

LANE COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

MAY 19, 2015 SPECIAL ELECTION



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Lane Community College Director Zone 5



**Phil
Carrasco**

Occupation: Coordinator, Catholic Community Services of Lane County, Young Fathers Program; Oregon AFL-CIO Organizer.

Occupational Background: Educational research assistant

for Oregon Social Learning Center; G.L.A.D. Community Organizer.

Educational Background: University of Oregon, Planning, Public Policy, and Management, Bachelors of Science; Lane Community College, Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer

Prior Governmental Experience: Lane Community College Budget Committee (Volunteer); City of Eugene Human Rights Commission (Volunteer); City of Eugene Equity and Human Rights Board (Volunteer).

Friends,

Lane Community College was created so that we the working class could attain a higher education and level the playing field.

I will set out to make LCC a home to increased investment and innovation by fighting for;

Affordability: Efficient, public, investment model for LCC.

Acceptance: Build equity in the administration, faculty, classified staff, and in the policies the Board adopts.

Accountability: Keeping up to date, with real time information from the community to better serve in my position in a timely manner.

"Phil Carrasco's participation at the board level will bring a voice to the changing demographics of LCC."

Pat Albright, Lane Community College Board Chair

"Phil Carrasco is a dynamic and energetic Latino leader and will be a great addition to the Lane Community College Board of Education."

Pete Sorenson, Lane County Commissioner

As a Thurston High School graduate, former LCC student and Lane County tax payer, I've received a lot from this community. Now, I'd like to give something back as a volunteer on the LCC Board.

This may 19th I would be honored if you Vote for me, Phil Carrasco for LCC Board of Education Zone 5.

If there any questions or comments about my campaign for LCC Board, please call me at 541-357-9703 or email me at friendsofphilcarrasco@gmail.com

Endorsed by

Pete Sorenson, Lane County Commissioner

Pat Albright, Lane Community College Board Chair

Democratic Party of Lane County

University of Oregon College Democrats

(This information furnished by Phil Carrasco.)

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Lane Education Service District Director Position 4 Zone 4



**Chris
Culver**

Occupation: Faculty Member, Lane Community College; Adjunct Instructor, University of Oregon Law School; Certified Public Accountant

Occupational Background: Former Board Member and

Treasurer, Mount Pisgah Arboretum

Educational Background: University of Oregon, Master's in Business Administration; University of Oregon, Bachelor's from the College of Human Development

Prior Governmental Experience: Appointed to the Lane Educational Service District Board in July of 2013

As I consider my writing and your potential reading of these comments, I realize those two events are made possible by our mutual, likely public, educations. For me that foundational K-12 education was here in Lane County. I am grateful for the doors education has opened for me and hope to pay those opportunities forward.

In my two years on the ESD board I've been both disheartened and hopeful. I'm saddened by the lack of opportunities for students, large class sizes, the achievement gaps of minority student populations, and the ongoing fiscal challenges. Despite the difficulties, I'm hopeful and inspired when I meet with our counties teachers, students, parents, district employees, and volunteers. A tremendous number of people are making a great deal of effort to sustain and improve our educational delivery systems. Given the chance, please thank and support them.

I believe my 20 plus years of frontline educational experience, in combination with my business background, can be of service to Lane ESD. I am committed to thoughtful innovation, continuous improvement, fiscal responsibility, better systems and process design, and the creation of a servant leadership culture.

Thank you for being an engaged and concerned citizen. Sustaining and improving the quality of education for all the students of Lane County is a big task. Anyone can help by volunteering in a classroom, in the school district, reading to children, or mentoring youth. With your support, we can help students realize their dreams and potential, so please get involved!

I would welcome your vote.

Chris Culver

(This information furnished by Chris Culver.)

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Lane Education Service District
Director Position 7 At-Large

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Linda Hamilton

Occupation: Parole and Probation Officer, Lane County Parole & Probation Services

Occupational Background: Previously employed by State of Oregon, Department of Corrections

Educational Background: University of Oregon, Political Science, Bachelor of Science

Prior Governmental Experience: City of Eugene Human Rights Commission; Lane County Human Services Commission; Precinct Committee Chairperson

As a parent and public safety professional, Linda understands the importance of an effective education and will work to ensure all of our children have the best opportunities to succeed. Linda’s integrity and commitment to our community is unparalleled. She is dedicated to

Equity - Excellence - Opportunity

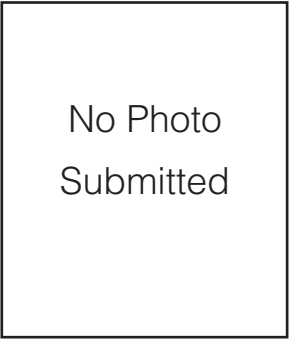
Linda has worked in government for 27 years, is committed to youth, and has a proven history of local civic and community involvement:

- A Family for Every Child Associate Board Member
- Current Member of Governor’s Youth Re-Entry Group Youth Mentor
- Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Recruitment & Retention Committee
- Former Eugene School District 4J Equity Committee Member
- Former Eugene Human Rights Commission Chair
- Former Lane County Advisory Council for Disability Services Member
- One of the founders of Oregon Black Education Foundation
- Former Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee Member
- Former Human Services Commission Member
- Former Co-Chair Community Alliance of Lane County (CALC)
- University of Oregon President’s Diversity Advisory Community Council
- Former City of Eugene Police Commission Member
- EWEB Research Panel
- Former Downtown Safety Task Team Member
- Former Liaison Eugene Civilian Review Board
- 2006 Oregon Youth Authority Minority Service Award

A **VOTE for Linda Hamilton** is a vote for Equity in access to educational services, Excellence in education, and Opportunity for all school districts, employees and students to achieve success.

(This information furnished by Linda Hamilton.)

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John A Baumann

Occupation: Executive Director, Eugene Hearing and Speech Center

Occupational Background: Director health and Developmental Services, University of California Santa

Barbara - 18 years ; Commissioned Officer, United States Public Health Service ; WELLthy Living Consultants, self employed ; Americorps - Volunteer in Service to America

Educational Background: Duke University School of Medicine, Medicine, Degree; Northwestern University, Liberal Arts, Degree; University of Texas Medical Branch, Internal Medicine, Certificate; Florida Risk Management Institute, Healthcare Risk Management, Certificate

Prior Governmental Experience: Chairman, Santa Barbara County Emergency Services Committee - 10 years; Lane County Drug Court Advisory Committee; Lane Community College Career and Technical Advisory Committee

With a lifelong commitment to “Wellness” – Intellectual; Emotional; Nutritional; Physical; Spiritual; Environmental, I would bring a passionate and holistic viewpoint to the serious education issues confronting our Society.

Early childhood literacy, healthy child development, physical fitness, proper nutrition, safe environment and motivation are all areas in which I have experience and expertise.

As an employee, volunteer, mentor, formal and informal educator, I have been actively involved at the pre-school, elementary school, juniorhigh, high school, college, professional and continuing education levels throughout my adult life.

I continue to be appalled by the “All Children Left Behind” policies of a previous administration. Music , Art and Physical Activity are keys to math, creative thinking and teamwork. I would work tirelessly to promote the importance of Music, Art and Physical Activity.

(This information furnished by John A Baumann.)

