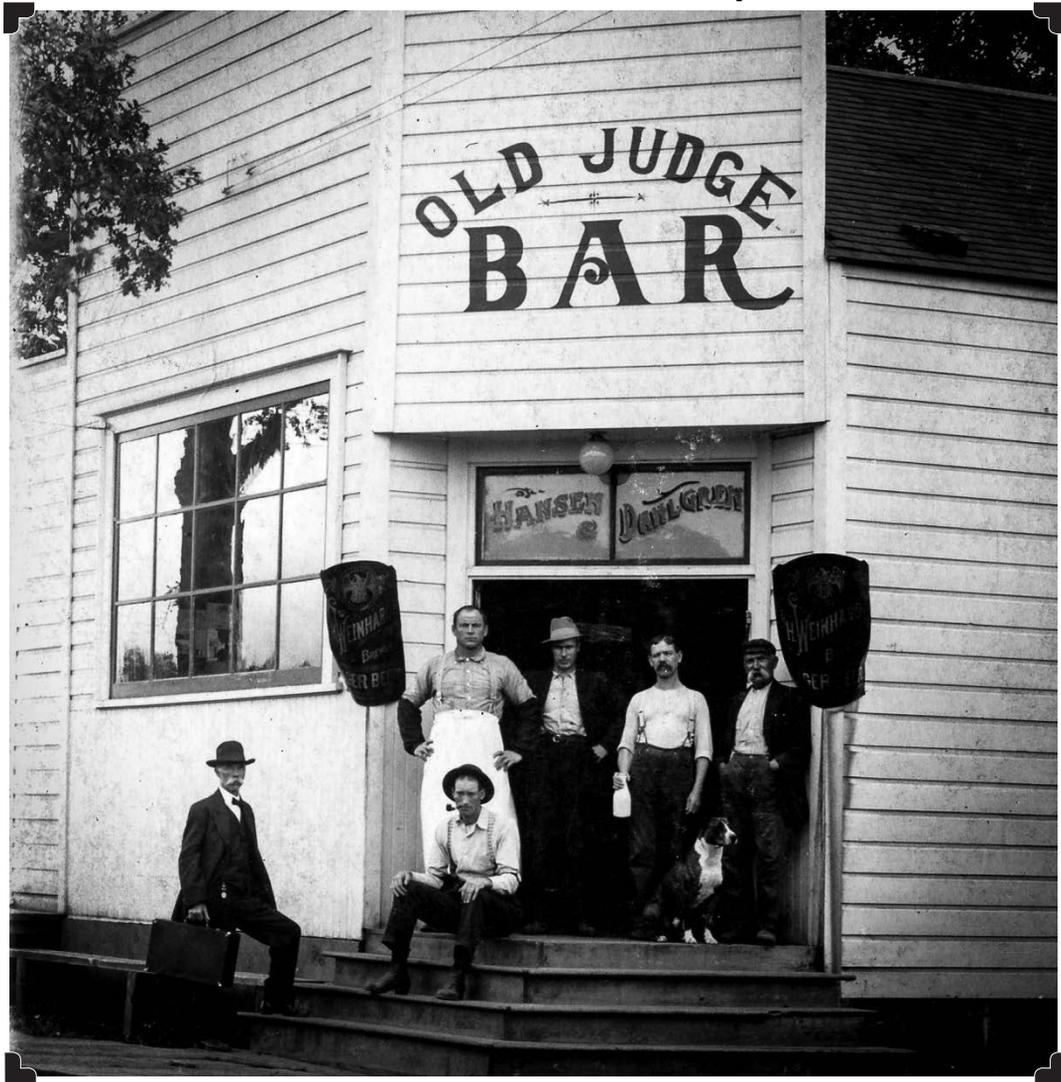


Voters' Pamphlet

Oregon General Election | November 8, 2016

COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

Official Local Voters' Pamphlet



Houlton, Oregon circa 1913. Photo provided courtesy of Columbia County Museum Association

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.



Columbia County Voter's Pamphlet

GENERAL ELECTION November 8, 2016

Dear Columbia County Voters:

The Columbia County Voters' Pamphlet is published to inform voters in regard to local candidates and measures you will find on your ballot. I would like to take this opportunity to pass on to you some important information regarding the November 8, 2016, Primary Election:

- **Mailing of ballots.** Ballots will be mailed to the county-at-large October 21, 2016 to each registered voter in Columbia County. Expect to see them early the following week.
- **Returning your voted ballot by mail.** Due to changes in the USPS distribution network and service standards, it is advisable that **voted ballots should not be mailed later than Tuesday, November 1.** If a ballot cannot be mailed by this day, please visit a local drop site or use a drop box. Ballots received later than 8:00 pm Election night will not be accepted, regardless of postmark.
- **Secrecy Envelopes.** The secrecy envelope is purely optional. Should you find yourself sealing your ballot, and omitting the secrecy envelope, do not worry. Your ballot will still be accepted.
- **Ballot Arrangement.** Candidates are arranged in a random alphabet order established by the Secretary of State for each election. The candidate will be listed in the same order in this pamphlet and on the ballot. Only the applicable candidates and measures for your precinct and voter registration's residential address will appear on your ballot.
- **Candidate submissions for Voters' Pamphlet.** Not all candidates submit information for the Voters' Pamphlet so you may have candidates on your ballot that are not in the Voters' Pamphlet.
- **Extended Hours To Accommodate The Public.** The elections office will be **open to the public until 7:00 pm Mondays 31 October, 2016 and 7 November, 2016** for last minute assistance for dropping off your voted ballot, updating your registration and obtaining a reissued ballot (new physical or mailing address) or for requesting a replacement ballot (damaged/lost ballot).

Make sure your vote counts! Ballots must be received by the Elections Office, no later than 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 8, 2016, to be counted. Drop site locations are listed on page 20 of this voters' pamphlet.

It is my honor and privilege to serve as your County Clerk.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth "Betty" Huser
Columbia County Clerk

Columbia County

Commissioner, Position 1



Wayne Mayo

OCCUPATION: General Contractor - 33 years, Commercial Property Manager - 27 years

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Broker for Hasselblad Lumber (1993-2003), Founder/Director of two 501c-3(non-profit) Corporations

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: St. Helens High School, Portland Community College, OIT Engineering, Portland State University Economics

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Scappoose Planning Commissioner, St. Helens Park Commissioner

Priorities

• **Evaluate How the County Raises and Spends Our Money**

1. Will not look to property tax increases for new revenue.
2. Avoid unnecessary use of costly outside consultants.
3. Collect delinquent taxes instead of creating new taxes.
4. Reduce old debt and resist new debt.
5. Review existing departments for necessity, redundancy, and efficiency.

• **Build Our Economy**

1. Support the County road department in its struggle to maintain and improve our 600 miles of roads.
2. Encourage and promote small local businesses
3. Maintain our regional leadership in low property tax rates.
4. Oppose inclusion in TriMet or other Metro taxing districts.
5. Urge the Port of St. Helens to sell, instead of lease property, to give small business owners an incentive to buy and move here.

• **Protect Our Quality of Life**

1. Support the continued improvement of our schools and educational opportunities.
2. Maintain our strong sense of community through churches, sports programs, public parks, and shared events such as the County Fair.
3. Protect and enhance our valuable recreational assets which include miles of equestrian, bicycling, and walking trails, kayaking, hunting and fishing.
4. Work with large timber landowners to allow access to popular recreational sites.
5. Retain our county's historically low crime rate through adequate law enforcement and continued community efforts.
6. Ensure that sufficient safety measures be taken by all forms of commercial transport.
7. Encourage private development of affordable housing for Columbia County residents.

We must always consider how progress enhances the liveability of our communities through thoughtful, careful management of the opportunities and challenges that present themselves.

(This information furnished by Wayne Mayo)

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Commissioner, Position 1



Margaret C Magruder

OCCUPATION: Managing Partner, Oregon Shepherd, LLC, Insulation Manufacturing Company; Owner/Operator, Magruder Farms; Coordinator, Lower Columbia River Watershed Council

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Third Generation Columbia County Farmer; 4-H Leader; Community Volunteer; Mother; Grandmother

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: MA, Foreign Languages, Syracuse University; BA, Political Science, Willamette University; Clatskanie High School Graduate

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Columbia County Budget Committee; Oregon Board of Agriculture; District 5J School Board; American Lamb Board; Columbia County Extension Budget Committee; Oregon Sheep Commission

Born and raised in Columbia County and as a local business owner, I have a deeply-ingrained commitment to ensuring that this County is a great place to live, work and play. My education and experience in government affairs and finance, knowledge of natural resources, and lifelong involvement in issues facing Columbia County provides me the background and ability to work collaboratively with fellow citizens in achieving a balance between livability and prosperity in the county we call home.

Priorities:

A Great Place to Live: Columbia County residents want great schools, beautiful parks, public safety, good roads, support of veterans, and access to other local government services. I will make these goals a priority by budgeting conscientiously, working to attract new businesses and supporting responsible growth of new and existing businesses.

A Great Place to Work: Many county residents must commute for their work. My priority is to achieve a balance between large industries, small business, and agriculture and forestry. I will strive to bring family-wage jobs to our county while being conscious of our current resources and our environment.

