taxpayer-paid convention center downtown, which I oppose.

I oppose road diets, and the downtown road-reconfiguration. I'll revitalize downtown quickly.

PLEASE SEE MY WEBSITE AT CURTANKERBERG.COM.

(This information furnished by Curt Ankerberg.)

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City of Medford
Mayor



**Michael
Zarosinski**

Occupation: Civil Engineer
Occupational Background:
30 years civil and structural
design and program manage-
ment (private practice and public
agencies).

Educational Background: Lost River High School: Merrill, OR
McNeese State University: Lake Charles, LA - B.S. Civil Engi-
neering University of Surrey: Guilford, Surrey UK - MSc Bridge
Engineering

Prior Governmental Experience: Medford City Council, Urban
Renewal Agency, Budget Committee (2015-2022); Medford Plan-
ning Commission (2012-2014); Medford Vision Implementation
Committee (2022-Current); ACCESS Board (2018-Current);
Howard Memorial Sports Park Board (2019-Current)

Medford is going through a significant leadership transition.
Four Councilors, the Mayor, and the City Manager are leaving.
Our city needs an experienced leader at the helm.

Leadership: With over a decade of volunteer city leadership
experience, as well as professional experience leading public
sector departments, I will provide stability and guidance to
move Medford through the multiple challenges we face.

Housing: Medford continues to struggle with housing availabil-
ity. As a city councilor, I pushed to create more and better hous-
ing options for all income levels. As Mayor, I will guide Medford
toward responsible growth to address this critical need.

Safety: During my time on council, we invested in law enforce-
ment, facilities, and programs to address the increasingly com-
plex issues of crime, addiction, mental health, and homeless-
ness. However, real change can only happen for Medford when
we leverage efforts with the county, state and medical/social
service providers. As Mayor, I will work with these partners to
ensure our investments provide the results we deserve.

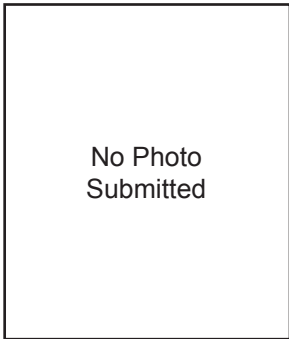
With opportunities and challenges ahead, it would be an honor
to serve as your mayor. I believe Medford should be the Or-
egon model for how government and business work together,
how neighborhoods are safe and vibrant, and how a city
should operate. Please join the following community leaders in
supporting me:

- **Medford Mayors:** Randy Sparacino, Gary Wheeler
- **City Councilors:** Jessica Ayres, Tim D'Alessandro,
Zac Smith, Chad Miller, Eric Stark, Nick Card
- **State Representative:** Kim Wallan
- **County Commissioners:** Dave Dotterer, Rick Dyer

(This information furnished by Michael Zarosinski.)

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City of Medford
Council Member, Ward 1



Mike
Kerlinger

Occupation: Real Estate Agent
Occupational Background: Event Production Manager, Dutch Bros Coffee; Student Ministries Director, Klamath Christian Center

Educational Background: Phoenix High School, 2005
Prior Governmental Experience: Government Affairs Committee Chairman, PAC Trustee, & 2024 President, Rogue Valley Association of Realtors

“As Medford continues to grow, we must plan strategically to ensure that it remains a thriving community now and into the future.”

As a lifelong resident of Medford, I've seen our city grow, but not always in sync. Housing availability, business opportunities, and recreational options often lag behind growth. It's crucial that we strike a balance between preserving what makes Medford special and planning for growth that brings more opportunity, diversity, and vitality to our housing, economy, and culture.

My focus will be on identifying areas for residential growth and exploring creative solutions to address our housing shortage. By supporting mixed-use and mixed-income developments, we can offer residents more housing options and businesses more opportunities to thrive. I will also work closely with developers to overcome barriers to traditional single-family homes.

I will partner with our business community to support current businesses and attract new investment. A thriving local business sector is essential to a strong economy, and bringing in outside investors can diversify our job market and create new employment opportunities. As job stability improves, our local economy will benefit as residents live, work, and shop within the community.

We should be able to enjoy life where we live and work. While I love visiting other cities in Southern Oregon, I want to create more opportunities for art, dining, and leisure in Medford, so our community can flourish with local entertainment, cultural, and recreational experiences.

All these goals are interconnected. By addressing the most pressing issues—safety, housing, and employment—we can improve every aspect of life in Medford. I am committed to making Medford an even better community for current and future generations.

Endorsed by:
Jessica Ayres
Randy Sparacino
Builders Association Southern Oregon

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City of Medford
Council Member, Ward 2



John H
Quinn

Occupation: Chief Deputy District Attorney, Siskiyou County (2017-present); Deputy District Attorney, Siskiyou County (2001-present)

Occupational Background: Private law practice; Adjunct

Law Professor, University of California, Hastings; Law Clerk, Northern District of California; Law Clerk, California Supreme Court; Law Clerk, Tenth US Court of Appeals

Educational Background: Juris Doctor, UC Hastings Law; BA, UCLA

Prior Governmental Experience: Rogue Valley Sewer Service (Board of Directors, elected May 2023); Rogue Valley Council of Governments (First Vice President & Board of Directors, since 2023); Medford Planning Commission (since 2022); Siskiyou County Assessment Appeals Board (Chair, since 2022); Siskiyou County Law Library Advisory Committee (since 2022); Siskiyou County Bar Association (President, since 2018); Judge Pro Tem., San Francisco Superior Court, Limited Jurisdiction; Mediator, California Court of Appeal.

My wife and I have lived in southwest Medford for 23 years. We will spend the rest of our lives here. I am running to make and keep Medford a safe, prosperous, and wonderful place to live.