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**Lane Education Service District
Director Position 7 At-Large**

**Eugene School District #4J
Director Position 1**

No Photo
Submitted

**Karen
Bodner**

Occupation: Self-Employed in Landscape Maintenance/ Gardening (year around); Team Leader/Trainer at Harry&David Eugene Call Center (Oct-Dec)

Occupational Background:

Administrative and Personnel experience in aerospace and municipal government; OSU Lane Co. Extension Master Gardener and Master Food Preserver; Territorial Seed Co. Call Center and Trial Gardens; Gardener at Paradise Bar Wilderness Lodge, Rogue River

Educational Background: Calif. Lutheran College, Sociology/ German, B.A.; OSU Ext Master Gardener, Horticulture, Certificate/Lifetime member; OSU Ext Master Food Preserver, Food Preservation/Safety, Certificate

Prior Governmental Experience: Appointed to Lane Co. Vegetation Management Advisory Committee (1999-2007); Appointed to Lane Co. Roads Advisory Committee (2008-2009 - finished unexpired 4 yr term)



**Alicia
Hays**

Occupation: Director, Lane County Health and Human Services

Occupational Background: Director, Lane County Department of Children and Families; Performance and

Development Coordinator, Lane County, Oregon; Employment and Training Supervisor, Southern Willamette Private Industry Council

Educational Background: Idaho State University, Education, BS; University of Oregon, Education

Prior Governmental Experience: Board of Directors, Eugene School District 4J, Chair/Vice Chair; School District 4J Equity Committee; School District 4J Budget Committee; Lane ESD Budget Committee; University of Oregon President's Diversity Advisory Community Council; Early Learning Alliance; Connected Lane County - Regional Achievement Compact; State of Oregon Youth Development Commission - Governor's appointment

Past member of:

State of Oregon Employment of People with Disabilities Committee Member/Chair; State of Oregon Disabilities Commission Member; Lane Community College Professional Technical Coordinating Committee Member/Chair; City of Eugene Human Rights Commission Member; City of Eugene Commission, Rights of People with Disabilities Member/Chair

Candidate's Statement

My professional work has shown me the important role community plays in the success of the children and their schools. That knowledge motivated my commitment to encouraging community voice and engagement to address school concerns.

I have been impressed by the commitment and resiliency of 4J students, teachers, and support staff. The opportunity to work with and for them for the past 8 years has been both a privilege and a learning experience.

I look forward to serving the community for another four years, collaborating with community and government agencies towards sustainable budget solutions. That's the approach that I believe will provide students with the equal educational opportunities that could lead to their success in school and in life.

(This information furnished by Karen Bodner.)

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(This information furnished by Alicia Hays.)

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Eugene School District #4J Director Position 4

No Photo
Submitted

Scott Landgreen

Occupation: Retired Owner/
President Enterprise Parcel
Express; Volunteer- Habitat for
Humanity

Occupational Background:
Secondary/Middle school
teacher; Director of health and

Fitness, Pasadena, CA, YMCA

Educational Background: Temple City High School, college
prep, H.S diploma; Calif. State University, Los Angeles,
Education/Exercise Physiology, Bachelor of Arts/education;
Calif. State University, Los Angeles, Secondary Education,
Calif. Secondary Teaching Credential

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Let me introduce myself. I am Scott Landgreen, former
middle/high school physical education and science teacher.
I understand the challenges our teachers face to meet the
increasing needs of our youth. The economic and cultural
diversity of our community leaves a great divide in the
opportunities for our students. We must bridge that gap.

Now retired, my background includes Director of Health and
Fitness for the Pasadena, Calif. YMCA, experience with
emotionally challenged youth, youth sports programs, and most
recently, owner/president for over 20 years of a successful
small business in Eugene.

My goal as board member in our 4J school district is to explore
creative concepts that provide equitable opportunities across
the spectrum of K-12 students. Traditional educational models
focus disproportionately on college bound students.

Finding solutions in a declining per capita budget is difficult.
With fresh perspective, I hope to influence our district to seek
means for all students to aspire toward success, whether it be
Arts and Music, Math/Science, Liberal Arts, or, perhaps most
importantly, Technology and Work Skills.

All students deserve an equal opportunity to succeed as they
move on in their adult lives. It is our responsibility to make it
happen.

Scott G Landgreen

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Eugene School District #4J Director Position 4



Eileen Nittler

Occupation: Social Worker;
Holt International Children's
Services

Occupational Background:
Department of Human
Services-Child Welfare

Educational Background:
Portland State University,

Social Work, Master's of Social Work; Lewis and Clark College,
Psychology/German, Bachelor's of Arts

Prior Governmental Experience: 4J Equity Committee; River
Road Community Organization

Working Hard For Our Schools

Eileen has been an active parent volunteer and leader in
Eugene schools for 13 years:

- PTO President at her children's schools
- Site Councils-Kelly Middle and North Eugene High
Schools
- ASPIRE mentor
- Booster Club
- Coordinator of Kelly Middle School mentor program
- 4J Parent leader network
- Committee to renew 4J levy 2008, 2011, 2014
- Elementary Regional Tournament Director, Oregon Battle
of the Books, 2013 & 2014
- 2011 4J Volunteer of the Year
- Chair Lane County Stand for Children 2008-2012,
advocating for schools locally and in Salem

Social worker in Oregon since 1991, working with families and
children.

A Proven Advocate

"I have knocked on hundreds of doors to talk with voters. I
have lobbied in Eugene, Salem and Washington D.C. for
schools. Now I'm stepping up to run for School Board.
I am committed to

- honest, transparent communication
- advocating for students who are underrepresented
- improving our graduation rate of 72%

Great public schools are essential for our kids, our community
and our economy. I would appreciate your vote."

Eileen Nittler

"You won't meet a stronger advocate for kids and schools. We
need Eileen Nittler on the 4J School Board."

Jim Torrey

Trusted in the Community

Endorsed by many community leaders including:

4J School Board chair Jim Torrey
4J School Board member Jennifer Geller
4J School Board member Mary Walston
State Representative Val Hoyle
Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy
Eugene City Councilor Greg Evans
Eugene City Councilor Chris Pryor
Eugene City Councilor Claire Syrett

Oregon School Employees' Association, chapter 1
Democratic Party of Lane County
Stand for Children
AFSCME Local 191, Lane County
Kid Food Matters
www.eileenittler.com

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Public Health Service ; WELLthy Living Consultants, self
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Medicine, Certificate; Florida Risk Management Institute,
Healthcare Risk Management, Certificate

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Eugene School District #4J Director Position 5



Jim Torrey

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background:
Waldport IGA Market; Obie
Media; State Accident
Insurance Fund (SAIF);
KUGN AM & FM Radio; Total
Communications Co.; Eugene
Kidsports (Volunteer)

Educational Background: Waldport High School, Traditional,
Diploma; University of Oregon, Business Administration, None

Prior Governmental Experience: Waldport City Council
(1961-1964); Eugene City Budget Committee (1993-95);
Eugene City Council (1995 -19-97); Eugene Mayor (1997 -
2005); Eugene 4J School Board (2007-2015)

**Jim Torrey is dedicated to Eugene and to Eugene's
students**

He has worked hard as a volunteer, elected official, and
community leader in Eugene for over 40 years, including 8
years on the school board.