A Great Place to Play: We have one of the most scenic counties in the state. Our river provides an abundance of recreational activities. Our trails and parks offer access to beautiful woodlands. I will listen to the desires of our citizens and work collaboratively with other agencies to ensure our county continues to be a great place to live, to work, and to raise a family.

Fair – Accessible – Responsive

www.facebook.com/MagruderforCommissioner OR www.margaretmagruder.com

(This information furnished by Margaret C Magruder)

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City of Scappoose

Mayor



**Mark
Reed**

OCCUPATION: College Instructor - Portland Community College 1996-Present; Alaska Airlines - Drug Abatement 2007-Present

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Columbia River Fire & Rescue - Firefighter/Lieutenant/Paramedic 1984-2010; Life Flight Network - Flight Paramedic 1992-2007

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Western Oregon University - Bachelor of Arts - Administration 1996; Western Oregon University - Bachelor of Arts - Education 1978; Scappoose High School 1973

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: City Councilor - City of Scappoose 2010-Present

I believe the city is at a critical period of its growth. More than ever it needs leadership that values honesty and transparency above all else, something we have been without for some time.

I have been a Scappoose resident my entire life. Together with my wife of 38 years, we raised our daughter here, and own a home in the city we love. I have spent my entire life and career helping others. I worked as a firefighter and paramedic for many years, and currently teach EMT's at PCC.

I have been on the City Council for the last 6 years and have had a front row seat to the way our city works - both good and bad.

(This information furnished by Mark Reed)

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Mayor



**Scott
Burge**

OCCUPATION: Independent Insurance Agent; Uber Driver

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Integrated Power Systems - Sales; Information Management Systems - Sales

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland State University - B.S. Political Science; Scappoose High School

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Mayor, City of Scappoose, 2007-Present; City Councilor, City of Scappoose, 1999-2006; Council President, City of Scappoose

Under my leadership, Scappoose has experienced many successes. Veterans Park was constructed, sidewalks were built along Highway 30, and a new, safer railroad crossing at Havlik was recently installed. Cascade Tissue broke ground on a 64 million dollar plant that will employ 70 people in phase one and additional jobs in the future. PCC has announced its intention to build a campus in Scappoose and join PSU, OSU and Oregon Institute of Technology in developing the Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center on land near the Airport.

We Held the first "Community Town Hall" meeting to develop a bold vision for Scappoose which was recently adopted by the council.

I am proud to be your Mayor. With your help in this election, I will:

Protect and Enhance the Crown Zellerbach Trail.
Protect the Crown Zellerbach Trail and develop Chapman Landing into a park. Parks are an important part of our livability and I will work to expand our park system including the creation of a trail along the South Scappoose Creek.

Create Local Family-Wage Jobs.
Work tirelessly to assure the creation of local family wage jobs. I am an integral member of the team that recruited the Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center and the PCC Training Center to Scappoose. I will continue to work to help our businesses expand and succeed.

Support Small Businesses.
Aggressively recruit and retain small businesses by continuing my program of eliminating business license fees and assuring safe streets and a safe downtown. This past year I received the 2016 South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce "Commerce Advocate of the Year" award.

My priorities also include maintaining a professional police force to keep our community one of the safest in Oregon and building appropriate infrastructure.

If you share these goals, please vote Scott Burge for Mayor.

Thank you

(This information furnished by Scott Burge)

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City of Scappoose

Council Member (B)



**Patrick H
Kessi**

OCCUPATION: Real Estate Developer

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Real estate developer, business owner 1999-present.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Attended Scappoose K-12, graduated Scappoose High School 1995; B.A. Finance, University of Portland 1999.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Scappoose School Budget Committee Chair 2016; Scappoose School Budget Committee 2015.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: University of Portland Board of Regents 2005-2008, 2009-present; Home Builder's Association Board 2015-present; Scappoose Youth Sports Coach 2011-Present; Entrepreneurs' Organization Portland Board 2011-2013 and Board President 2013-14.

PERSONAL: Married to Mary for 10 years; one son, three daughters.

Patrick Kessi for City Council

Patrick Kessi – Quality of Life

“Preserving and improving the quality of life for all in Scappoose is my priority.”

- Expand network of sidewalks for safety and improve walkability.
- Connect parks, walkways, bike paths and trails. Create more parks on the north side of the city.
- Plan a Community Center to provide safe recreational activities for our youth and other citizens.

Patrick Kessi – Progress Done Right

“We need to attract tax payers and businesses to provide jobs and to support our schools, our arts, and our parks while preserving our small-town way of life.”

- Emphasize long-term planning, with action plans for implementation.
- Prioritize spending on roads, infrastructure, police and fire safety.
- Improve public transportation and traffic flow.

Patrick Kessi – Children are the Future

“Engaging our youth and providing activities and employment opportunities for them should be an essential part of our city planning.”

- Promote job growth in our community.
- Encourage vocational training courses on the new PCC campus.
- Collaborate with the Scappoose School District.

Patrick Kessi is Endorsed by (Partial List)

Rita Bernhard, Former Scappoose Mayor and Former Columbia County Commissioner
 Mark Parsons, Former City Councilor
 Ted Moon, Former Scappoose High School Principal
 Paul Horst, Former Scappoose High School Athletic Director (24 yrs.)
 Sean McNabb, Scappoose High School Football Coach
 Roberta Shoemaker, Business Owner
 Josette Hugo, Community Leader
 Mary Ellen Bernet, Community Leader

My mission is to work collaboratively on what is best for Scappoose. Please email me your ideas to: kessiforcouncil@gmail.com

Vote Patrick Kessi

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City of St. Helens

Mayor



**Randy
Peterson**

OCCUPATION: Mayor of St. Helens; Owner/Operator of a local mini-storage business

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Columbia River Fire & Rescue, 1979-2007, Retired; Coos Bay Fire Department, 1977-1978

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: St. Helens High School, 1972-1974; Southwestern Oregon Community College, 1974-1975; Fire Service Administrative Institute at Western Oregon University, 1998-2002

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: St. Helens City Councilor, 1989-2002; St. Helens Mayor, 2002-present

Re-Elect Mayor Randy Peterson, St. Helens

Integrity. Experience. Leadership

Providing quality city services, and investing your tax dollars wisely, are the most important jobs of the City Council. The Council should provide safe water and sewer systems that can handle increased population, fund public safety, and create, and maintain, safe roads and sidewalks. I am also excited about the tremendous opportunity we have to redevelop the old Boise Cascade Veneer site that sits downtown. The Council must work as a team and I am proud of the following accomplishments, during my tenure, that make our city so livable.

- Recruitment of Letica Corporation, Armstrong World Industries, Pacific Stainless, and ORPET thereby creating family wage jobs;
- Worked with Women's Resource Center to bring a battered women's shelter to St. Helens;
- Remodeled and expanded the St. Helens Senior Center;
- Partnered with Head Start, to create a new class room on Tice Rd.;
- Partnered with Columbia River Fire & Rescue to build the Joint Maintenance Facility that reduced expenses for both agencies;
- Worked with the State Marine Board to bring docks and amenities to our water front and Sand Island;
- Upgraded the City Sewer Plant;
- Built a new Water Filtration Plant;
- Purchase of the Boise Veneer site for redevelopment;
- Acquisition of approx. 200 acres of industrial land to help attract new business and jobs.

With your support I will continue to work for you, and to make our city one we can be proud of.

Randy Peterson for Mayor

It would be my honor to continue serving you!

Thank you

(This information furnished by Randy Peterson)

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City of St. Helens

Council Member, Position 2



**Stephen R
Topaz**

OCCUPATION: Consultant; Owner, S P Tech

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: I began my career in the early 1960s as a Research Associate at Cleveland Clinic and went on to become a Faculty Member and Instructor of Surgery at Johns Hopkins University and Rutgers Medical School. Since the 1980s, I've been a Senior Engineer and consultant for dozens of corporations and medical laboratories worldwide. I also hold a number of patents and am an inventor of the intraaortic balloon pump, fetal ultrasonic heart monitor and several artificial hearts and valves.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: B.S., Mechanical Engineering, Purdue University; B.S., Bioengineering/Electrical Engineering, Rutgers University

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

Before moving to St. Helens 15 years ago, I was a Board Member and active coach for The Lotus Project in Salt Lake City, which provided jobs to the homeless by teaching them new skills.

I've come to love St. Helens and want to see it grow and prosper in the ways that the citizens deserve. I've enjoyed being active in the community with examples including:

1. Founding member of SHEDCO and hosted the construction center for projects including the float, "Before I Die" monument, sandwich boards, Ice Cream cart and more.
2. Served on the organizing committee for multiple Marine Time and 4th of July festivals.
3. Served as a fundraiser for several 4th of July festivals.
4. Helped restore the operation of and re-lighting of the Warrior Rock Lighthouse and repaired the County Courthouse clock and bell.
5. Volunteered for the Art Council fundraiser dance and City Clean-up days.
6. Manned the high lift to hang Christmas tree decorations and built the North Pole for Christmas in the park.

Additionally, I've regularly attended City Council meetings and want to contribute to the city in a more meaningful way than just a volunteer, advocate and involved citizen.