Public Safety Is My First Priority

I have prosecuted thousands of criminal cases and dedicated my life to public safety. Yet crime is still on the rise. People no longer feel safe walking on the Greenway or using our parks. Many residents now rely on security cameras and feel unsafe leaving doors unlocked. That is unacceptable. I will work tirelessly with the Police Department to make our city safe again.

I Will Ensure Fiscal Responsibility

As a member of the Rogue Valley Sewer Service Board, I have strongly supported initiatives that ensure reliable service, protect the environment, and support our dedicated public employees—all while minimizing the impact on ratepayers. As your City Councilor, I will ensure our money is used wisely.

Supported By:

Our outgoing Ward 2 City Councilor, Tim D'Alessandro
State Representative Kim Wallan
Medford Mayor Randy Sparacino
Jackson County Commissioners Rick Dyer and Dave Dotterrer
Ward 2 Councilor Zac Smith
Medford City Councilors Nick Card and Chad Miller
Builders Association of Southern Oregon

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City of Medford
Council Member, Ward 3



Garrett West

Occupation: Land Use Attorney at O'Connor West, LLC (Partner)

Occupational Background: Attorney at Jarvis, Dreyer, Glatte & Larsen, LLP

Educational Background: Georgetown University (Juris Doctor); University of Oregon (BA); North Medford High School (Valedictorian)

Prior Governmental Experience: Medford Parks & Recreation Commission; Medford Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission (Co-Chair)

Community Service: Dogs for Better Lives (Board Member); Oregon Home Builders Association (Board Member); Oregonians For Affordable Housing (Trustee)

Medford is my home.

I'm driven by the same values that built our town—hard work, honesty, and looking out for each other. As your city councilor, I'll prioritize what we all want: safe streets, good homes, and a strong community.

Let's Fight for More Housing

We're facing a cost-of-living crisis and housing is the big issue. Our goal must be to increase housing options so every Medford family can afford a place to live.

My expertise is planning, building, and development. I work every day with homeowners, builders, and state officials to reduce barriers and build more homes. I'll use my proven expertise to help Medford grow sensibly at this critical time.

My Priorities

Our city must be safer, more affordable, and livable for everyone. To achieve this, I will work to:

- Implement a comprehensive plan to reduce homelessness and its impacts.
- Support the Medford Police Department and the Livability Team.
- Build on the Liberty Park Neighborhood Plan to improve housing, safety, and infrastructure citywide.
- Plan for Medford's future to avoid the struggles of cities like Portland and Salem.

Committed to Responsible Local Government

With a new mayor and city manager, Medford is at a critical point. I'm committed to keeping our government stable and effective, ready to build a more prosperous future for everyone.

Supported by:

Randy Sparacino, Medford's Mayor

Chad Miller, our retiring City Councilor

Medford's other City Councilors: **Nick Card**, **Zac Smith**,

Sarah Spansail

Builders Association of Southern Oregon

Tim Alvarez, Alvarez Construction & current President of the Oregon Home Builders Association

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City of Medford
Council Member, Ward 3



Elizabeth Leydsman

Occupation: Human Resources Specialist, La Clinica

Occupational Background: Human Resources Support Supervisor for Lithia Motors; Legal Secretary; Stay-at-home parent.

Educational Background: Bachelor's degree in English from Southern Oregon University. Society for Human Resource Management certified professional. Currently working on a master's degree in human resources and employment law from Arizona State University.

Prior Governmental Experience: Currently serving second term as a Medford Parks and Recreation Commissioner.

Born and raised in Northern California, Elizabeth moved to the Rogue Valley 10 years ago to attend Southern Oregon University, completing her bachelor's degree. Now, she is a mother to two elementary school children and her desire to provide them a better future has motivated her to become involved in the local government. Elizabeth's work with the Medford Parks and Recreation Commission has helped finalize the completion of the Rogue X and has improved access to recreational activities for local citizens.

Elizabeth hopes to benefit the community through both her professional and volunteer work. She hopes to represent her community as someone who is a working parent, understands the needs of the community, and someone who wants her children and all residents to be proud of the city they live in.

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City of Medford
Council Member, Ward 4



**Kevin P
Keating**

Occupation: St. Mary's School History & Business Teacher, Coach, Community Service Director

Occupational Background: Author, *Medford* (Images of America Series); Financial Advisor,

Morgan Stanley; Senior Distribution Analyst, Clorox

Educational Background: UCLA (B.A. History); Southern Oregon University (Masters in Teaching);

Prior Governmental Experience: Jackson County Library District Board, elected 2023; Rogue Valley Transportation District Board, elected 2017; Medford Parks & Rec Commission; Medford Budget Committee; Medford Landmarks & Historic Preservation Commission; Medford Urban Renewal Budget Committee

VOLUNTEER SERVICE: Southern Oregon Historical Society Board; Friends of Medford Library; ACCESS; Medford Food Project

My wife Nikki and I chose Medford as our home 23 years ago and raised our four children here. I will work to ensure Medford continues to be a safe, affordable, and thriving city.

Fiscal Responsibility: I bring years of public and private budget and financial experience to the city council. I'm committed to addressing our ongoing housing, crime and homelessness issues. I will advocate to limit spending and fee increases, especially for trendy and unnecessary proposals, focusing instead on projects that enhance our community's livability.

Sensible Growth: Writing my book *Medford* gave me insight and appreciation for our city's history and values. We have always prioritized attracting business, building quality infrastructure, and securing a prosperous future for our community's long-term benefit. I will continue these policies while protecting the character of our neighborhoods. I support sensible growth, minimizing red tape, and creating an environment friendly to business and the citizens.