"Education must prepare our students for the future. Lane
County kids will be competing with kids from around the globe,
not just each other. Our kids need more from us." - Jim Torrey

THE RIGHT PRIORITIES

Increase high school graduation rates.
Enable all children to read by the 3rd grade.
Ensure the District runs effectively and accountably.
Build public trust, and listen to our teachers and the
community.

EXPERIENCE AND DEDICATION

Jim has served Eugene and our children in many ways for
years, including:

4J School Board – 8 years
4J Budget Committee
Mayor of Eugene – 8 years
Eugene City Council
Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee
Olympic Advisory Committee
Kidsports - Coach for 50 years; volunteer Executive
Director 1 year

Some of Jim's recognitions include:

Oregon Mayor of the Year
Oregon Education Volunteer of the Year
Distinguished Service to Oregon Award
First Citizen of Eugene Award
City of Eugene Volunteer Award
35-year Kidsports Coaching Award

"I have worked with Jim Torrey for over a decade to support
public schools.

He has the proven experience and commitment to schools that
Eugene needs."

- State Representative and Democratic Majority Leader Val
Hoyle

Jim has supporters across Eugene, including:

4J School Board members Jennifer Geller, Alicia Hays, Anne
Marie Levis, Craig Smith, Mary Walston
State Representative Val Hoyle
Evangeline Sundgrenz, Eugene 4J Budget Committee
Stand for Children

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Eugene School District #4J Director Position 5

No Photo
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David Nickles

Occupation: Single Dad,
College Student, Champion of
Liberty

Occupational Background:
None

Educational Background:
Lane Community College,

Economics; Wellsprings Friends School, High School Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: N/A

Greetings, friends. My name is David Nickles, and I am running for 4J School Board.

About me: I am a single dad, college student, and myself a product of the 4J schools. As a student, the 4J system failed to meet my educational needs. As a parent, I am compelled now to act — lest the same system fail my young son.

You might ask how 4J failed me. The answer: Lack of choice. The one-size-fits-all approach to education may work for the majority, but is pure oppression to the greatest minority of all: The minority of the individual.

Unchallenged by the curriculum and without options, I quickly lost the passion for learning that my parents worked hard to instill. School, for students like me, became a sobering lesson in the insanity of the omnipotent state. Our public schools are a tragedy, and throwing more money at a broken system is not the solution that our students deserve.

My solution? Choice.

My opponents, incumbent “conservative” Jim Torrey and Democratic Party insider Kevin Cronin, will speak of taxes and budget shortfalls. I will be speaking about choice.

Instead of throwing good money after bad, I will demand a fair return on our investment. If the schools want more money, then we should get more choice. Fair is fair. Let the chips fall where they may.

My ideas are anathema to the educational establishment and the interests entrenched therein. They won't like me, and I won't care. Our students deserve better than the status-quo, they deserve a champion who will fight, viciously, for their interests alone. I endeavor to be that champion, and I am asking for your vote. Together, let us say:

“Give Me School Choice or Give Me Death.”

In Liberty — Your Friend,

David Nickles

givemeschoolchoiceorgivemededeath.wordpress.com

(This information furnished by David Nickles.)

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Eugene School District #4J Director Position 5



Kevin C Cronin

Occupation: Community
Organizer

Occupational Background:
Union Organizer; Political
Organizer; Line Cook

Educational Background:
B.S. Political Science,

University of Oregon; Associate of Arts, Portland Community College; High School Diploma, Portland Community College

Prior Governmental Experience: Chair, Lane Community College Budget Committee

Community Involvement: Camp Counselor, Camp Magruder; Volunteer, Oregon School for Deaf and Blind; Vice Chair, Democratic Party 4th Congressional District

Endorsed by the Democratic Party of Lane County

Endorsed by Lane County Young Democrats

Endorsed by UO College Democrats

Our K-12 system is failing our students. Oregon has one of the lowest high school graduation rates in the country. Going from a high school dropout to a graduate of the University of Oregon, I know that having a second chance is fundamental to the success of all Oregonians. I am going to make sure every child gets a second shot, and I will bring vision and boldness to our local education policies.

I am running to eliminate the root of 4J's funding problems. Over the past 25 years structural factors have crippled the share of local revenue available to fund our schools. State revenue isn't always reliable, and 4J has sought alternative funding methods in the past. Before my first term is over, I will organize a coalition of school boards, community organizations, and responsible Oregonians who believe in overturning the failed policies that got us into this mess.

“Kevin has shown time and again to be a passionate and effective advocate. I applaud him for taking up the cause of fully funding our public schools.”

-Sloan Heermance, Retired Teacher

“I've always been tremendously impressed with Kevin's work ethic and dedication. He's a real fighter.”

-Robert Pinger, Retired Principal

“Kevin is uniquely qualified to speak to the failings of our current tax structure. Our generation's children deserve better than what they've been left with.”

-Tony McCown, Lane Community College Board Member

www.facebook.com/BuddiesforKevinCronin

(This information furnished by Kevin C Cronin.)

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Eugene School District #4J Director Position 7



**Mary
Walston**

Occupation: District Liaison,
Oregon House District 14

Occupational Background:
Legislative Liaison; Public
Administration; Software
Training and Support;
Nonprofit Management

Educational Background: University of Oregon, Community Service and Public Affairs, Bachelor Degree; Portland State University, Public Administration, Graduate Studies

Prior Governmental Experience: Eugene 4J School Board; Eugene 4J Budget Committee; Eugene 4J Elementary School Classroom Volunteer; Lane Council of Governments Board of Directors; Lane County Poverty and Homelessness Board; EWEB Integrated Energy Resource Plan Advisory Committee; Over 30 years of government experience in staff positions for the State of Oregon, Lane County, the Cities of Milwaukie and Eugene.

Mary Walston for the Eugene 4J School Board

Mary has spent years working for kids, schools and our community. She has served in many 4J leadership roles and has extensive community involvement.

Mary's Priorities

Do what is best for children.

Improve graduation rates.

Ensure all students have access to educational opportunities.

Early literacy skills.

Restoration of music in elementary schools.

Equip students with skills and knowledge to compete in a global economy.

Work to reduce class size.

Actively listen to community members and staff.

Work with state legislators to address school funding issues.

The school district continues to face budget shortfalls. The community and board must make difficult decisions to do what is best for students. These are times that require a board member with leadership, experience and vision.

Mary Walston has the experience, knowledge and passion to continue her service on the board during these challenging times.

"Mary always listens, and cares deeply about doing the right thing for Eugene kids!" -- Joy Marshall, Stand for Children, Lane County Director

Mary has many supporters across Eugene including:
Jennifer Geller, Alicia Hays, Anne Marie Levis, Eugene School District 4J Board Members
Evangeline Sundgrenz, Eugene 4J Budget Committee Member
Greg Evans, Eugene City Councilor
John Simpson, EWEB Commissioner
Eugene Chapter 1, Oregon School Employees Association
Stand for Children
Democratic Party of Lane County

Learn More:

www.marywalston.com

(This information furnished by Elect Mary Walston Committee.)

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Eugene School District #4J Director Position 7



**Colin
Farnsworth**

Occupation: Substitute-
teacher for the 4J/Bethel/
Springfield/South Lane school
districts; State-Coordinator
and Lobbyist for Oregon's
chapter of a national civil rights
group.