St. Helens citizens deserve a transparent and accountable city government that works hard to make the city vibrant and prosperous - please vote for me if you agree!

(This information furnished by Stephen R Topaz)

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Council Member, Position 2



**Keith
Locke**

OCCUPATION: Councillor – City of St. Helens (16 years)

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:
St Helens Computer Center – Owner/Retired
Boise Cascade Paper - Retired

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:
Portland Community College
Chemeketa Community College

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:

- St. Helens City Councillor
- St. Helens Police Commissioner
- Community Development Dept Budget Committee
- Builders Board
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission
- Columbia Pacific Economic Development Council
- CAT - Community Action Team Vice-Chair Board of Directors.
- Noon Kiwanis Club
- City Parks Volunteer - Sand Island and Greycliffs Park.
- Thirteen Nights on The River Volunteer - City Events
- St Helens Tourism Council
- St Helens Community Foundation Board of Directors
- St Helens Scappoose Chamber of Commerce (Board of Directors)
- Columbia View Park Amphitheater Committee
- St Helens Federal Community Credit Union (Board of Directors)
- St Helens Federal Community Credit Union (Supervisory Committee)
- Waterfront Task Force Committee
- Plasa Committee
- Oregon Downtown Association Committee
- Columbia County Historical Society volunteer

I believe we need to focus on one community and to build a consensus for the betterment of everyone in our city. My participation in working with many of the local organizations has shown me the diverse needs of our community. We shall encourage new business and help our existing businesses so that the future of our City can become a thriving and healthy environment. Our success with this common goal will create a livable place for all.

I believe our main focus should be communication and this should be a bi-directional process. The City needs to educate the community on all the issues and then listen to feedback from the people. We need to let people understand the problems and how we get to the solutions and let the community be a part of those solutions. This can be accomplished by getting the information out by a number of avenues. Newspapers, Newsletters, Internet, Email, CCTV, Radio and public forums including participating with all the local service organizations councils and committees. Councillors should be active in the community.

(This information furnished by Keith Locke)

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City of St. Helens

Council Member, Position 4



**Ginny
Carlson**

OCCUPATION:

City of St Helens City Councilor since 2012
Budget Committee
Youth Council Advisor
Planning Commission Liaison
Entrance Sign Committee
Tourism Committee
SHEDCO Board Member
City Of St Helens City Councilor Position 4

Riverside Training Centers : Day Program Support since 2008
Supporting Adults with Developmental and Intellectual
Disabilities to achieve their dreams and take active roles in
their community.

Kevin's Auto Body: Business Owner Since 2002 near
Rainier, Oregon
Providing Employment Opportunity for Alternative School
Graduates and on the job training with Work Source Oregon.
We strive to support local businesses with shop local

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Luke Center for Catalytic Leadership Pacific Program Honoree
Ford Family Institute for Leadership Community Ambassador
Ford Family Institute for Leadership Graduate

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:

Nami - National Alliance on Mental Illness advocate/volunteer/fundraiser
Relay for Life - America Cancer Society volunteer/fundraiser
Everybody Swing (set) Swing set for Campbell Park, plus
adaptive zero gravity swings for 2 parks Partnership with Rotary
Everyone get ready - Ford Project - **Emergency Preparedness
Fair and Day pack** Project - Volunteer Coordinator Facilitator
Envisioning a community that honors families and supports
a healthy community.
Ford Project: **"Splash It Up" Water Feature Columbia View
Park 2009-2012** Design Committee Leadership
Uniting a region and reaffirming a great destination for
work and play
Ford Project: **HWY 30 Banners - Volunteer Coordinator
Facilitator 2011-2012**

As a working wife and mother of two wonderful children, I love St Helens and we have completed a lot of projects but there is more work to do. I am prepared to work with each of you for a stronger more vital community for all of our families.

The time for transparency in government is now, the time for each voice to matter is now. I will continue to listen and I will never stop working hard for everyone in this community.

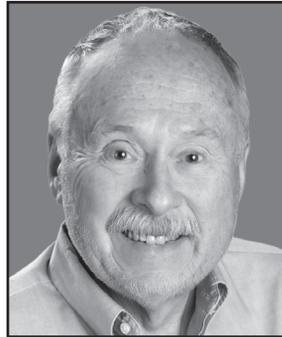
Please look for me at Ginny4CityCouncil and on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter

Every Voice Every Vote Matters ~ Ginny Carlson for St Helens City Council ~ 2016

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Council Member, Position 4



**Garrett
Lines**

OCCUPATION: Retired

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: SciCron Technologies (Plant Manager); Dow Chemical Company; Upjohn Company

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, MBA; University of Houston, BS Chemical Engineering

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Columbia County Jail Operating Citizens Advisory Committee, Vice-Chair; St. Helens Budget Committee, Chair; Timbercreek Canyon Property Owners Association, President; Prospect Connecticut Bicentennial & Sesquicentennial Committee, Co-Chair; Prospect Conservation Commission, Chair; Prospect Inland Wetlands Commission, Vice-Chair

My wife and I purchased a house in St. Helens seven years ago. We chose St. Helens because, even in the depths of the Great Recession, St. Helens had the feel of a strong and caring community.

As a child, I was taught the importance of public service. I have lived in several locations, and in each one, I have been a member of a government and/or service organization working towards community improvement. These have ranged from preserving Connecticut state coastal wetlands, to converting a town from a bedroom community to an actual community, to running the government of a small village.

In my last job, prior to moving to St. Helens, I started-up and managed all aspects of a high-tech specialty coating company that sold worldwide. In this position, I gained valuable experience working with local, state, and federal agencies.

I have come to realize while working on local committees that my experience, knowledge, and drive will provide a skilled Councilor for the people of St. Helens, especially needed for the upcoming Waterfront Development.

As your St. Helens Councilor I will:

- Be responsive to the needs of the entire community,
- Strive to make the Waterfront Development a valuable asset for all St. Helens residents,
- Work to grow the economy while maintaining a safe and healthy environment,
- Be open and available to the people of St. Helens,
- Spend the time required to accomplish the above items.

I appreciate your consideration for my candidacy for St. Helens Councilor, Position 4.

(This information furnished by Garrett Lines)

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City of Vernonia

Mayor

Councilor (B)



**Kim
Tierney**

OCCUPATION: Public Health Manager - Retired

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Public Health Clinic/ Program manager – 27 yrs.
Grant Writer
Non Profit Manager
Small Business Owner

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Univ. of Texas - Masters in Public Health (MPH),
Univ. of Washington (BA)

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:

1996 Vernonia Flood Unmet Needs Committee
Vernonia School Board
Columbia County Commission on Children and Families
2007 Vernonia Flood - IMT
Vernonia City Council – August 2011 to present

I am running for mayor to provide consistency and continuity for the City and the City Council. I have served on Council since August 2011, and am currently Council President (backup to Mayor). Randy Parrow is stepping down and personally urged me to run for his position.

We have seen some rough periods since I joined Council. After decades of changing administrators frequently, I believe Vernonia is finally in a stable situation. We have a strong City Administrator, a solid infrastructure, and dedicated staff. Vernonia is entering a stronger financial period with more potential growth and opportunities. Soon our Sewer Project will be complete and we will have a new Senior Center and Food Bank. I want to be here to see these projects through.

As an experienced Public Health Manager, I developed skills/ experiences that will help strengthen Vernonia. I have extensive experience in successful grant-writing, project management, budgeting, personnel management.

My husband, Jim and I moved to Vernonia in 1981. Our two sons, Colin and Torin were born here. We have always been heavily involved in community service. We are now entering retirement and I will have more time to devote to Vernonia.

In addition to my government volunteering, my community work includes writing grants to fund “Swimmerships” for Vernonia children without access to swim lessons and Boy Scout leader for 16 years. In the last three years, I have helped Vernonians spay/neuter hundreds of stray cats.

(This information furnished by Kim Tierney)

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**Susan
Wagner**

OCCUPATION: Contract Coordinator and Resource Developer for a local non-profit; eBay business owner since 1995

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Administrative assistant and office manager, paralegal, special education aide

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Palisades High School; Santa Monica College; California State University, Northridge; Ford Family Foundation Leadership Cohort 5

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:

2010 - current, Vernonia Planning Commission (appointed);
2015 - current, Vernonia School District Board (appointed to fill open seat);
2011 - 2014, City of Vernonia Budget Committee; Vice Chair 2011, Chair 2012, Citizen Member 2013 & 2014 (appointed);
2008-2009; Staff to the Governor’s Oregon Solutions Team which assisted Vernonia’s flood recovery

I moved to Vernonia from Colorado with my husband and daughter in summer 2006. We were drawn to Vernonia for its location, its people, and because we knew Vernonia would be a great place for our daughter to grow up.

When the flood hit on December 3, 2007, I knew I needed to step up and give back to the community that had become my chosen home. I volunteered to help, and was initially asked to set up a system to manage and track all of the resources that were flowing into the community. I worked as a volunteer for several months, then was hired under the State’s WorkSource Program. I was hired by Community Action Team in January 2009, and I continue working there to assist all communities in our Northwest Oregon service area of Columbia, Tillamook and Clatsop counties.