Public safety: People want to visit and live here only when our neighborhoods, parks and downtown are safe and inviting. I strongly support tourism and efforts to clean and beautify our parks and downtown for all to use and enjoy. I support law enforcement and first responders and will fund them appropriately.

Please join the following community leaders in supporting me:

City Councilors Nick Card, Zac Smith, Tim D'Alessandro
Mayor Randy Sparacino
State Representative Kim Wallan
Commissioner Rick Dyer
Commissioner Dave Dotterer

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City of Medford
Council Member, Ward 4



**Tyler
Jasper**

Occupation: Healthcare Technology Analyst

Occupational Background: Security Analyst, Asante; Learning Systems Specialist, Lithia Motors; Life Coach, Hearts With A Mission

Educational Background: Southern Oregon University, B.S. Business Administration; Project Management Institute, Certified Associate; Medford Citizen Academy

Prior Governmental Experience: Medford Transportation Commission (elected Chair July 2023-present, elected Vice Chair February 2022-July 2023); Medford Parking Committee (elected Chair February 2022-present, elected Vice Chair March 2021-February 2022); Medford Community Services & Development Commission (February 2022-present); RVTB Budget Committee (May 2023-present)

Community Service:

ACCESS Mobile Food Pantry; Medford Severe Weather Shelter; Eagle Scout

Building Community

Medford is a fantastic place to live, work, and play. I'd like to keep it that way. I will build on our successes and confront our challenges by restoring trust in local government, making data-driven decisions, and building bridges with our regional partners.

Housing Crisis and Caregiver Shortage

Our neighbors, especially seniors, should have the healthcare access they need to lead fulfilling, independent lives. Caregivers struggle to live and work in our city due to the lack of low and middle-income housing. I will partner with developers to remove obstacles and build more housing.

Transparent Government

One town hall per year is not enough to provide meaningful access to local government. We need to increase the Council's availability to our community by holding more frequent, approachable events.

Smarter Spending

The Council must ensure that every dollar is spent wisely. I will prioritize public safety and the vitality of our downtown community. More than ever, Medford needs to collaborate with local non-profits and other agencies to make our taxes go further.

Endorsements:

Kevin Stine, Medford City Councilor
Sarah Spansail, Medford City Councilor
Matt Brinkley, former Medford Planning Director
Bill Thorndike, Medford Business Leader
Rick Bennett, Medford Budget Committee
Erin Briggs, Nurse Educator
Dan Davis, Vice Chair of RVTB Board of Directors, Veteran, and Small Business Owner

Build Community With Us:

JasperForMedford.com
fb.com/JasperForMedford

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City of Phoenix
Mayor



**Terry L
Baker**

Occupation: Mayor, Phoenix Oregon; Media Consultant; Life Coach (Communications); Musician

Occupational Background: General Sales Manager, Allied Advertising Incorporated; AE,

Opus Broadcasting; AE, Mapleton Communications; AE, Bicoastal Media; Wildland Firefighter, Burl Brim Excavation

Educational Background: Phoenix High School-Graduated General Studies; Rogue Community College-General Studies; EMT I and II; National Fire Training Academy-Radio Communication, Incident Command.

Prior Governmental Experience: Mayor, Phoenix Oregon (1/3/21-Current); Phoenix City Councilor (5/17-5/20); Phoenix Urban Renewal Board Member (5/17-5/20) - (1/21-Current); Rogue Valley Council of Governments; Board Member (1/21 -Current); Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (1/21 -Current)

After the devastating Alameda Fire all seemed lost and somewhat hopeless, but dedicated hard work and perseverance are paying off.

Together as a team, Phoenix City Council and Staff at City Hall has been able to achieve:

- 99% Certification of Occupancy in the single and multifamily structures that burned in the fire.
- 16+ new businesses in Phoenix
- 120+ new jobs in Phoenix
- Urban Growth Boundary expansion, increasing city size by 50%.
- New Public Services Building, including New City Hall, Police Department, and Fire Station.
- \$34,000,000 in grants our staff at City Hall brought in, funding this recovery at no cost to our residents.
- The State-of-the-art, all inclusive to rebuild the Blue Heron Park. The play structure is all inclusive with ramps for children in chairs, and other games for children with vision impairment, not to mention a small zip line :) All paid for with grant money.

Simply asking for your vote so we can finish the Phoenix Rebuild, I love Phoenix!

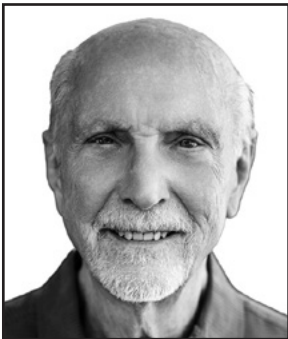
Endorsements:

- Kathy Sell, Mayor of Eagle Pont Oregon.
- Paul Becker, former Mayor of Jacksonville Oregon
- Randy Sparacino, Mayor of Medford Oregon

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City of Phoenix
Mayor



**Al
Muelhoefer**

Occupation: Board of Directors, Jackson County Long Term Recovery Group; Board Chair, Phoenix Counseling Center.

Occupational Background: Colonel, US Air Force (28 years); Executive Director, Troy, Ohio Main Street downtown revitalization program (5 years).

Educational Background: University of Wisconsin, BA, Political Science; Webster University, MA, Political Science.

Prior Governmental Experience: President, Phoenix City Council; Chair, Phoenix Urban Renewal Agency.

When elected to Mayor, my priorities will be:

Fiscal Responsibility

My years in city government have taught me that a Mayor's first priority is to be a good steward of taxpayer money. Good stewardship means regular city audits, staying within budget on large capital projects like our new City Hall. Having accurate and easy to monitor water bills. We can do better.