Occupational Background: Assistant Grant Administrator-
Workforce Investment Act.

Educational Background: Garfield High School, Seattle,
Diploma; Prescott College, AZ, Education/Political-Science,
Degree/Teaching-certificate

Prior Governmental Experience: None.

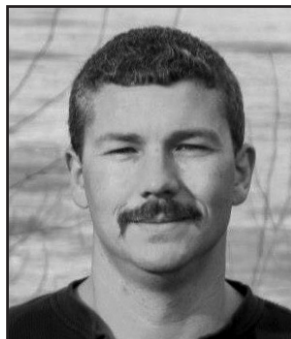
I chose to run for the 4J school board after noticing that neither the other candidates, nor anyone on the current school board works regularly in public school classrooms. I believe I can add the necessary in-class perspective and experience to provide unique solutions to the problems plaguing our schools and their classrooms. For four years I have worked as a full-time substitute teacher, intimately observing and comparing the different challenges that each classroom, school and district face while attempting to provide the best education amidst devastating budget deficits. I've worked at every level of the public school system from preschool to developing career pathways and work readiness programs at Lane Community College. Each school I've seen shared two commonalities: hoards of remarkably caring and competent teachers and administrators, and dangerously overfilled classrooms. As "post-recession" dollars begin coming back to the 4J budget, it's critical this money is used to appropriately address this issue.

I spent two years getting my teaching license and learning about the most modern and up-to-date "best teaching practices". I find it painfully ironic how few of those skills can realistically be applied to class sizes as large as they are. The state's attempts to improve education by adding the new Common Core standards and curriculums', increasing standardized testing and forcing teachers to attend skill development conferences cannot overcome the systemic problems relating to overfilled classrooms. We need statewide solutions otherwise our school boards seem to only be rearranging the deck-chairs on the Titanic. Although the options' are limited, we must do what we can locally. However, it's essential for school boards across this county and state to come together and begin demanding real solutions' at the state-level.

(This information furnished by Colin Farnsworth.)

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Junction City School District #69
Director Position 4



**Daniel
Allred**

Occupation: Full time Firefighter/EMT with Eugene Springfield Fire and volunteer Firefighter with Junction City Fire Department

Occupational Background:
9 years United States

Army Medic; Construction worker; Manufacturing worker; Environmental Health & Safety coordinator EMT; Firefighter/ EMT

Educational Background: Springfield High School, General, H.S.Diploma; Lane Community College, General study/ Emergency Medical Technician, Certificate

Prior Governmental Experience: None

My goals as a Junction City School Board member will be to increase student achievement in core academics; English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Science. Support training and professional development for licensed staff. I will work with other Board members to maintain the level of licensed staff and recruit the same quality to replace the retiring staff. Strive for teacher student ratios of no more than 1:25 in the k-3 grades, 1:30 in 4 grades to 12 grades. Maintain and advance district facilities to support educational goals and enhance safety. I have volunteered to be part of the long-range facility planning process committee. I will work with other elected officials to secure better funding for Oregon schools.

Daniel Allred

(This information furnished by Daniel Allred.)

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Oakridge School District #76
Director Position 4



**Jody
Slocumb**

Occupation: Senior Research Assistant, University of Oregon, Center on Brain Injury Research and Training

Occupational Background:
Research Assistant at Oregon Social Learning Center;

Community Volunteer in Oakridge and Westfir

Educational Background: University of Oregon, Journalism and Communication, B.A.

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I am a 12 year community member of Oakridge/Westfir and the mother of two elementary school children. I am committed to ensuring that my children and all students in this community have access to the best education possible.

I have been able to spend time in the elementary school every week as a parent volunteer and gain a perspective that I would otherwise not have. If elected to the school board, I would invite the opportunity to also regularly visit the junior high and high school to gain this same type of perspective.

I would talk and listen to community members, parents, teachers, staff and students and take this insight to the board when decisions needed to be made about how to improve the quality of education and student outcomes.

I firmly believe that quality public education is the key to a healthy community. Let's work together!

I would be honored to serve on the Oakridge School Board and hope you will consider supporting me with your vote.

Thank you,

Jody Slocumb

(This information furnished by Jody Slocumb.)

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Oakridge School District #76 Director Position 4



**Susan
Hardy**

Occupation: Program Coordinator, Kohls Car Seat Clinics, Head Start of Lane County

Occupational Background: Family Advocate, Head Start of Lane County; Instructor

Dreikursian Principles of Child Guidance, Lane Community College; Elementary School Teacher, Lane County Schools, Portland Schools; Prorate Registration Instructor, Oregon State Public Utilities Commission

Educational Background: Hillsboro High School, High School, GED; University of Oregon, Elementary Education, Bachelor of Science; University of Oregon, Special Education.

Prior Governmental Experience: Precinct Committee Person

I have been involved in education my whole life. That is true whether it is as a parent with children enrolled in local schools, as a teacher in public schools, doing trainings throughout the state, working as preschool coordinator, as a Family Advocate, teaching parenting classes at Lane Community College or as Car Seat Program Coordinator for the Lane County car seat program.

Public education is a vital part of the American way of life, and it is the center of most of what happens in our community in Oakridge. Funding that education, in recent years, has been an issue. Looking at the funding proposals coming from our legislature it does not seem that will change this legislative session. As money continues to be hard to come by for basic school programs, school boards have a harder time deciding which programs within the process get funded and which get cut. We bemoan the loss of programs once taken for granted within our schools. As community members we fail to see our role in the answers to these questions. We have elected a school board and trust them to make the correct decisions, often without voicing our ideas.

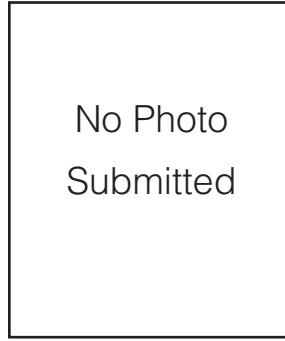
I believe in public education and I believe in the idea that it "takes a community." I am part of that community and would like to see an increased public participation in the process of running our schools.

I am asking for your vote so we can work on this together.

(This information furnished by Susan M Hardy.)

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Pleasant Hill School District #1 Director Position 3



**Wylda
Cafferata**

Occupation: Co-Director, Cafferata Family Forest

Occupational Background: Supervisor, UO Department of Education, 2003-2014; Middle School Teacher, Pleasant Hill Schools, 1984-2003; High School Teacher, Klamath County School District, 1969-1970

Educational Background: Univ of California, Berkeley, English/History, B.A; University of Oregon, Education, M.Ed

Prior Governmental Experience: Pleasant Hill School Board, 2006-Present

Pleasant Hill School Board Members strive to implement our Mission Statement:

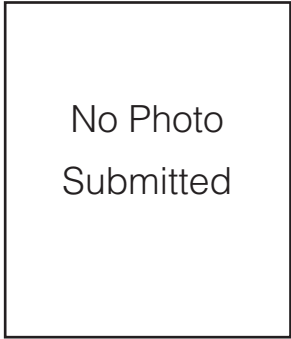
Our Mission: To graduate all students

- With high levels of academic and personal achievement
- Ready for post-secondary excellence
- Prepared for productive, compassionate citizenship through research-based instruction and a collaborative system of support.