I have been very involved and active in Vernonia. I have assisted many different groups and organizations directly and indirectly, through grant writing, involvement with their committees, or actively participating in fundraising activities. I’ve worked in the schools as an aide, and a parent volunteer. My broad and varied experience and background will allow me to quickly acclimate as a member of the City Council.

I’ve always believed you can’t just say “someone should do something,” but being that someone. I believe in investing in my community, financially and physically. I want to be part of the solution, to work with my neighbors, listen to my fellow community members, and help Vernonia continue moving forward in a sensible and level-headed manner.

(This information furnished by Susan Wagner)

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City of Vernonia

Clatskanie People’s Utility District

Councilor (B)

Director, Clatskanie PUD, Subdivision 1



**Mike
Buffum**

OCCUPATION:

Vernonia’s Natural Choice LLC
886 Bridge St
Vernonia OR 97064
503-429-9333

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Palmdale Highschool
Palmdale, CA. Last grade 11th

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:

I moved to Vernonia in 1998. I immediately liked this city. The community here is very friendly and helpful. When Vernonia flooded in 2007, I was very thankful for all of the help the people of Vernonia gave. I would like to give back to Vernonia and its citizens

(This information furnished by Mike Buffum)

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**Bob
Wiggins**

OCCUPATION: Retired

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Millwright/Vibration Analyst, Georgia-Pacific, Wauna Mill, 22 years
Construction Millwright 13 years

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Linn-Benton Community College; Oregon State Apprenticeship and Training; Journeyman Millwright;
Portland Community College; Benson High School, Diploma

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Director Clatskanie PUD; Community Service; Sports Coach; Boy Scouts; Scholarship Committees; Director Wauna Federal Credit Union

It has been my honor to serve you on the Clatskanie PUD Board of Directors since April of 2007, when I was appointed to complete a term, representing Subdivision 1, then elected to full terms in 2009 and 2012.

As a director my duties have included Board Treasurer and Vice-President. I have worked to secure very favorable bond and interest rates, hiring a new General Manager, reducing management positions and maintaining the lowest residential rates in Oregon.

The CPUD is moving into a new era of regulation and government requirements. It is essential that directors are knowledgeable and prepared to effect changes that are beneficial to our customer/owners. I have represented CPUD on the Northwest Public Power Government Relations Committee and at The Public Power Council.

While serving on CPUD’s board I supported the Arrowrock project, power purchase contracts of clean renewable energy enabling CPUD to exceed the state requirements and selling power and renewable energy credits out of district to reduce your monthly bill. I am pleased to be a member of a PUD board that supports a creative, innovative atmosphere maintaining power rates at a competitive advantage to keep and stimulate employment in our community. I will continue to serve you with integrity, and ensure that your participation is valued and encouraged.

(This information furnished by Bob Wiggins)

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Columbia River People's Utility District

Director, Columbia River PUD, Subdivision 1



**Debbie
Reed**

OCCUPATION: Retired Paralegal

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Davis, Wright, Tremaine, LLP - Paralegal 1995-2005
Weiss Jensen Ellis & Botteri - Paralegal 1990-1995
Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt - Paralegal 1980-1990
Robert A. Lucas - Legal Secretary 1978-1980

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Merritt Davis Business College - Certificate Legal
Dallas High School 12 yrs. - Diploma

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

I am married and have been a Columbia County resident for 38 years. My husband and I raised our daughter in Scappoose and have a strong interest in the Scappoose community. As a long time PUD ratepayer, I am committed to maintaining competitive electricity rates. Additionally, I am committed to reducing employee turnover and maintaining high PUD employee morale, which the organization currently enjoys. The PUD has gone through some recent challenging issues, resulting in expensive legal fees. I am hoping to see an end to confrontation and lawsuits and move forward on a successful path.

(This information furnished by Debbie Reed)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county. (ORS 251.335 (3b))

Director, Columbia River PUD, Subdivision 1



**Nancy
Ward**

OCCUPATION: Semi-Retired, Property Management

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: 46 years business administration, sales and customer service

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Grants Pass High School, Graduate
Loyola Marymount University, B.A. Business Administration/
Marketing

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:

President, Clean Columbia County (current)
Secretary, Columbia County Sustainable Action for a Green
Environment (current)
Secretary, Columbia County CASA (past)

As defined by the Columbia River PUD: "The Board sets rates and policies and hires the General Manager, who oversees daily operations."

The PUD has been functioning with only an interim manager since August 2015. Prior to the interim manager four general managers served within one year. A permanent manager is needed to establish and maintain stability both internally (with employees) and externally (with customers and vendors). It should be the priority of all current and future board members to hire a permanent General Manager.

In addition to the duties outlined by the PUD, a board member also needs to possess certain skill sets if they are to be effective collaborators. My years of experience in private industry have lead me to develop:

- Ability to: listen, analyze and work well with people.
- Ability to: prepare for and attend meetings, ask questions, assume responsibility and follow through on assigned tasks.
- Possess: tolerance of differing views, openness, personal integrity, strong sense of values and courage to stand for my convictions.
- I believe in sustainable energy, and will encourage the PUD to pursue modern technology as a viable option for our growing energy needs.
- I believe the serious work of public service should be approached with a sense of humor and humility.

We need clarity, vision and sincere cooperation on the Board of the Columbia River PUD.

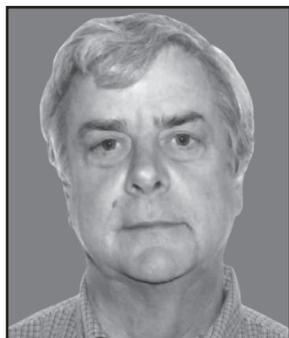
**Vote
Nancy Ward
Columbia River PUD
Director, Subdivision 1
www.NancyWard4CRPUD.info**

(This information furnished by Nancy Ward)

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Columbia River People's Utility District

Director, Columbia River PUD, Subdivision 3



**Rob
Mathers**

OCCUPATION:

Director, Business Development - Northwest Terminals Kinder Morgan, Inc. Portland, OR

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: 44 years in the midstream energy & transportation industry, providing pipeline, storage & handling services for fuels and other commodities. Various management, director and commercial positions in the United States and Europe.

Served for six years on the boards of three joint-venture companies with operations in Belgium, Spain and the UK.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Rutgers University, BA in Journalism (Communications), 1972
Cornell University, Executive Development Program, 1983

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

Serve on the board of the Working Waterfront Coalition (WWC) in Portland, OR; the WWC is an organization of businesses that advocates for sound public policy promoting economic, environmental and social sustainability in the working harbor (2007-present).

Serve as member of the Portland Freight Committee (PFC); the PFC is an advisory committee to the city commissioner in charge of the Portland Bureau of Transportation (2009-present).

Served on the board of the Chicago Outward Bound School (1988-1989).

Served as member of the Storage and Transportation Committee of the National Petroleum Council (NPC) updating a study of petroleum storage, transport and fuel inventory-holding practices in the US (1987-1988).

Served as Loaned Executive to the Crusade of Mercy (United Way) fund-drive in Chicago,IL (1974).

Married to the amazing Ann Mathers for 36 years; one daughter, one son, each of whom is likewise an exceptional and talented individual.

Moved to Columbia County in 1999; would like to be of more service to the community. Believe that serving Subdivision Three CRPUD customers as a director would be a good fit all around... at least that's what some community-minded neighbors think.

(This information furnished by Rob Mathers)

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Director, Columbia River PUD, Subdivision 4



**Jake
Carter**

OCCUPATION: Business Representative, IBEW Local 1125

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Columbia River PUD - 11 years
Dyno Nobel - 9 years

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: St. Helens High School, Oregon State University, Oregon State Joint Apprenticeship Training Council, Journeyman Lineman

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Board of Directors, Columbia River PUD, 4 years

My name is Jake Carter and I have served on the CRPUD Board since 2013. I am a lifelong St. Helens resident. My wife Danette and I have three sons. I have been an active community volunteer in youth sports and coaching for the last 14 years.

Since joining the board in 2013, I have helped refocus the PUD on providing safe, reliable and affordable electric service. Here are some of our accomplishments:

- Built and energized the Fairgrounds Substation & up-graded Rosehill Substation to ensure reliable service for St. Helens
- Rebuilt power lines along Columbia Boulevard in St. Helens
- Residential rates about 35% below PGE rates and about 31% below the state average
- On track to pay off all long-term debt in the next 4 years
- Lowered operating expenses in the 2016 budget to 2011 levels to keep rates affordable
- 2016 employee survey showed high morale
- Maintained our A+ Bond Rating from Standard & Poor's

I represent the PUD at meetings for Oregon PUD Association, Northwest Public Power Association, Northwest Requirements Utilities and Bonneville Power Administration.

I have served as a Business Representative for IBEW Local 125 in Portland for nearly 5 years. In my role I work with six different utilities in Oregon and Washington. I also sit on the Electric Utility Safety Advisory Committee in Washington where I helped re-write electrical safety standards for the state.

I will help continue building a PUD that provides safe and reliable power to the customer with the lowest possible rates, while supporting a harmonious workforce.

I look forward to your vote in the November election.

Thank you,
Jake Carter
www.facebook.com/jakepud4
<http://voteforjake.wordpress.com>

(This information furnished by Jake Carter)

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Columbia County

Measure 5-255

BALLOT TITLE

DEPLETION FEE INCREASE FOR SAFER ROADS, BRIDGES, AND CRRIDER TRANSPORTATION.