Listening to Residents

As an "open door" Mayor, I will advocate for Town Hall meetings, an updated city website and information shared on social media. We need accessible, welcoming city meetings so you can connect with the people you elect.

Vision for the Future

Small businesses are the life of our downtown. In my role with our city's urban renewal agency, I helped lay the groundwork for the Phoodery. My experience with the nationally-recognized Main Street program taught me how a more beautiful and pedestrian-friendly downtown can benefit our community. Let's get our residents involved and create community spaces for art and music in our city.

Experience – Leadership – Heart

"Al's passion for the city and its people is evident in his enthusiasm for undertaking the office of Mayor. I strongly endorse Al for Mayor."

Carolyna Marshall, Phoenix Community Leader

"Al provided the conduit between city staff and the project developers. Without his help, the Phoodery would not have been built."

Eric Herron, Co-Owner, Phoodery restaurant

"Al's strength is his ability to build consensus - to bring different groups together and to listen. As Mayor, he will be the voice for every Phoenix resident."

Sandy Wine, Phoenix Community Leader

AlForPhoenix.com

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City of Phoenix
Council Member



**Krista
Peterson**

Occupation: Property Manager
Self Employed

Occupational Background:
Office Manager

Educational Background:
Gateway Academy 12th Grade

Prior Governmental Experience: City Council 2021-present;
Planning Commission 2017-2020

As an incumbent member of the Phoenix City Council, I am a part of a proven team of dedicated city councilors. I understand and appreciate the issues facing our growing community.

The City of Phoenix continues to grow and expand. I am excited about the future of our city. Since the Alameda fire the city has done an amazing job of recovery.

My goal is to represent our city to the best of my ability. It is my sworn responsibility to represent the people and I will continue to do that in the fairest most ethical and honest way I can.

I've lived in Phoenix for over 25 years. I deeply care about our city and want to continue to see it prosper. I have worked tirelessly to help rebuild our city and see it get stronger and stronger.

I am proud of our city and will do my very best to serve our city and the people who live in Phoenix for another term if you vote for me.

(This information furnished by Krista Peterson.)

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City of Phoenix
Council Member



**Virginia
Camberos**

Occupation: Regional Director

Occupational Background:
Unite Oregon/Rogue Valley
Regional Director (2014-Present), Oregon Action/Rogue Valley Community Organizer (2009-2014), World of Insurance/Property & Casualty Insurance Agent (2006-2009), Marriot Corporate Foodservice/Director & Customer Service (1982-2002)

Educational Background: Marriot University, Maryland (1992), Midwest Academy, Illinois (2009)

Prior Governmental Experience: None

This is OUR Community. WE should be deciding our future.

Decisions about small business growth, affordable housing and protecting our open spaces should include Phoenix resident's voices. Working together we will have positive results.

Transparency and Public Trust

I believe that our citizens should be involved in the decision-making process. Phoenix City Hall was built over budget and utility bills are rising. If I'm elected, I will make sure to bring transparency and accountability to the many issues that we will be facing.

We Need Safe, Affordable Communities where Families can Thrive

Climate Action

We should be leading the way in making our communities resilient to wildfires and other effects of climate change. At the same time, we can do our part to reduce our climate impact by developing and improving our green spaces.

Affordability

Everyone has felt the pressure of rising costs. How we choose to grow our community is our decision, and this will help dictate housing affordability in our community.

Experience

Virginia has already secured multimillion-dollar grants to help our community rebuild from wildfires. She's managed large budgets and workforces, and she's put in the work in our community to make lives better. Now, let's elect her to serve on the Phoenix City Council.

"They don't come more community-minded than Virginia. I'm really excited that she's stepping up to serve Phoenix." -**Jeff Golden**
"Virginia brings a wealth of practical experience to the city council and will continue to excel in team building. She will bring openness and mutual respect to council and be an active participant." -**Al Muelhoefer, Phoenix Community Leader**

**Supported by
Southern Oregon Central Labor Chapter (AFL-CIO)**

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City of Phoenix
Council Member



**Susan
Chester**

Occupation: Professional Organizer & Aerial Arts Instructor

Occupational Background: Owner, All In Order Organizing (2019 - Present); Aerial Arts Instructor, Ashland Aerial Arts (2022 - Present); Owner, The

Black Sheep Pub & Restaurant (1992-2017); Owner/Director, Curtain Climbers Aerial Dance Company (2007-2015); Owner, Catalyst Aerial Arts & Dance (2009-2012); Secretary/Treasurer, InfoStructure IT Services (1994-1997)

Educational Background: Washington University in St. Louis, Bachelor's Degree - Pre Medicine/French Studies

Prior Governmental Experience: None

**Susan Chester for Phoenix City Council
Capable - Dependable - Trustworthy**

Serving my community brings me joy! As a small business owner and resident of the Rogue Valley since 1992, I am familiar with the challenges facing residents and local businesses. As your City Councilor, I will put my many varied skills to service for you!

- Committed to improving the daily lives of our neighbors and residents
- Focus on our community's health and safety, and the well being of our residents. Promote energy efficient, affordable housing, fire resilient buildings and neighborhoods
- Encourage community engagement and neighborhood enhancement, organize events to attract more community gathering and more visitors to our downtown business areas
- Create more unity over common ground issues, and bridge the gaps of division to create a united community of citizens
- Provide open lines of communication, resources, and opportunities for citizens to interact with their City leaders. Bring people together to achieve common goals
- Support educational opportunities and educational outreach
- Oversee responsible management of City finances and planning
- Adapt to changing demographics, create strategies, and provide a solid plan to prepare our City for future growth and healthy development

Phoenix is the Heart of the Rogue Valley – Let's show our City some LOVE by working together for a better future for everyone!

