

COLUMBIA COUNTY



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TO: THE NEWS MEDIA AND THE PUBLIC

FROM: COLUMBIA COUNTY CLERK & ELECTIONS DEPT.

RE: SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 23RD 2018, DROP SITES, PUBLIC CERTIFICATION TEST.

Special Election, January 23, 2018.

A state wide Special Election will be held January 23rd 2018 for all of Columbia County. Approximately 37000 registered voters will receive a ballot.

The sole content of the election will be State Measure 101, a referendum ordered to ballot by petition of the people. Election details can be found on Oregon Secretary of States website www.oregonvotes.gov and navigating to the [Current Election](#) webpage. Additional information can be found on the Elections department page of www.co.columbia.or.us. A statewide voter's pamphlet will be produced by the Secretary of State's office and mailed to all households between December 27th and 29th.

The main mailing of ballots for Columbia County will be between Wednesday, January 3rd and January 5th. Overseas and out-of-state ballots will be mailed at an earlier date.

Verify registration/absentee voting. Voters can review and update their registration information at www.oregonvotes.gov by clicking the "My Vote" tab.

Returning voted ballots. Ballots must be received by the county clerk no later than 8:00 p.m. on January 23rd, 2018 - postmarks do not count. The United States Postal Service has stated that ballots could take up to 5-7 days to reach county elections offices once they are put in the mail.

It is advised that if you cannot put your ballot in the mail before January 18th, you should plan on returning your ballot to a dropsite. Further consideration should take into account possible inclement weather conditions that could hamper your ability to travel to a dropsite on Election Day. Please be safe and plan ahead.

Drop sites for the election will be as follows:

Columbia County Courthouse Elections Department 230 Strand St, St. Helens 24-Hour Drive-up Drop Box Lower parking lot	Clatskanie Library 11 Lillich St Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD 12525 Oregon Highway 202	Rainier City Hall 106 B St West Vernonia Public Library 701 Weed Ave	Scappoose City Hall 24-Hour Drop Box 33568 E. Columbia Ave
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Public Certification Test. The Public Certification Test of the counting equipment for the Special Election will be held on Tuesday, January 16th, 2018. The testing will begin at 10:00 AM in the County Elections Dept. The public is welcome to attend.

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