QUESTION: Shall the County Natural Resources Depletion fee be increased by thirty-five cents for roads, bridges and Columbia County Rider?

SUMMARY: Columbia County Ordinance No. 90-20 sets the Natural Resources Depletion Fee at fifteen cents (\$.15) per ton. The fee provides revenue for county roads. This initiative increases the depletion fee by thirty-five cents (\$.35) per ton, a total of fifty cents (\$.50) per ton. The thirty-five cent increase shall be used as follows:

- Ten cents (\$.10) for improvements and maintenance of existing roads and bridges;
- Twenty-five cents (\$.25) for CC Rider Transportation.

The initiative prohibits other uses of these funds.

Other provisions include:

- The depletion fee rate shall be adjusted annually based on the consumer price index for the Portland Metropolitan area.
- Any operator identified by Ordinance 90-20 shall be audited at least every three years to determine accuracy of records and fees.
- Any public official who fails to implement or enforce any part of this ordinance shall be guilty of a Class B violation under Oregon Law and may be sued in Circuit Court.
- This Ordinance is effective upon passage and may be changed only by majority vote at a county-wide election.

**Measure initiated by petition.
Explanatory Statement is not applicable**

ARGUMENT FOR

I urge the voters of Columbia County to vote yes on Ballot Measure 5-255. If this measure passes, it will be the first increase to the gravel depletion fee in more than 19 years. The proposed increase will help to pay for the maintenance of our county's roads and bridges. In addition, the increase will help to provide needed funding for Columbia County's increasingly valuable public transportation system, CC Rider.

While the county struggles to keep roads and services afloat, gravel prices have hit new highs. The price of gravel has increased from an average of \$4.98 per ton in 1995 to \$12.65 per ton, today. That is a 254% increase while the tax has remained the same. Your taxes have increased. Why shouldn't theirs?

Background on the Depletion Fee:

- The depletion fee was first enacted for the privilege of severing and depleting natural resources from the soils and waters of Columbia County.
- In 1990, the voters of Columbia County approved the **Natural Resources Depletion Fee Ordinance**.
- The 1990 ordinance provided part of the revenues for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair and maintenance of the Columbia County road system and part for administration costs.

Will This Fee Put the Gravel Industry Out of Business?

No, it will not. Back in 1990, gravel miners complained that the 15¢ fee would put them out of business. It surely did not. Many acres have been mined since 1990, and many acres are being mined today. In fact, on July 28, 2016, Northwest Aggregates submitted an application to Columbia County requesting the rezoning of an additional 130 acres of farmland for Surface Mining. The application states that this 130 acres is expected to yield 12 more years of mining.

Please support our county roads and public transit by voting yes on Ballot Measure 5-255.

Submitted by:
Thelma Bonar
56734 Way Lane, Warren

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Columbia County

Measure 5-255

ARGUMENT AGAINST

Measure 5-255 is simply a discriminatory sales tax targeted at one industry. Columbia County is the only county in Oregon or Washington that taxes this industry. Producers here compete region wide, in and out of state. Our county is not the only source of rock and sand. Those initiating and supporting this measure put local jobs and community support at risk by making us less competitive in the regional market.

The aggregate business is extremely competitive. As little as ten cents per ton has won or lost bids. Our industry already pays more than most others by the nature of its holdings, property and equipment. For those unaware, all machinery, supplies and support equipment down to the copy machine and paper is taxed at the same rate as your home. The aggregate industry already pays its share of road use taxes, in the form of licensing, PUC road tax, fuel tax and a F.E.T. on tires. Crushing plants start at around \$750,000, a new wheel loader \$750,000: now multiply that, and tax it.

B.C.X. leases our source of material from Oregon Division of State Lands, and therefore already pays royalties that go to the Common School Fund. Measure 5-255 will have an adverse and potentially crippling impact on our business, as we compete across the river in Washington - which has no depletion fee and no royalties on dredge spoils. On the other hand, Materials purchased by local municipalities, businesses and individuals will likely bear the increased cost, and so will you the taxpayer.

I urge you to vote NO on Measure 5-255!

Submitted by:
B.C.X INC
POB 1327 Rainier OR 97048

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ARGUMENT AGAINST

Enough is enough!

Measure 5-255 seeks to increase the Columbia County gravel tax from 15 to 50 cents per ton - more than 200% - with the proceeds going to the Road Department and to fund Columbia County Rider.

Proposals to raise the Columbia County gravel depletion tax have failed twice already, including an identical initiative submitted last year. Proponents opposed a measure proposed by the County Commission to create a special transportation district. Apparently, they feel that they only want CC Rider if someone else pays for it.

Columbia County is the only county in Oregon that charges a depletion tax on gravel. Proponents argue that it should be increased because it hasn't been in 20 years. By that logic, the state income tax should go up too.

Selective taxation - picking one group to pay for an unrelated service - is bad public policy, and clearly unfair. It's like demanding that only citizens whose names begin with "J" pay for the jail.

The original Columbia County depletion tax was instituted in 1990 to pay for administration of surface mining regulations and reclamation, with any excess going to county roads. The county repealed its surface mining ordinance and turned administration over to the State in 2009. The state's program is funded by fees from the gravel industry, not the taxpayers.

The depletion tax remains, without any connection to the program it was created for. This does not mean it is there to subsidize whatever cause - however worthy - someone can collect a thousand signatures for.

The gravel industry is one of the largest providers of family-wage jobs in the county. Local producers compete in a regional marketplace where they are already at a 15-cent disadvantage. Increasing that disadvantage by more than 200% will inevitably lead to loss of production and layoffs. It's simple economics.

Measure 5-255 is unfair, bad policy and bad business, and deserves a NO vote.

Submitted by:
Save Columbia County Jobs
PO Box 42307
Portland, OR 97242

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Columbia County

Measure 5-257

BALLOT TITLE

RENEWAL OF LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR JAIL OPERATIONS-FOUR YEARS

QUESTION: Shall Columbia County renew a levy of \$0.5797/\$1000.00 of assessed value for four years beginning in 2017-2018 for Jail operations? This measure renews current local option taxes.

SUMMARY: In 2014, voters approved a three year levy for Jail operations which will expire in 2017.

The three primary funding sources for the Jail are the County's General Fund, Federal bed rentals, and the existing Jail operating levy. Since the 2014 levy passed, the County General Fund support for the Jail has remained consistent. Federal bed rental revenue has also remained stable but is not a guaranteed revenue source. The County still cannot fully fund operation of the Jail without renewal of the levy.

Prior to the 2014 levy, the County was required to reduce Jail beds for local inmates to 25, and anticipated a full closure of the Jail without the levy. The operating levy currently supports a total of 100 local beds, and funding for the constitutionally required food, clothing, management and health care for inmates. Renewal of the levy will pay for continued operation of the Jail through 2021.

The estimated money raised will be \$2,635,299 in FY 2018, \$2,708,501 in FY 2019, \$2,783,737 in FY 2020, and \$2,861,063 in FY 2021, for an estimated total levy of \$10,988,600.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In 1998, County voters approved a bond levy to fund the construction of a new jail to ease overcrowding in the old jail. The bond to build the new jail is projected to be paid off in 2018 at which time property taxes collected to pay the bond will no longer be collected.

Beginning in 2012, jail beds were cut to save costs after the County General Fund decreased over the previous several years, producing significantly fewer funds for jail operations.

Jail operations became unsustainable in 2014, until voters approved a levy of \$0.5797/\$1000.00 assessed value for three years to help fund jail operations and keep the jail open.

The next four years' jail budget will rely on a combination of revenue from the General Fund, the rental of beds to outside agencies, and a renewal of the current levy amount of \$0.5797/\$1000 assessed value for four years. The proposed levy presents no rate increase, but will be sufficient to keep the jail operating through FY2021. A property owner with assessed value of \$100,000 would continue to pay \$57.97 per year for four years.

The operating funds will be used to provide constitutionally required care of inmates including food, clothing and health care. The use of levy funds will continue to be monitored by a citizen committee established by the County (the "JOCAC"). The citizen committee has issued a report on Jail financing and operations, including the use of the 2014-2017 Jail levy funds. The JOCAC Report is available on the County website at www.co.columbia.or.us. The JOCAC Report states that the JOCAC has received thorough briefings on the budget, jail operations, personnel hires, and equipment upgrades and replacement in order to verify that all funds raised by the levy were spent on Jail operations. In examining County quarterly and year-end financial reports the Committee verified that all funds raised by the levy, and all other funds raised for Jail operations have either been spent on Jail operations or are in an account reserved for Jail operations only. The JOCAC Report also finds that the goal of eliminating early releases was met on March 12, 2015.

Submitted by:
Anthony Hyde
Chair, Board of Commissioners

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

Measure 5-258

BALLOT TITLE

IMPOSES COUNTY TAX ON THE RETAIL SALE OF MARIJUANA ITEMS

QUESTION: Shall Columbia County impose a three percent (3%) tax on the retail sale of marijuana items in unincorporated Columbia County?