Endorsements

"Susan is exactly what the city council needs. She truly listens and arrives at common sense solutions. She works well with others. This will make her a deeply effective councilor."

- Al Muelhoefer, Phoenix Community Leader

(This information furnished by Susan Chester.)

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City of Phoenix
Council Member



**Nicole
Suetos**

Occupation: Educator

Occupational Background: Elementary School Teacher, 3 years overseas, 6 years in California, 3 years in Oregon; Girls Rising, San Diego: Empowered at-risk girls to reach

new heights; Girls on the Run, San Diego: Coached and taught young women to run a 5,000 meter race and build self-esteem; Foster Youth, San Diego: Mentored foster youth who had been placed with a state licensed adult to care for them.

Educational Background: Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA: Administrative Credential in Education; California State University, San Marcos, CA: BA in Political Science

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Connection: Bring together community members and leaders to discuss, meet, and engage with one another. Through town halls, more community events, an updated website, and electronic updates and communication.

Education: Informing the community about fire resiliency, public safety, and issues, such as homelessness, that affect us. The city website and social media are integral in getting this information to our citizens.

Financial: Let's maintain a balanced budget and prioritize expenditures for a secure and sustainable future. Ensure transparency in the budget process. We need more community-guided solutions to keep Phoenix affordable.

Recreation: Vibrant and welcoming parks are the cornerstone of a healthy community. As a hiker, I am passionate about the management of public parks. City parks are more important than ever to our physical health and community health.

Vision: The elected officials and staff of the City of Phoenix, Oregon embrace excellent public service with the highest ethical standards. We are innovative, transparent, communicate well, hold ourselves accountable and are team players.

My professional experience here and abroad has made me keenly aware of the need to communicate effectively and be willing to meet people where they are.

I will bring a fresh perspective as a committed City Councilor. Listening and making thoughtful decisions with your interests in mind.

Endorsements

"Nicole brings a much-needed fresh perspective on city council matters. She represents a new generation of leaders committed to making Phoenix an even better place. She has the energy and commitment."

- Al Muelhoefer, Phoenix Community Leader

(This information furnished by Nicole Suetos.)

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Karen F Shrader

Occupation: Harry and David (1800 Flowers) Paid Executive Admin 1991- Present

Occupational Background: None

Educational Background:

University of Arizona; Orange Coast College; Newport Harbor High School

Prior Governmental Experience: Elected Jackson County Precinct Committee Person; Appointed Member of Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation

If re-elected, I will continue my commitment to ensuring effective public safety, fostering economic development, encouraging citizen involvement, maintaining open communications, and upholding prudent financial policies and excellent fiscal management into 2025 and beyond.

I pledge to listen attentively, engage in thoughtful deliberation, and support policies that preserve the unique character of Phoenix. Additionally, I pledge not to vote to increase fees on the water bill. Any necessary increases in fees should be placed on the ballot for the voters of Phoenix to decide if the increase in fees is necessary to them.

My husband and I have cherished living in Phoenix for over 25 years, enjoying its safe and friendly neighborhoods. My goal is to protect and enhance these desirable living conditions for both current and future residents.

I would be honored to receive your vote to serve as your Phoenix City Councilor for a second term.

(This information furnished by Karen F Shrader.)

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Jon Ball

Occupation: Semi-Retired; Mayor, City of Shady Cove

Occupational Background: Business Owner/Executive

Educational Background: AA Degree, Finance Major CSU Northridge

Prior Governmental Experience: Mayor, City of Shady Cove; Shady Cove Planning Commission; President, Sunburst Acres Subdivision; Certified Small Water Systems Operator

As the current Mayor of Shady Cove I have learned many things. Most importantly 2-years is not nearly enough time to complete what WE have started.

In 2022, the citizens of Shady Cove voted for change by electing new leadership. From the start, this new Council came together, ready to move the City forward in a new, positive direction; and we succeeded in a big way.

Please read Councilor Nuckles' "Candidate Statement" for a glimpse of what WE have accomplished with the help of our re-established Commissions and Committees.

So what do I consider to be my most notable accomplishments so far?

1. Return to a structured, organized system:
 - As we navigated through the retirement of our City Administrator and the hiring of a new one, we NEVER canceled a City Council Meeting, PLUS we added multiple Special Meetings, Workshops and even Townhall Meetings to engage the public.
 - We re-established and empowered our Commissions, plus created an ever growing "Volunteer Group" to provide extra help when needed.
2. Parks:
 - We have established a working relationship with the County to optimize the Upper Rogue Regional Park for our residents.
 - We continue to work with the County on boat ramp renovation plans that preserve the park space.
 - And, we recently purchased land in the heart of the city to build a city-center park, with downtown parking!

But we are still not done. I said in 2022, "Shady Cove can and will do better". I believe WE certainly have done better and we will continue on to even "BIGGER AND BETTER ACCOMPLISHMENTS" in the future.

RE-ELECT MAYOR JON BALL AND COUNCILOR KATHRYN NUCKLES!

IT IS LEADERSHIP THAT WORKS FOR YOU!

(This information furnished by Jon Ball.)