We believe in straight-forward, transparent management and welcome input from all community members. I am deeply committed to using my expertise and energy to provide a 21st Century education for children in the Pleasant Hill School District.

(This information furnished by Wylde Cafferata.)

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



Suzanne Mann-Heintz

Occupation: Retired educator (1972-2006); Retired realtor (2006-2008)

Occupational Background: Thirty-five years teaching children ages birth to 8, including first grade,

kindergarten, preschool, and Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education.

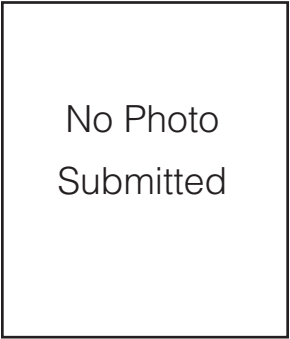
Educational Background: Medford High School, College preparatory, Diploma; Southern Oregon College, Elementary Education, BA Elem Ed/ Basic Teaching Certificate; University of Oregon, Early Childhood Ed/ Special Ed, MA Special Ed/ Standard Teaching Certificate

Prior Governmental Experience: Appointed School Board of Directors Siuslaw 97J Position #6 (2014-15); Oregon Child Care Division - appointed to task force to establish training standards for child care and education staff

My lifelong raison d'etre has been the care and education of children. I see my role on the Siuslaw School District Board of Directors as a continuation along that path of service. My experience as a teacher informs my input as a board member and enhances my understanding of issues that come before the Board. Both state and district goals call for immense levels of effort to add full-day kindergarten, to implement new academic standards and assessment measures, to upgrade technological equipment and instruction, and to substantially raise graduation rates. I humbly ask for your vote in support of and on behalf of the children in the district. For me it is all about kids, who are the salt of the earth, the source of inspiration, and the hope of the future.

(This information furnished by Suzanne Mann-Heintz.)

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Merlene S Martin

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: 21 years as an Educational Assistant at South Lane School District; 2 years working with the Tehama

County Child Abuse Prevention Program; 11 years as a Dental Assistant

Educational Background: High School Diploma; Dental Assistant Certification

Prior Governmental Experience: 4 years SLSD School Board; 20 years in various elected governing positions

I am excited to have the opportunity to serve a second term on the South Lane School District School Board. It has been an honor and privilege to serve our students, staff, and my community over the last four years.

I have learned a great deal during my first term. I will use that knowledge and experience while working with my fellow board members on district policies, issues and finances.

I believe that education is the great equalizer in life and everyone should have access to an educational experience that opens the door to a positive future.

If I am re-elected, I will continue working in the best interest of the children of South Lane School District.

(This information furnished by Merlene S Martin.)

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**Ben
Price**

Occupation: Owner/Operator
Hard Knocks Brewing

Occupational Background:
Rogue Ales; US Army

Educational Background:
Oregon State University,
Economics, BA

Prior Governmental Experience: South Lane School District
Budget Committee

My mission is to create education in South Lane that is globally competition. The 21st century labor market will require people with high levels of critical thinking, innovative, and driven. I'm running to bring that perspective to our School Board.



**Nevin
Beckes**

Occupation: Cottage Grove
Weyerhaeuser; Co-Owner
Jack Sprats Restaurant; Kids
Sports Volunteer

Occupational Background:
None

Educational Background:
Cottage Grove High School, 12, GED

Prior Governmental Experience: None

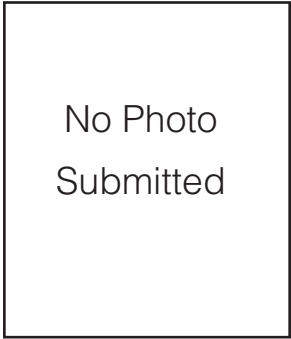
We all have a right to be accurately informed and to have our voices heard. This should be the cornerstone of our school board. I feel that there are many voices outside of mainstream thinking that are not being taken seriously. I will strive to represent everyone equally and with respect. My votes will clearly reflect my unique experience in Cottage Grove, my open mind, and the ability to find compromise amongst chaos. The future of this community starts in the classroom, the classroom is shaped by our community. Vote for Nevin.

(This information furnished by Ben T Price.)

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(This information furnished by Nevin Beckes.)

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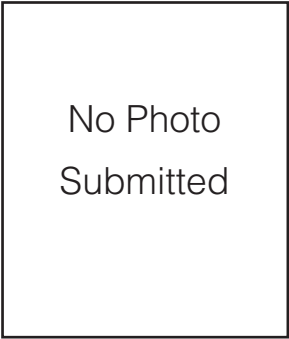
**Gary
Mort**

Occupation: Faculty Chemistry Instructor at Lane Community College, 16 years
Occupational Background: Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Dixie College, 6 years

Educational Background: University of California - Davis, 21, ABD Chemistry; Southern Oregon University, 16, Bachelor of Science; Dunsmuir Joint Union High School, 12, High School Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: None (Governmental); Relevant: LCCEA Bargaining Team

The primary responsibility of a South Lane School Board Director is to ensure the quality education of the SLSD students — an education which extends beyond the classroom and traditional academic subjects. While the Board should be informed by students and employees of the District, I feel that central accountability is to the public. The Board should set and follow policies anchored in fact, not emotion and anecdote. I am in favor of open, clear, ongoing communication with the public when policies are to be adopted or altered. I've been an instructor at Lane Community College since 1998, and I have had many experiences with the successes and failures of SLSD K-12 education. I have been a member of the Cottage Grove public since 1998 and raised two publicly educated sons here. What I can offer the public is an alternative to what they've had - an ear, a voice, and commitment to reason that extends beyond alliances and politics.



**Janet J
Lovelace**

Occupation: Full cycle bookkeeper for local electrical contractor
Occupational Background: Administrative Secretary for middle school at Springfield Public Schools; Accounts

Payable Specialist for all departments of McKenzie Willamette Medical Center

Educational Background: Sheldon High School, Diploma; Lane Community College, Business Classes

Prior Governmental Experience: In prior Oregon Legislative sessions, as a member of MADD and Crime Victims United, I have lobbied and assisted in passing stricter DUII laws.

(This information furnished by Gary Mort.)

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(This information furnished by Janet J Lovelace.)

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No Photo
Submitted

Rose Reinertson

Occupation: Patient Financial Representative Insurance Reimbursement
Occupational Background: Pneu-Med Inc; Cottage Grove Speedway; Head Start of Lane County

No Photo
Submitted

Sharie Thompson

Occupation: Medical Assistant
Occupational Background: Central Lane 911 call taker, police and fire dispatcher, lead worker, trainer

Educational Background: South Eugene High, General Studies, Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I was raised in the Glenwood area and graduated from South Eugene high school where I met my husband of 34 years, Mark. We have 4 children and 8 grandchildren.

While my children were young, I worked for Head Start of Lane County as a Substitute teacher for 6 years and also providing Child Care services during meetings for over 10 years. I also volunteered as a Community Representative, on the Policy Council where, during my 2 years as a Community Representative I helped in the promoting school readiness for preschoolers throughout the community.

After my children were all in school I worked for a durable medical equipment company full time for 5 years. For the last 9 years I have worked for Peace Health Laboratories. I am responsible for multiple phases of the billing process and ensuring acceptable cash flow by timely follow-up and resolution of balances.