SUMMARY: Under state law, a county governing body may adopt an ordinance to be referred to the voters imposing up to a three percent tax or fee on the retail sale of marijuana items in unincorporated areas of the county by a state licensed marijuana retailer.

If this measure is adopted, it would approve Columbia County Ordinance No. 2016-3, which imposes a three percent (3%) tax on the retail sale of marijuana items in the unincorporated area of the county by a state licensed marijuana retailer. The marijuana retailer will collect the tax at the point of sale and remit the tax collected to the County. The ordinance also provides for the collection, administration and enforcement of the tax. If the measure is adopted, the ordinance will be effective January 1, 2017.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Approval of this measure would adopt Ordinance No. 2016-3, which imposes a three percent tax on the sale of recreational marijuana items by a marijuana retailer within the unincorporated area of Columbia County. Ordinance No. 2016-3 is available at the Columbia County Board of Commissioners' Office.

If this measure is approved, revenue from the tax will go into the County's General Fund, which pays for services that could be potentially impacted by marijuana sales and usage such as County code enforcement, law enforcement, and public health and safety services.

Under Measure 91, adopted by Oregon voters in November 2014, codified in ORS chapter 475B and amended by the Legislature in 2015 and 2016, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission must license the retail sale of recreational marijuana. ORS 475B.345 provides that a county governing body may adopt an ordinance imposing up to a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items (which include marijuana concentrates, extracts, edibles, and other products intended for human consumption and use) by retail licensees in the unincorporated areas of the County, but the Ordinance must be referred to the county voters at a statewide general election. If the measure is approved by the voters, the Ordinance imposing a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items by a retail licensee in the unincorporated areas of the county will be adopted. The tax does not apply to medical marijuana. The tax will become effective January 1, 2017.

Submitted by:
Anthony Hyde
Chair, Board of Commissioners

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

City of Columbia City

City of Rainier

Measure 5-256

Measure 5-264

BALLOT TITLE

RENEWAL OF POLICE PROTECTION SERVICES LOCAL OPTION TAX

QUESTION: Shall City of Columbia City renew the five-year operating levy of \$0.67 per \$1,000 assessed value beginning in 2017-18? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: The City's current five-year levy of \$0.67 per \$1,000 assessed value is in its fifth and final year and will expire after the 2016-17 tax year. The City uses the tax revenues from the current levy to provide basic police protection services.

In order to continue to provide basic police protection services, the City is requesting a renewal of the five-year operating levy of \$0.67 per \$1,000 assessed value. The City will continue to use tax revenues from this measure to provide basic police protection services.

Over the five-year period, the levy will raise approximately \$580,694 for police protection services.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$110,475 in 2017-18, \$113,237 in 2018-19, \$116,068 in 2019-20, \$118,970 in 2020-21, and \$121,944 in 2021-22, for a total of \$580,694. The levy would then expire.

For a home assessed at a value of \$200,000 the annual cost of this levy would be \$134 per year.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In 1992 Columbia City voters approved a tax base of \$67,574. With the passage of Ballot Measure 50 in 1997, the tax base transitioned to a permanent tax rate of \$1.1346 per thousand - the lowest permanent City property tax rate within Columbia County, with the exception of Prescott (estimated population - 60), and among the lowest within the State of Oregon. Columbia City is primarily a bedroom community. The greatest majority of tax revenue comes from homeowners. There are few taxable commercial and industrial developments within the City.

In 2010, the City Council identified police protection as a critical General Fund service that was seriously under-funded after expenses associated with police protection services had exceeded the total tax revenues collected since fiscal year 2004-05. The amount of total tax revenue generated by the City's existing permanent tax rate consistently fell short of funding a Police Department staffed by 2.5 paid full-time equivalents (FTEs) and volunteer police reserves. The City Council asked voters to approve five-year local option levy of \$0.67 per \$1,000 assessed value to support police protection services, and voters approved the levy in November 2011.

The five-year levy is now in its fifth and final year and will expire after the 2016-17 tax year. In order to continue to provide basic police protection services, the City is requesting a renewal of the five-year operating levy of \$0.67 per \$1,000 assessed value. If approved, the City will continue to use tax revenues from this measure to provide basic police protection services.

If approved, this levy will raise approximately \$580,694 for police protection services over the five-year period.

Estimated annual cost:

This local option levy is for \$0.67 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The estimated annual cost of this levy for a home assessed at a value of \$200,000 is \$134 per year, or \$0.37 per day.

Submitted by:
Leahnette Rivers
City Administrator/Recorder

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

BALLOT TITLE

IMPOSES CITY TAX ON MARIJUANA RETAILER'S SALE OF MARIJUANA ITEMS

QUESTION: Shall City impose a tax on the sale of marijuana items by a marijuana retailer in the City?

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

If this measure is adopted, it would approve a Rainier Ordinance imposing a tax on the sale of marijuana items in the city by a licensed marijuana retailer. The tax amount would be the maximum amount allowed under State law, which is currently three percent (3%). The tax would be collected at the point of sale and remitted by the marijuana retailer. The measure also includes provisions regarding collection, administration and enforcement of the tax.

Under State law, a city that adopts an ordinance that prohibits the establishment of certain marijuana registrants and licensees in the city may not impose a tax or fee on marijuana items. The City of Rainier has not adopted such an ordinance.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Under Measure 91, adopted by the Oregon voters in November 2014, and amended by the Legislature in 2015, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission must license the retail sale of recreational marijuana. The 2015 Legislation provides that a city council may adopt an ordinance imposing up to a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items (which include marijuana concentrates, extracts, edibles, and other products intended for human consumption and use) by retail licensees in the city, but the council must refer that ordinance to the voters at a statewide general election. The City of Rainier City Council has adopted an ordinance imposing a tax of the full amount allowed under State law, which is currently three percent (3%), on the sale of marijuana items by a marijuana retailer in the city, and, as a result, has referred this measure to the voters.

If this measure is adopted, it would approve Rainier Ordinance No. 1071 imposing a three percent tax, or the maximum rate allowed by the State, whichever is greater, on the sale of marijuana items in the city by a licensed marijuana retailer. The tax would be collected at the point of sale and remitted by the marijuana retailer. The measure also includes provisions regarding collection, administration and enforcement of the tax. There are no restrictions on how the city may use the revenues generated by this tax.

Under State law, a city that adopts an ordinance that prohibits the establishment in the area subject to the jurisdiction of the city of a medical marijuana processor, medical marijuana dispensary, or recreational marijuana producer, processor, wholesaler, or retailer may not impose a tax or fee on the production, processing or sale of marijuana or any product into which marijuana has been incorporated. The City of Rainier has not adopted such an ordinance.

Submitted by:
Debra Dudley, City Administrator/Recorder/Finance Director

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

City of Scappoose

Measure 5-261

BALLOT TITLE

IMPOSES CITY TAX ON MARIJUANA RETAILER'S SALE OF MARIJUANA ITEMS.

QUESTION: Shall City impose a tax on the sale of marijuana items by a marijuana retailer in the City?

SUMMARY: Under state law, a city council may adopt an ordinance to be referred to the voters of the city imposing up to a three percent tax or fee on the sale of marijuana items in the city by a licensed marijuana retailer.

If this measure is adopted, it would approve a Scappoose Ordinance imposing a tax on the sale of marijuana items in the city by a licensed marijuana retailer. The tax amount would be the maximum amount allowed under state law, which is currently three percent (3%). The tax would be collected at the point of sale and remitted by the marijuana retailer. The measure also includes provisions regarding collection, administration and enforcement of the tax.

Under state law, a city that adopts an ordinance that prohibits the establishment of certain marijuana registrants and licensees in the city may not impose a tax or fee on marijuana items. Scappoose has adopted such an ordinance and referred it to the voters. If approved, this measure imposing a tax on marijuana sales would become operative only if the measure prohibiting marijuana establishments does not pass by a majority of votes.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Under measure 91, adopted by the Oregon voters in November 2014, and amended by the Legislature in 2015, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission must license the retail sale of recreational marijuana. The 2015 Legislation provides that a city council may adopt an ordinance imposing up to a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items (which include marijuana concentrates, extracts, edibles, and other products intended for human consumption and use) by retail licensees in the city, but the council must refer that ordinance to the voters at a statewide general election. The City of Scappoose City Council has adopted an ordinance imposing a tax of the full amount allowed under State law, which is currently three percent (3%), on the sale of marijuana items by a marijuana retailer in the city, and, as a result, has referred this measure to the voters.

If this measure is adopted, it would approve Scappoose Ordinance No. 858 imposing a three percent tax, or the maximum rate allowed by the State, whichever is greater, on the sale of marijuana items in the city by a licensed marijuana retailer. The tax would be collected at the point of sale and remitted by the marijuana retailer. The measure also includes provisions regarding collection, administration and enforcement of the tax. There are no restrictions on how the city may use the revenues generated by this tax.

Under state law, a city that adopts an ordinance that prohibits the establishment in the area subject to the jurisdiction of the city of a medical marijuana processor, medical marijuana dispensary, or recreational marijuana producer, processor, wholesaler, or retailer may not impose a tax or fee on the production, processing or sale of marijuana or any product into which marijuana has been incorporated. The City of Scappoose has referred such a measure to the electors of Scappoose. As a result, if the voters pass a prohibition ordinance, this tax measure will not become operative, even if it also receives a majority of votes.