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**Kathryn
Nuckles**

Occupation: Business Owner (Systems engineering company); City of Shady Cove, Council President; City of Shady Cove Liaison to RVCOG, Upper Rogue Chamber of Commerce, Shady Cove Recreation & Tourism Commission

Occupational Background: Engineer
Educational Background: CSU Northridge: BS Computer Science
Prior Governmental Experience: City of Shady Cove City Council; City of Shady Cove Parks & Recreation Commission, Chair
Two years ago, Mayor Jon Ball and I were elected to serve the City of Shady Cove. In the short time we have served, we have devoted our energy to stopping further decline of our City, and laying the framework from which Shady Cove can grow & thrive. In the first quarter of our term, our City Council defined and approved an aggressive set of goals that we have devoted our full attention to. Here is what we have accomplished so far:

DONE:

- Improved public communication: newsletter, public forums, website, Facebook page
- Fixed City/URCC relationship
- Repealed City Hall parking lot usage fee
- Filled empty Commissions/Committees
- Improved Zoom equipment
- Partnerships: Established liaisons to key organizations/cities with regular reporting to Council
- Community Calendar
- City Festival
- Hwy 62 Digital Information Board
- WiFi at AC Park, workshop (for security). Future add-on for possible City Hot Spot and auto park restroom locks.
- Determined COVID19 funds usage (New city park and welcome signs)

IN PROCESS:

- Relocate and organize all historical city documents and complete digitization
- Finish backlogged audits
- Water: Begin multi-phase city water strategy approach. \$1.5M Grant awarded!
- Establish City branding & tourism strategy
- Design and install city welcome signs
- Purchase new city park land and begin design

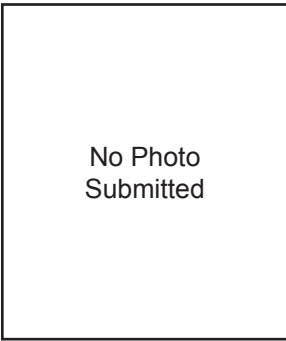
NEXT UP:

- City Charter revisions to address blatant errors
- Street Improvement/Maintenance Plan
- ON HOLD: Outdoor alert system

For the next 4 years, I hope to continue this work with Mayor Ball, with the goal of finishing the cleanup from past Administrations' neglect so that we can start to enjoy real forward progress. Let's continue the momentum. Vote for Mayor Jon Ball, and Councilor Kathryn Nuckles.

(This information furnished by Kathryn Nuckles.)

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**Steve
Mitchell**

Occupation: Retired
Occupational Background: U.S. Army as Communication Operator (two years); Journey-men Carpenter (four years); Building Inspector (6.5 years); Building Official (17 years);

Community Development Director (one year); Permit Center Manager (3.5 years). Private sector consultant to jurisdictions (3.5 years).
Educational Background: Diablo Valley College (two years); Certification in Construction Technology (two years); Engineer in Training (four years).
Prior Governmental Experience: El Sobrante Planning Commission (four years); El Sobrante Council of Government (four years); City of Shady Cove Planning Commission (3.5 years); City of Shady Cove City Councilor (7.5 years).
I have always enjoyed educating the public on how government works and encouraging them to be more involved in their community by attending City Council meetings or Planning Commission meetings. This way, they could learn about the process that must be followed in the development of planning projects and local issues facing their city through the city council meetings.
Since there is no job description for a city councilor or mayor's position, I try to support newly elected officials with background information to help them better understand the issues at hand in the decision-making process. I have over 30 years' experience in both public and private sectors of government, helping those through a process that they believe is difficult to navigate at times.

(This information furnished by Steve Mitchell.)

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**City of Talent
Council Member, Position 2**



**Ana
Byers**

Occupation: Executive Director, Rogue World Music

Occupational Background: Artistic & Program Director, Rogue World Music; Public & Educational Arts Programming; Large-Scale Event Coordinator;

Grant Writing; Community Outreach & Engagement

Educational Background: Southern Oregon University, BA; Theatre Arts & Nonprofit Management Certification

Prior Governmental Experience: Talent City Council, President

I am grateful to serve as your Talent City Council President. If re-elected I will continue to work for a better future for Talent by prioritizing:

Quality city services despite reduced revenue. After the Alameda fire, the city expanded operations in order to leverage available resources to support Talent's recovery efforts. As the funding landscape continues to shift, I'm committed to working with our City Manager and city staff to leverage collective expertise and ensure that city services are not compromised.

Housing affordability in Talent. In the years since the fire, our community has been able to attract creative housing solutions through nonprofit developers, as well as major grants to fund affordable housing developments. I will continue to advocate for affordable, workforce and accessible housing options to benefit all Talent residents.

Support for the business community. As a City Councilor, I worked to revive the Talent Harvest Festival. This beloved event is an asset to our community and our small businesses, and builds connections to deepen our community identity. I will keep working to revitalize our downtown and the Highway-99 corridor, supporting our small businesses as they navigate the post-fire recovery.

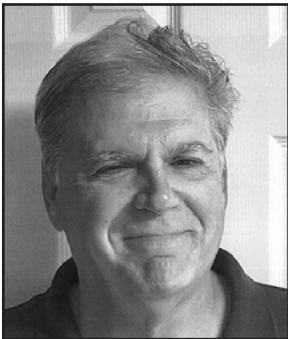
Public safety for our residents. Open communication and collaboration between the City of Talent and our Fire District is imperative to ensuring the safety of our community. I am committed to working with our regional partners for the benefit of all Talent residents.

Solution-oriented teamwork and community involvement. In my role as Council Liaison to the Talent Parks and Recreation Commission, I've advocated for extensive community engagement and holistic problem solving, working to respond to our community's input and needs.

(This information furnished by Ana Byers.)

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**City of Talent
Council Member, Position 2**



**Philip (Jack)
Lanni**

Occupation: Retired after 37 years of public service

Occupational Background: 7 years Florida Park Service: Park Ranger and Manager. 30 years Federal Service: U.S. Army Corps Engineers; Department of Interior. Park Ranger and District Health & Safety Officer.

Educational Background: 6 credits short of B.S degree; Saint Petersburg Junior College.