Since I've lived in the Goshen Fire District I've seen the Fire Department run and operated by experienced, knowledgeable and passionate individuals. As a Board Member, I will work to find improvements and help the Department run with the highest safety and ethical standards. My professional and volunteer experiences make me an excellent candidate to help reach these goals while keeping the Department within budget. To do this we must find better ways to attract and retain volunteers, hold staff and leaders accountable, provide transparency, and challenge the leaders to perform with the highest of standards. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to serve my community along with my neighbors and friends to bring comfort and security knowing that the Department is working to its full potential.

Pioneer pacific, Medical assisting, Aas; North Eugene high school, General, Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: Appointed current Goshen fire district board member. Pos 5

Born and raised in Eugene, OR. My husband and I have been raising our two daughters in the Goshen/Pleasant Hill area since September 2001.

I served on the Goshen 2014-2015 budget committee and was appointed to the board shortly after.

It is my goal as a member of the board to continue to meet the needs of the volunteers, station, district and community. As a board member, I strive to remain fair and impartial in every situation that the board is called upon to resolve.

I'm counting on you, so you can count on me.....
Sharie Thompson

(This information furnished by Rose Reinertson.)

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(This information furnished by Sharie Thompson.)

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No Photo
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June Walker

Occupation: Registered Nurse
Occupational Background: 22 years as a registered nurse. Specialty areas include labor and delivery, high risk ob, childbirth education, pediatrics

and nurse case manager. Employers have included major medical centers and US Army; 12 years, concurrently with nursing, as insurance adjuster

Educational Background: Oregon State University, Commercial/industrial fitness, BS; Jacksonville State University, Nursing, BS

Prior Governmental Experience: US Army

As an Army Veteran and growing up in Fall Creek, I have a strong sense of community and feel it is important to give back. I am a registered nurse for over 20 years, 12 plus years of military service and previously volunteered with the Fire District. I am running for Director in order to ensure ongoing prompt, professional response and to enhance relationships with neighboring districts.

No Photo
Submitted

Bob Schutte

Occupation: Farmer, Northern Lights Christmas Tree Farm, established 1986. First tree planting in 1987, most recent planting to be harvested in 2024. Subsequent diversification

includes pumpkins, beef cattle, grass hay and on-farm agritourism activities. Consulting Engineering Services, Schutte Engineering Inc. Mechanical Engineering and Project Management services.

Occupational Background: -Mechanical Engineer: 44 years experience providing services to steel fabrication, petro-chemical, power generation, oil and gas and natural gas utility industries. Responsibilities include design, project management and technical staff management. Have worked on numerous projects involving interfaces with the Fire Marshall and associated codes and regulations including National Fire Protection Association, National Electric Code, and USDOT Pipeline Safety Regulations.

-Married: 49 years, wife Lynn, two married sons, three grandchildren.

-Military Service: US Army, 1965-67 Active Duty, Sgt. (E-5) Honorably Discharged.

Educational Background: San Jose State University, Mechanical Engineering, Bachelor of Science Degree

Prior Governmental Experience: Past Director, Community Water Board, Spout Springs, OR

(This information furnished by June Walker.)

(This information furnished by Bob Schutte.)

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Pleasant Hill RFPD Director Position 2



**Richard
Hill**

Occupation: Firefighter/
Paramedic with Eugene/
Springfield Fire Department;
LCC EMT Program Instructor

Occupational Background:
Firefighter Paramedic;
Apparatus Engineer; Training

Captain; Deputy Chief; Instructor at Lane Community College;
Arborist; Small Business Owner

Educational Background: Lane Community College, EMT
Paramedic, State Paramedic Certification; Chemeketa
Community College, Fire Science, Associates Fire Science

Prior Governmental Experience: Current Executive
Board Member for Lane Professional Firefighters; Volunteer
Association President; Apparatus Purchase Committee
Member; Eugene EMS Committee Member

Dear Neighbors,

I am asking for your vote so I may serve my local community in
the capacity of Pleasant Hill Fire District Board Seat 2. I have
volunteered for 20 years at our neighboring fire district and
would like to serve as a volunteer in a new capacity as a Board
Member in the district that I live.

Over my 20 years, I have done the following:

Respond to emergency and nonemergency calls for
service

Provide the public with fire education and safety

Provided quality training program within and outside of the
fire district

Recruitment of quality volunteers to protect the community

Even with all of that has been accomplished, there is still more
work to do within our community. I would like to:

Maintain quality EMS and Fire service to our local
community

Work with our neighboring districts to merge our services
to provide even better

Assist our Current Board Members and Fire Chief with
future planning of our communities Fire District

Provide our Fire District with updated EMS and Fire
technology

Support our current Fire Prevention and Safety programs

Design a budget that will fit the needs of our community

I will work hard to create continued cost effective operations
of the Fire District, support our valued volunteers, assist my
fellow board members with making important decisions that
affect our local community and fire district and strengthen our
local community with positive interactions with our Volunteer
Firefighters and Support Staff.

Thank you for your time and vote.

Richard Hill

(This information furnished by Richard Hill.)

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

Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Director Position 3



**Tony
Phillips**

Occupation: Owner/Operator
of Tony's Garage

Occupational Background:
Owner/Operator of Tony's
Garage for the past 14 years;
Previously employed as a
Master Mechanic at Bergs
Chevrolet for over 22 years.

Educational Background: Siuslaw High School, General
Education, Diploma; General Motors Training Center, All Facets
of Auto Repair, Certificate; Chrysler Service Training, All Facets
of Auto Repair, Certificate; Automotive Service Excellence, All
Facets of Auto Repair, Master Certificate

Prior Governmental Experience: N/A

Tony Phillips has an honest, common sense approach to
business, and has proven his ability to run a successful
business in Florence as the owner/operator of Tony's Garage.
He has won numerous awards over the years, including
'Excellence in Customer Service' by Siuslaw Business Awards,
and has been named the 'Most Trustworthy Auto Repair Shop'
in the Siuslaw News Readers' Choice for several years in a
row. Tony, a 42 year resident of Florence, has been married
to his wife, Melissa, for over 34 years. Melissa is best known
for the customer service she has provided at Siuslaw Bank
(now Banner Bank) for the last 36 years. Their two sons, Kevin
and Kyle, are both ASC Certified Master Mechanics and work
with Tony in the family business, along with his wife, Melissa,
and their daughter-in-law, Lindsey.

Tony became interested in serving on the fire district's Board
of Directors during Melissa's tenure as a budget committee
member for SVFR over the last three years. When elected,
he will bring to the fire district his common sense approach to
business. Tony wants to be a part of maintaining the
well-trained and well-equipped volunteer fire district that has
served its community well. With an emphasis on keeping
property taxes affordable for the citizens served by the fire
district, it is his intent to maintain fiscal responsibility with
the same honesty and integrity with which he runs his own
business.

(This information furnished by Tony Phillips.)

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

Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Director Position 4



**John A
Carnahan**

Occupation: Volunteer Coordinator and Battalion Chief Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue

Occupational Background: 28 1/2 years Volunteer Fire Fighter, 19 years as Battalion

Chief with Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue and 6 of those 28 years also with the City of Florence Fire dept.. 27 1/2 years as a Paramedic with Western Lane Ambulance District, the last 4 years as a Supervisor with the district before retiring from Western Lane Ambulance District.