Submitted by:
Susan M Reeves
City Recorder

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

Measure 5-262

BALLOT TITLE

PROHIBITS RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA RETAILERS AND BUSINESSES; PROHIBITS MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROCESSORS

QUESTION: Shall Scappoose prohibit recreational marijuana retailers, producers, processors wholesalers and prohibit medical marijuana processors, while allowing medical marijuana dispensaries?

SUMMARY: This measure does not affect legal medical marijuana dispensaries. State law allows operation of registered medical marijuana processors, medical marijuana dispensaries and licensed recreational marijuana producers, processors, wholesalers, and retailers. State law provides that a city council may adopt an ordinance to be referred as a measure to voters to prohibit the establishment of any of those registered or licensed marijuana activities.

Approval of this measure would approve Scappoose Ordinance No. 852, which would prohibit medical marijuana processors, recreational marijuana producers, processors, wholesalers, and retailers from locating in areas subject to the City's jurisdiction.

This measure would not affect individual use; individuals will continue to be able to use and possess marijuana products in Scappoose in accordance with state law.

If this measure is approved, the City will not receive any state disbursements of marijuana tax revenue. The City would also be unable to impose a local tax or fee on the production, processing or sale of marijuana or products that incorporate marijuana.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Approval of this measure would prohibit the establishment of certain marijuana activities within the city. Ordinance 852, and this measure does not affect legal medical marijuana dispensaries.

The Oregon Medical Marijuana Act, as amended by the Legislature in 2015, provides that the Oregon Health Authority will register medical marijuana processors and medical marijuana dispensaries. Medical marijuana processors compound or convert marijuana into concentrates, extracts, edible products, and other products intended for human consumption and use. Medical marijuana dispensaries facilitate the transfer of marijuana and marijuana products between patients, caregivers, processors, and growers. Measure 91, approved by Oregon voters in 2014 and by the Legislature in 2015, provides that the Oregon Liquor Control Commission will license recreational marijuana producers (those who manufacture, plant, cultivate, grow or harvest marijuana), processors, wholesalers, and retailers.

A city council may adopt an ordinance prohibiting the establishment of any of those entities within the city, but the council must refer the ordinance to the voters at a statewide general election. The Scappoose City Council has adopted an ordinance prohibiting the establishment of medical marijuana processors, recreational marijuana producers, processors, wholesalers, and retailers within the city and, as a result, has referred this measure to the voters.

If approved, this measure would prohibit medical marijuana processors and recreational marijuana producers, processors, wholesalers, and retailers within the city. Medical marijuana processors that were registered with the state before the city council adopted the ordinance may continue operating in the city even if this measure is approved. Ordinance 852, and this measure, does not affect legal medical marijuana dispensaries.

Approval of this measure has revenue impacts. Currently, ten percent of state marijuana tax revenues will be distributed to cities to assist local law enforcement in performing their duties under Measure 91. If approved, this measure would make Scappoose ineligible to receive distributions of state marijuana tax revenues. State marijuana tax disbursements to cities will be determined by population through July 2017. After July 2017, disbursements will be determined by the number of licenses issued by OLCC in a given area.

Currently, under the 2015 legislation, a city may impose up to a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items by a marijuana retailer in the city. However, a city that adopts an ordinance prohibiting the establishment of medical marijuana processors or recreational marijuana producers, processors, wholesalers, or retailers may not impose a local tax or fee on the production, processing or sale of marijuana or any product that incorporates marijuana. Approval of this measure would therefore prevent Scappoose from imposing a local tax on those activities. Should this measure pass by a majority of votes, the measure imposing a tax on marijuana sales in Scappoose will not become operative.

Approval of this measure will not affect individual use; individuals will continue to be able to use and possess marijuana products in Scappoose in accordance with state law.

Submitted by:
Susan M Reeves, City Recorder

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

Measure 5-260

Measure 5-263

BALLOT TITLE

BALLOT TITLE

IMPOSES CITY TAX ON MARIJUANA RETAILER'S SALE OF MARIJUANA ITEMS

QUESTION: Shall City impose a tax on the sale of marijuana items by a marijuana retailer in the City?

SUMMARY: Under state law, a city council may adopt an ordinance to be referred to the voters of the city imposing up to a three percent tax or fee on the sale of marijuana items in the city by a licensed marijuana retailer.

If this measure is adopted, it would approve a St. Helens Ordinance imposing a tax on the sale of marijuana items in the city by a licensed marijuana retailer. The tax amount would be the maximum amount allowed under state law, which is currently three percent (3%). The tax would be collected at the point of sale and remitted by the marijuana retailer. The measure also includes provisions regarding collection, administration and enforcement of the tax.

BONDS TO CONSTRUCT CLASSROOMS AND SCHOOLS; SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, UPDATE TECHNOLOGY

QUESTION: Shall District construct, repair classrooms, schools; improve safety, technology; estimated to maintain current bond tax rate by issuing \$49,635,000 bonds? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: If approved, St. Helens School District bonds would fund construction, renovation, furnishing and equipping of schools and classrooms; improved access to technology; safety and security improvements; repairs. The District estimates that given expiring debt current District bond tax rates will not increase. The District may be awarded \$4 million in State matching funds if this measure is approved and matching funds are available. Independent audits, citizen oversight required.

Projects include:

- Replace St. Helens Middle School with construction phases allowing students to remain onsite
• Renovate St. Helens High School including new classrooms, repairs and security improvements
• Replace alternative high school modular campus with a permanent structure onsite
• Site and building improvements; demolition
• Payment of interest
• Technology, safety and security improvements
• Bond issuance costs

Bond maturity will not exceed 26 years from date of issuance and may be issued in one or more series. The estimated District bond levy tax rate will remain unchanged at approximately \$1.38 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Actual tax rates may differ, depending on interest rates incurred and change in assessed value.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Under measure 91, adopted by the Oregon voters in November 2014, and amended by the Legislature in 2015, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission must license the retail sale of recreational marijuana. The 2015 Legislation provides that a city council may adopt an ordinance imposing up to a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items (which include marijuana concentrates, extracts, edibles, and other products intended for human consumption and use) by retail licensees in the city, but the council must refer that ordinance to the voters at a statewide general election. The City of St. Helens City Council has adopted an ordinance imposing a tax of the full amount allowed under state law, which is currently three percent (3%), on the sale of marijuana items by a marijuana retailer in the city, and, as a result, has referred this measure to the voters.

With no increase to the current bond tax rate expected, the District's bond provides funds to make safety and security upgrades, extend the life of the High School, add instructional space at the secondary level, build a new Middle School to accommodate growth, and replace temporary portables at CCEC alternative high school with a building.

In fall 2015, the District met with community members through 16 listening sessions as part of a strategic planning process during which issues were raised regarding the state of school facilities. Last spring a demographic study and facility assessment were also conducted, followed by a community survey to determine project priorities. The Board unanimously approved the bond measure to address:

If this measure is adopted, it would approve St. Helens Ordinance No. 3207 imposing a tax of three percent (3%), or the maximum amount allowed by state law, whichever is greater, on the sale of marijuana items in the city by a licensed marijuana retailer. The tax would be collected at the point of sale and remitted by the marijuana retailer. The measure also includes provisions regarding collection, administration and enforcement of the tax. There are no restrictions on how the city may use the revenues generated by this tax.

School Safety

- Adding security cameras and upgrading security measures to help keep students, teachers, and staff safe at the high school
• Increasing student and staff safety with new buildings at CCEC and the middle school designed to current standards

Access to Technology and Modern Classroom Space

- Increasing student access to computers and technology so they receive higher quality career and vocational education, to help them graduate college and career ready from high school
• Creating modern classrooms for science, technology, engineering and mathematics courses
• Adding modern classrooms and technology to the District's outdated middle school, giving students a fair chance to compete with others across the state

Increased Efficiencies

- Investing in energy saving measures such as repairing or replacing aging, inefficient heating and cooling systems, installing energy efficient windows, lighting systems and insulation

The Middle School is over a half century old and with no major upgrades made to meet current instructional practices for over 50 years. With asbestos from floors, walls, and ceilings, and failing load bearing walls, a new facility rather than a remodel is the most effective way to bring the Middle School up to current building codes and 21st century learning standards.

The High School was updated three decades ago. Thirty years without improving the instructional space has left the Science and Technology areas significantly outdated. The bond would support learning labs that meet 21st century standards.

The CCEC alternative high school is housed in portable classrooms which are quickly becoming more costly to maintain as they age. The CCEC portable classrooms serve 80 - 90 students plus staff with only two restrooms, a small cafeteria and no gym space. This bond measure would replace the portables with a new building.

With the retirement of existing bonds this measure is not expected to increase the current bond tax rate. As such, the \$49.6 million bond is projected to maintain a cost of \$1.38 per \$1,000 of assessed value annually over the bond term. The anticipated amount is equal to approximately \$276 per year on a home with an assessed value of \$200,000. Actual levy rates may vary depending on growth in assessed values and interest rates incurred. Additionally, if approved, the District may be eligible for \$4 million in state matching funds allowing for additional facility improvements to the high school.