Prior Governmental Experience: City of Talent Forestry Committee

My lifelong commitment to public service has been a driving force in my life.

I'm a long term resident of Talent who cares about my neighbors and am devoted to improving our community. A top priority of mine is to make sure all voices are heard and thoughtful, common sense decisions are made that are in the best interest of our townspeople. I will represent the wants of the residents over all interests. My own diverse life experiences include fire fighting, emergency response, facilities/utilities management and planning. I will stand for affordable; common sense solutions that will work to improve livability. I invite you to please join me in my mission to make Talent a more liveable, diverse and vibrant community for residents and visitors alike for now and into the future.

(This information furnished by Philip (Jack) Lanni.)

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City of Talent
Council Member, Position 4



**Rosario
Medina**

Occupation: Rogue Community College, Adjunct Faculty, Early Childhood & Elementary Education; Phoenix-Talent Rising Early Learning Center, Early Childhood Educator

Occupational Background:

Phoenix-Talent Education Association, Vice-President; Phoenix-Talent School District, Community Care Coordinator; Talent Elementary School, Educator, Bilingual Immersion Program

Educational Background: Southern Oregon University, Bachelor's Degree

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Born and raised in Talent, I love this community and have chosen to raise my family here. For the past six years, I have served the Phoenix-Talent School District as a classroom teacher and Community Care Coordinator, working closely with families across our city. These experiences have given me a unique perspective on what our community needs to create a better future for Talent. If elected to the City Council, my focus will be:

Maintaining fiscal responsibility: I will work with fellow councilors to maintain quality city services while using our tax dollars wisely, as our property tax base recovers from the Almeda fire.

Ensuring public safety: By collaborating with fire district officials, city leadership, and our regional partners, I will work to ensure that Talent maintains the necessary services for our community's safety.

Supporting small businesses: Even four years after the fire, many small businesses are still struggling. We need to pursue innovative economic policies to strengthen Talent's business community and build a vibrant downtown, all while preserving our small town's quality of life.

Making housing affordable: Building on Talent's success in attracting funding, I will work with city leaders to make housing in Talent more affordable and accessible, especially for working families and our seniors on fixed incomes.

Encouraging community involvement: I am committed to making sure all voices are heard, fostering teamwork, and engaging residents in creating a better future for Talent.

The City Council has a vital role to play in steering Talent toward a future that works for all of us. I look forward to working with all Talent residents in the years ahead.

(This information furnished by Rosario Medina.)

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City of Talent
Council Member, Position 4



**Russell R
Hodgdon**

Occupation: Product Design and Innovation, Sunday Afternoons. (15yrs)

Occupational Background: Creative Arts, Graphic Design (7yrs)

Educational Background: PHS, SOU, Art Institute

Prior Governmental Experience: Talent Chamber of Commerce Board Member, TES PTA

As a resident of Talent since 1989, I've witnessed Talent during great times and challenging times. I attended TMS and PHS, have helped raise a son through the public education system, coached little league, and have owned property here for nearly 20 years. I have deep roots in the community, friendships among businesses and citizens alike, and a sincere interest in improving civic engagement by ensuring that the citizens of Talent feel like they have a voice and are represented.

My three main areas of focus are:

Housing:

During the rebuild, Talent focused nearly solely on high-density housing. I believe it's time to balance the scales and encourage single family home ownership, not just provide "affordable" rental housing, which often isn't truly affordable based on local wages. Much of the new construction is owned by investors, not individuals building their primary residences. Residents who choose to make Talent their home should have a vested interest in the city's growth and creating the family friendly neighborhoods that drew me to Talent originally.

Government Transparency:

Enhancing transparency and accountability in our local government is another top priority. I propose creating a system where citizens can see how the city government is voting on issues in real-time, with layman's terminology to describe how each decision affects their everyday lives. This would include all city commissions and committees. I want residents to be well-informed and educated on how our decisions impact them.

Economic Development:

I believe Talent needs to attract and retain businesses that not only employ local residents but also draw people to support those businesses from outside of Talent. With city infrastructure support, this initiative will create a thriving local economy and provide more job opportunities for our actual residents.

I would be honored to represent you. Thank you for your vote!

(This information furnished by Russell R Hodgdon.)

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Daniel Collay

Occupation: Executive Director, Friends of Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument; Director of Operations, Willow-Witt Ranch

Occupational Background: Program Coordinator, The Crest; Habitat Restoration and Natural Resources Professional; SOU Outdoor Program

Educational Background: Southern Oregon University, B.S. Environmental Studies; Minor Outdoor Adventure Leadership

Prior Governmental Experience: Talent City Council; Talent Urban Forestry Committee

As your Talent City Councilor, I will continue working to:

Recover our urban tree canopy: Growing up on a farm taught me the importance of caring for our environment. Prior to serving on the City Council, I volunteered on the Urban Forestry Committee, working to help our community recover our tree canopy, 26% of which was lost in the Almeda fire. Planting and maintaining trees in our town will help shade us from increasingly hot summers.

Provide quality city services despite reduced revenue. Our City Council was able to attract and hire a highly experienced City Manager who, along with other city staff, is using his expertise to maintain quality services as the city's tax base recovers from the Almeda fire. I will keep working to ensure that our tax money is spent wisely.

Support small businesses. As a City Councilor, I support continued efforts in partnership with the Talent Business Alliance and Talent Maker City to strengthen small businesses and attract more customers to our downtown.

Collaborate with Fire District officials for public safety. I support close collaboration between the City of Talent and our Fire District to prevent and respond to fires and other emergencies.