Educational Background: Portland Community College, Paramedic; Southern Oregon Community College, Fire Science; National Fire Academy, Fire Science

Prior Governmental Experience: During my tenure with Western Lane Ambulance and Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue I have attended many meetings and committees and have a working knowledge with Western Lane Emergency Operations Group, Lane Council Of Government, Lane County Sheriff Emergency Management and Lane County ASA. I was a member of the City of Florence Transportation Committee and on the Home Health Advisory committee for Peace Health. I am currently a member of Oregon Fire Chiefs Association.

(This information furnished by John A Carnahan.)

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

Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Director Position 5



**Steve
Olienyk**

Occupation: Mortgage Loan Originator, C2 Financial Corp.

Occupational Background: Executive Vice President, Oregon Pacific Bank; Branch Manager, Family Federal Savings and Loan; Branch Manager, First Interstate Bank; President/CEO, Bank of Astoria

Educational Background: Dickinson State College, Education; National Association Bank Auditors, Certificate

Prior Governmental Experience: Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Board/Chairperson; Heceta Water District Board/Chairperson ; Lane County Sheriff, Citizen's Advisory Committee; Lewis and Clark National Historical Park Board; US Army Veteran

Experience, Integrity, Trust

Recognition:

Oregon Governor's Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award; Key to Florence awarded by Mayor; SVFR Pat Clark Award for Public Service; VFW Public Service Award; Kiwanian of the Year

Community Service:

Founding member Kiwanis Flag Program; Kiwanis Past President; Community Lunch Program; Youth Programs; Power of Florence; American Legion; Memorial Day Observance; VFW

Board Experience:

Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue; Veteran's Memorial Park; Heceta Water District; Kiwanis Foundation; New Life Lutheran Church; Columbia Memorial Hospital; Lewis and Clark National Historical Park; American Red Cross

24 years as Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Board Member

Proven Leadership:

-Involved in transformation of Station #1 from an outdated Quonset hut with 1.5 staff and 7 rescue apparatus to a modern fire station with 9 staff and 38 rescue apparatus.

-Led the Board in negotiating Consolidation Agreement with City of Florence, resulting in greater firefighting capacity, better service, and overall savings.

-Negotiated inter-agency agreement to implement Western Lane Emergency Operations Group that coordinates disaster planning, preparedness, response. WLEOG developed first regional disaster plan in Oregon.

-Involved in planning upgraded communications tower/radio systems, enabling regional agencies to reliably communicate during emergencies.

-I have great respect for our volunteer firefighter's service to community; they keep our citizens safe and save taxpayers millions.

Financial Expertise:

-Renegotiated fire station construction loan, saving taxpayers money.

-SVFR is fiscally strong because of our long range financial planning, careful budgeting, and responsible spending.

Dedicated to public safety for our community.

We've built a firm foundation at SVFR, let's plan a secure tomorrow.

(This information furnished by Steve Olienyk.)

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

Western Lane Ambulance District Director Position 1



**Cindy A
Russell**

Occupation: Last 6 years at PeaceHarbor Medical Center, Emergency Room. I am also a small business owner.

Occupational Background:
I have been in nursing for over 40 years, 26 of them as

an LPN and then self study to achieve my RN. I have worked holding titles of Staff Nurse, Interim Manager of an Emergency Department, House Supervisor of a 150 bed Hospital, Charge Nurse and Head nurse of a private physicians office. I have also worked in Home Health and Hospice.

Educational Background: Medford Sr High School, Medford, OR, College Prep, Diploma; Emanuel Hospital, Portland, OR, Nursing; St Barnabas School of Nursing, New Jersey, Nursing, Certificate; Excelsior New York, New York, Nursing, Degree

Prior Governmental Experience: US Army as a Social worker/ Psychology Specialist, Also worked for the State of California, Department of corrections

In addition to my Nursing degree, and experience for over 40 plus years, I have earned many certifications. Those include Trauma Nursing, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) and I have received multiple Excellence in Nursing Awards. I also hold certificates in Essential Management Skills, Disaster Preparedness and Skills for Leads. I feel that my additional certifications show that I am a goal-setter, I work very hard at obtaining my goals, and that I am self-motivated. I am currently the President of the Ladies of the Elks and the chairperson of the Rhododendron Quilt Guild Bi-annual Quilt show in Florence. I am an energetic People-oriented person, I have extensive experience in decision making and in problem solving. When finding solutions, I seek out both relevant information and the opinions of those involved. Honesty and integrity are the most important standards that I hold for myself. I am being endorsed by the Oregon Nurses Association.

(This information furnished by Cindy A Russell.)

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Measure 20-231 Lane County

Ballot Title

To ensure road safety by modestly increasing vehicle registration fee

Question: Shall streets, roads and bridges be kept safe and well maintained through a \$35/year increase in the vehicle registration fee?

Summary: Passage of this measure will allow Lane County and cities to preserve and maintain safe travel on roads and bridges. The funds will be shared between County (60%) and cities (40%), enabling the 12 cities throughout the County to properly maintain their streets and sidewalks. The modest increase in the annual passenger vehicle registration fee, not to exceed \$35/year will be used to:

Enhance safety by providing emergency road and bridge repairs, winter sanding and plowing, roadside mowing, ditch and culvert maintenance.

Avoid future costly road, street and bridge repairs by filling potholes, crack sealing, chipseals, and overlays.

The absence of regular maintenance causes roads to deteriorate requiring more costly road reconstruction. The measure will generate approximately \$11 million annually, used only for road purposes, consistent with Article IX, Section 3a, of the Oregon Constitution. The annual fee will be \$35 for passenger vehicles, light trailers and trucks less than 26,001 pounds, \$20 for motorcycles, and \$10 for permanently registered trailers. To assure accountability, public oversight and annual audits will be required.

trailers registered in Lane County. Under State law, the fee must be charged equally. Any vehicle subject to the State fee will be required to pay the proposed County registration fee. Recreational vehicles, travel trailers and motorhomes are required by the State to be exempted from vehicle registration fees. Heavy trucks in Oregon pay both an enhanced registration fee and a per-mile traveled tax which is already distributed to cities and counties.

The fee would generate approximately \$11 million annually. 40% of the monies collected would be distributed to the twelve incorporated cities within Lane County and 60% would go to Lane County's Road Fund. Collection of vehicle registration fees will be done by the State Department of Motor Vehicles during the regular registration renewal process.

The Oregon Constitution limits the use by cities and counties of all vehicle registration fees to road purposes only. Lane County has added language to the Ordinance that limits the County's portion of funds for maintenance and preservation work only. Further, the County will have an annual audit of the funds and a review by a citizen committee to demonstrate that the funds will be used as promised.

This information furnished by Explanatory Committee Members:

Nancy Nichols
Craig Opperman
Jeanne Staton
Webb Sussman
Jim Torrey

(This committee was appointed by the Lane County Board of Commissioners to provide an impartial explanation of the ballot measure.)