Submitted by: Scot A. Stockwell Superintendent

Submitted by: Shelby Rihala, City Attorney

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

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St. Helens School District 502

Vernonia School District 47J

Measure 5-263

Measure 5-259

ARGUMENT FOR

We have an opportunity to help the students in our school district achieve success in a competitive world. The undersigned recognize that passing Measure 5-263 will help keep students, teachers and staff safer, improve the tools students have available for reaching their career and educational goals and support them by providing an educational environment designed for learning. Due to existing bonds which are retiring, there should be no increased cost to taxpayers. We hope you will join us in making education a priority by voting YES on Measure 5-263.

Submitted by:
Kellie Smith,
Renew Replace Renovate
59902 Tamarack Dr. St Helens

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BALLOT TITLE

CAMPUS COMPLETION, FACILITY ENHANCEMENTS, TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES AND CONSTRUCTION DEBT

QUESTION: Shall Vernonia Schools enhance facilities and refinance debt by issuing \$6,800,000 in bonds, receiving up to \$2,700,000 matching State 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: Up to \$2,700,000 in matching State grants are awarded to the District if voters approve this measure. If rejected, grants will be diverted to another district. A major portion of the bonds will refinance existing debt, thereby freeing up resources for general operations.

Bond and grant proceeds are also expected to fund:

Construction:

- four classrooms; one for art
- welding/metals shop building
- playground equipment at Mist and Vernonia Schools
- additional solar panels
- football field, track, stadium and parking area
- lighting of baseball/softball fields
- cross-country/fitness/nature trail
- Indoor walking track in gym

Upgrades:

- Mist interior and exterior: roof, gutters, siding, gym floor and classrooms
- security/surveillance systems at Mist and Vernonia
- mechanical systems at Mist
- Improved technology
- Install well and Irrigation
- enhanced lighting systems
- site improvements, furnishing and equipping of projects and bond issuance costs

Bonds would mature in not to exceed 26 years. The estimated incremental tax rate is approximately \$0.24 per \$1,000 of assessed property value above November 2016 levels. Actual rates may differ based upon interest rates incurred and growth in assessed value.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Following catastrophic floods in 1996 and 2007, voters approved a 2009 bond measure to move the three impacted Vernonia School District schools and District Office to higher ground. The school opened in 2012, meeting FEMA deadlines and before another major flood event occurred (December 2015).

Total cost of moving the District to higher ground was \$42 million, with approximately \$13 million coming from the 2009 bond, \$12 million from FEMA, and the remainder from state and federal grants, and individual and private foundation donations. The final \$5 million needed to complete construction was borrowed.

Fundraising efforts and receipt of grants have paid these loans for seven years, but these opportunities are no longer available. Payments on these loans will now come 100% from the general fund budget, impacting classroom programs. Further, certain key capital projects from the original campus design were never completed due to lack of funding. The proposed bond will tackle all of these issues. Importantly, the District was recently awarded a \$2.7 million matching grant from the State of Oregon; however that money will only be available if voters approve this bond.

This bond will refinance construction debt of approximately \$4.1 million. Current loan payments of \$408,000/year (equivalent to 5 full-time teachers, or 20 days of school) will be eliminated if voters approve this bond. These loan payments will continue, and be paid from general funds, if voters reject this bond.

If this bond is approved Vernonia voters will have a \$47 million dollar school campus project for the overall price of \$19.8 million in local bonded debt.

The bond and matching grants are expected to fund:

- Refinancing existing debt, freeing up resources for general operations to support classroom learning.
- Constructing, furnishing and equipping new classrooms (including a dedicated art room) and welding/metals shop.
- Protecting the community's investment in Mist Grade School by replacing roofs, gutters, siding, flooring and mechanical systems.
- Improving technology with additional equipment and wireless access.
- Installation of playground equipment at both school campuses.
- Additional investments in school safety through installation of supplementary security systems.
- Completing athletic fields and facilities on the Vernonia Schools campus.
- Installation of irrigation system for natural resource programs and landscaping.
- Other site improvements, furnishings, equipping of projects and Bond issuance costs.

For the 2009 Bond, the District estimated a tax rate of \$1.90 per thousand of assessed value. Because of low interest rates, strong growth in assessed values, and a recent refinancing of the 2009 Bond, the actual rate paid was lower. The addition of this bond is estimated to not exceed that original \$1.90 per thousand rate, with an incremental cost of approximately \$48 per year for property assessed at \$200,000. Actual rates may differ depending on interest rates incurred and changes in assessed value.

New property owners moving into the community would pay for the projects through new property taxes that could reduce the share paid by existing property owners.

Submitted by:
Aaron Miller, Superintendent

NO ARGUMENTS AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

Vernonia School District 47J

Measure 5-259

ARGUMENT FOR

DID YOU KNOW?

Vernonia School District is asking for approval of a bond measure for \$6.8 Million.

It is necessary to **vote YES** on Ballot Measure 5-259.

The debt for the construction of our \$40 million school has an unpaid balance of \$4.1 Million. Starting in the 2016-17 school year, the \$408,000 annual payment will be paid from funds that would otherwise go toward education.

The debt payment represents almost 7% of the budget.

Our school district was chosen by the State of Oregon to receive \$2.7 Million in a matching grant IF we pass the bond. The matching grant is for capital improvements only, and doubles the value of each dollar we put toward completing the campus.

We vote IN \$6.8 million and we will receive \$9.5 Million Total!

If we pass the bond, not only will we refinance our debts, we will ALSO complete athletic fields and facilities on the campus, construct, furnish and equip new classrooms, including a dedicated art room and welding/metals shop, and repair and upgrade Mist school.

The cost to pass this bond is estimated at 24 cents per thousand of current assessed value of your property.

If your property is assessed at \$100K, your cost is estimated at \$2.00 per month

If your property is assessed at \$200K, your cost is estimated at \$4.00 per month

If your property is assessed at \$300K your cost is estimated at \$6.00 per month

If your property is assessed at \$400K, your cost is estimated at \$8.00 per month

VOTE YES FOR BOND MEASURE 5-259

Submitted by:
William Langmaid
Vernonia Schools Bond Committee
55221 McDonald Rd
Vernonia OR 97064

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ARGUMENT FOR

As a resident and business owner in Vernonia, I urge my fellow citizens to vote Yes for completing the vision of the Vernonia School Campus.

The bond would provide Vernonia's schoolkids a completed K-12 campus, including the football field, track, shop and art facilities envisioned in the 2009 design. Vernonia School District has also secured a matching grant of \$2.7 million from the state to pay for half of the campus athletic, shop and art facilities, but only if we vote to pass this bond.

We won't ever forget the flood events of 1996 and then December of 2007 that devastated our town and our clear understanding of the risk to the schools and other public facilities in the floodplain. The school district faced a hard deadline from FEMA to move the buildings to high ground or face severe consequences jeopardizing the future of the schools and the community. Through efforts by both community members and complete strangers in other parts of Oregon, the school raised over \$37 million of which 13 million was the bond passed in 2009.

In September 2012, the Vernonia School District opened the new schools in time to meet that FEMA deadline and receive the FEMA credit of \$12 Million. This investment already paid off, as Vernonia just successfully weathered another significant flood in December 2015, proving the value of moving the schools to high ground.

Please Vote Yes on Vernonia schools' campus completion bond for our community's future.

Sharon Bernal

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COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR BALLOT

- **CHECK YOUR BALLOT**
- **VOTE BOTH SIDES OF YOUR BALLOT**
- **SECURITY ENVELOPE (OPTIONAL)**

Put ballot in your optional secrecy envelope

If you overlook this process and omit the secrecy envelope, your vote will still be counted

- **SIGNATURE RETURN ENVELOPE**

Put ballot (in the optional secrecy envelope or by itself) into signature return envelope

Be sure to sign your signature return envelope

- **RETURN YOUR BALLOT**

Your ballot must be received in the Columbia County Elections Office, or at an official drop site, by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday November 8th, 2016 in order to be counted. Postmarks do not count.

Return by mail. The Postal Service recommends that voters mail ballots one week before the due date to account for any unforeseen events or weather issues and to allow for timely receipt and processing by election officials.

Use a Drop Site. For all official Oregon drop sites visit www.oregonvotes.org

COLUMBIA COUNTY BALLOT DROP SITE LOCATIONS

Columbia County Courthouse

Elections Department

230 Strand St, St. Helens

Hours: M–Th 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Election Day: 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

24-Hour Drive-up Drop Box

Located outside of 230 Strand St

Election Day: Up to 8:00 PM

Vernonia Public Library

701 Weed Ave, Vernonia

Hours: M/W/F 10:00 AM – 5 PM

Tu–Th 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Sat 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Election Day: 12:00 PM–8:00 PM

Scappoose City Hall

24-Hour Drop Box

Located outside of 33568 E. Columbia Ave

Election Day: Up to 8:00 PM

Clatskanie Library

11 Lillich St, Clatskanie

Hours: M–W 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Th–Sat 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Election Day: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD

12525 Oregon Highway 202, Mist

Hours: M–Th 9:00 AM – 5 PM

Election Day: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Rainier City Hall

106 B St West, Rainier

Hours: M–F 9:00 AM – 5 PM

Election Day: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