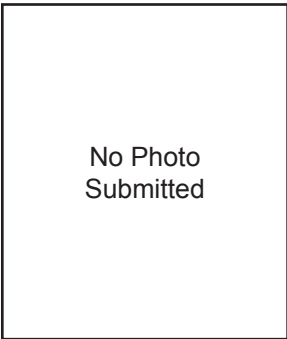
Keep Talent affordable. Our community has been able to attract major grants for innovative, affordable housing solutions since the Almeda fire, including accessible housing for low-income older adults. I support continued expansion of these efforts.

Promote teamwork and community involvement. Our city works best when we have a City Council that listens to residents' input, finds practical solutions to problems, and encourages residents to get involved.

Endorsed By: Art Bop Beer Co

(This information furnished by Daniel Collay.)

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Frank D Baratta

Occupation: Manager at Jackson County Roads (paid).

Occupational Background: Soil and Water Conservation District Director zone 1 (unpaid)

Educational Background: Bachelor of Science from University of Oregon

Prior Governmental Experience: Current Director SWCD (Soil and Water Conservation District) zone 1; Talent Urban Renewal Budget Committee; CWMA (Cooperative Weed Management Area) working group; TMDL (Storm Water Total Maximum Daily Load) working group

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Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District
Director, Zone 2

Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District
Director, Zone 3



Brian (Blake) Elliott

Occupation: Certified Residential Appraiser

Occupational Background: Real Estate Appraiser Since 1992

Educational Background:

Cowley College; Associates in Business

Prior Governmental Experience: None

In order for resources to be available tomorrow, we must practice conservation today. This valley has been blessed with an abundance of natural resources that when properly managed, will provide future generations with the same blessings we have been so lucky to enjoy. I look forward to being a part of the process of protecting what this beautiful county naturally offers.



Maxine Cass

Occupation: Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District Board member; OSU Extension Land Steward mentor; monthly newsletter editor; OSU Extension Jackson County Master Food Preserver; American Society of Journalists and Authors, Pacific Northwest Chapter

Occupational Background: I'm a retired freelance writer and photographer who has contributed to newspapers, consumer magazines, and trade publications (genetic engineering, meeting planning, and travel agents) for 30 years. I've authored 20 books on travel and history. I've been a claims taker and quality control analyst for the Social Security Administration; a labor case field examiner and collective bargaining election officer for the National Labor Relations Board; and a Peace Corps volunteer secondary school teacher in Senegal, West Africa.

Educational Background: University of California Santa Barbara, BA, History & Medieval Studies; City College of San Francisco, Photography; Oregon State University Extension: Land Steward, Master Gardener, Master Woodland Manager, Master Food Preserver, Citizens Fire Academy

Prior Governmental Experience: Director, Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District appointee 2024; Jackson-Josephine County Small Woodlands Association Board 2017-2022; California Assembly summer intern 1970

Stewardship is my commitment to caring for natural resources. I've had the privilege and challenge of engaging with forest health, fire resilience, wildlife and bird habitat improvement, invasive weed removal, and restoration with Jackson County native plant material on my Sams Valley property.

As a Director of the Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District, I'll continue to promote projects that improve the water, soils, agriculture, and forests in Jackson County. Encouraging outreach by the Board, directly and in partnership with other agencies and groups, provides our public and generations to come with technical assistance while allocating funds and District employees' expertise thoughtfully and wisely.

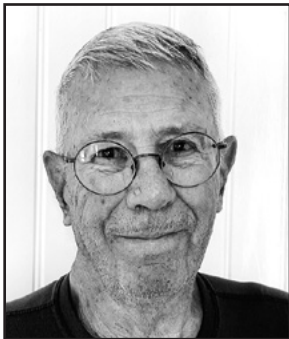
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(This information furnished by Maxine Cass.)

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Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District
Director, Zone 5



**Ronald W
Hillers**

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Professional Engineer, Philips Lighting Corp; Personnel Business as a Certified Farrier, shoeing and maintaining sound hoofs for over 35 years in Kansas, New York and Texas.

Educational Background: Associates Degree, Graceland University, Lamoni IA; BS in Civil Engineering, University of Kansas, Lawrence KS; MS in Mechanical Engineering, Wichita State University, Wichita KS.

Prior Governmental Experience: Served as a Director on the Jackson County Soil and Water Conservation District Board, representing Zone 5, for the past 12 years.

Ron moved to Oregon in 2006, as a retired Civil and Mechanical Engineer. Upon graduation from the University of Kansas in 1964 Ron found a job working for Wilson & Company Engineering in Salina, KS. Two years later he was hired by Westinghouse Electric Corp and helped set up a new lamp manufacturing plant in Salina. While working with Westinghouse he relocated to Paris, TX and then to Bath, NY. In 1983 Philips Lighting acquired the Westinghouse Lighting Division, who after 5 years transferred him to Juarez, Mexico where he worked until retiring in 1998.

After shoeing horses part-time for 25 years as a Professional Certified Farrier, he took advantage of his retirement to fulfill a lifelong dream of working as a full-time farrier. He continued working in this field until he and his wife Pam moved to Ashland OR.

In his spare time Ron works on his 20 acre property outside of Ashland. He also volunteers with OSU Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center, and has helped to create and implement the Land Steward Program since 2009. In November 2012 he was elected to the Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District Board. He has used the practices and principles learned through these associations to maintain his own property, to include a water catchment system and other planting and soil improvement processes.

(This information furnished by Ronald W Hillers.)

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Important Deadline!

The deadline for registering to vote is
Tuesday, October 15th.

Visit **oregonvotes.gov/myvote** to;

- Check your registration;
- Update your registration; or
- Register to vote.

You may also visit Jackson County Elections at 1101 W Main St,
Suite 201, Medford, OR 97501 for your voter registration needs.

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