Explanatory Statement

A previously robust County Road Fund allowed Lane County to build, maintain and preserve a safe transportation system containing over 1,400 road miles and 417 bridges; an estimated \$6 billion asset. The County also created a revenue sharing program and distributed up to \$5 million per year to the cities within Lane County. The decline in revenue from federal timber harvest and the end of federal legislation which replaced harvest-related funds has sharply reduced the County Road Fund and eliminated payments to cities. The County Road Fund currently has a \$9 million operational deficit. Maintenance, repairs and services will be cut unless new funding is approved.

Public Works staff worked with its citizen committee on roads, the Roads Advisory Committee (RAC), to evaluate methods to partially replace the lost Road Fund revenue. 28 different revenue options were narrowed to seven which were reviewed in detail. In August 2014, the RAC unanimously recommended a "Motor Vehicle and Trailer Registration Fee" (registration fee).

The Board of County Commissioners began evaluating the option of the registration fee in August 2014. Two public hearings were held after which the Board unanimously approved an Ordinance for a County registration fee - which will only become law upon voter approval at the May, 2015 election.

This ballot measure is for an Ordinance that, if approved by Lane County voters, would fund maintenance and preservation of safe roads and bridges with revenue from a registration fee. The annual increase would be \$35 for passenger vehicles, trailers and light trucks, \$20 for motorcycles and mopeds, and a one-time \$10 fee for heavy trailers also paying the weight-mile fee.

The registration fee would apply to all motor vehicles and

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Measure 20-231 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Vehicle Registration Fee is a Smart Investment in our Future

Lane County voters have a choice to spend a little money now, or a lot more money later to help maintain and preserve our roadways. I certainly will opt for the less expensive option and invest now in our transportation infrastructure.

Just like a house, routine maintenance is less expensive than major repairs. Smart homeowners know that painting a house regularly and keeping the roof in good shape will cost a little more now, but will save considerable money later. The same is true with road maintenance. Keeping our roads in good shape now is less expensive than major repairs in the future.

Lane County is smart with roadway funding. Lane County public works uses best practices and technology to save money by preventing larger costs. Spending \$1 today on surface maintenance like chip sealing that will prevent spending \$12 to reconstruct a roadway five to seven years from now is a good deal for taxpayers.

Lower costs for motorists. The American Society of Civil Engineers estimates that poorly maintained roads cost Oregon motorists \$495 million per year in added operating vehicle maintenance costs. That is \$173 per motorist per year. Keeping roads well maintained for \$35 annually will help save motorists from these added costs.

Why this form of Collecting Revenue? The major cities of Lane County already have a gas tax in place. To add another gas tax would be excessive and cumbersome. No tax/fee is perceived by many as being “fair” however we all have to pay in some manner for past and future uses of public infrastructure. The vehicle registration fee is the most equitable and least expensive to collect than the other options available. Although not ideal, I feel this is the best way to accomplish the goal of the measure.

(This information furnished by John Brown.)

Argument in Favor

Help Keep Our Roads Safe

As a firefighter and EMT with Siuslaw Fire and Rescue, I see the value of safe roads every day. I encourage you to support the vehicle registration fee.

Emergency responders rely on safe, well-maintained roads to quickly reach people in emergencies. Routine maintenance keeps our roadways clear of water and debris that can block roads at the worst possible times. During storms, road crews are out making sure we can access those who need us most.

Well-maintained roads are safe roads. I respond to crashes on roads where fog lines have worn and guardrails are in disrepair. These often turn into avoidable tragedies. It is difficult to think that someone would ever lose his or her life because of a missing sign or a pothole that a driver swerved to avoid. Keeping our roads well maintained helps keep our roads safe for everyone.

The vehicle registration fee is the best option. As a member of the Citizens Roads Advisory Committee, I looked at all of the available options to fund our road maintenance needs. The vehicle registration fee is the best option we have to keep our roads safe and well maintained. With the loss of federal timber payments and a projected \$9 million shortfall in Lane County’s road fund, the \$35 annual fee is the best option we have.

A small price to pay for safe roads. \$35 per year, or a little less than \$3 per month, is a small price to pay for safe roads. I know my family and neighbors are worth it.

(This information furnished by Sean Barrett.)

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Measure 20-231 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Vehicle Registration Fee is Good for Business

The Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce supports the vehicle registration fee increase. Businesses within Lane County rely on sound transportation infrastructure to move goods, services, equipment and customers. Federal funding for county road maintenance has declined by more than 65% over the past decade, resulting in a \$9 million revenue loss for Lane County. Alternative funding is critically necessary to prevent further deterioration of our roads and bridges.

Maintaining our current transportation system directly impacts and supports key elements of the region's economy. Agriculture, tourism, hospitality and forestry represent a significant portion of all jobs in Lane County. These industries rely on safe, functioning county roads and bridges to keep their operations efficient.

A Lane County vehicle registration fee increase is a regional solution. 40% of revenue will go to cities, funding road maintenance throughout our transportation system and reducing maintenance backlogs for county and city roads.

Low administrative costs. The vehicle registration fee avoids high administration costs as the fee collection process is previously established and won't require additional staffing.

Preserving an investment. Lane County already has more than \$6 billion invested in current transportation infrastructure. Investing in road maintenance now is significantly less expensive than the cost of rebuilding roads in the future.

Funds are guaranteed to be used exclusively for road maintenance and preservation. Accountability processes, including annual audits and reports to the Roads Advisory Committee, are written into the measure.

This information was paid for by friends of the Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce.

(This information furnished by Dave Hauser, Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce.)

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Measure 20-230

City of Westfir

Ballot Title

A Measure Proposing a New City of Westfir Charter

Question: Shall the City of Westfir adopt a new City Charter?

Summary: This measure, if adopted, would adopt a new Charter for Westfir. The Charter is the basic document governing how a city government functions, equivalent to a constitution. The City's current Charter was adopted by voters in 1997. Some of the provisions and some of the language in the Charter are outdated. The proposed new Charter would keep many of the same basic provisions of the existing Charter, such as the number of council members and the terms of office. Adoption of the proposed Charter would require a quorum to consist of three of the five council members in order to do business and take action. Adoption of the proposed Charter would allow the Mayor to be a voting member of council. A copy of the proposed Charter is available at www.westfir-oregon.com or at City Hall.

Explanatory Statement

This measure if adopted, would adopt a new Charter for Westfir. The Charter is the basic document governing how a city government functions, equivalent to a constitution. The City's current Charter was adopted by the voters in 1997. Some of the provisions and some of the language in the Charter are outdated.

On directions of the Mayor, City staff prepared a draft of a proposed new Charter. Staff based the proposed new Charter on a model Charter prepared by the League of Oregon Cities, but modified the model document to make it more consistent with the City's existing Charter. After a draft was developed, the City Attorney and City Council reviewed the draft and made several changes, and accepted public comment. The version as amended is the version being considered for adoption.

The proposed new Charter would keep most of the basic provisions as the existing Charter, such as the number of council members and the terms of office. Adoption of the proposed Charter would require a quorum to consist of three of the five council members in order to do business and take action. Adoption of the proposed Charter would allow the Mayor to be a voting member of council.

Adoption of the proposed Charter would allow the Council to do business with a quorum of three of the five Council members present, as is customary. The provisions in the current Charter require three Councilors plus the Mayor to constitute a quorum, which has at times hindered City business.

Adoption of the proposed Charter would allow the Mayor to vote as a member of Council, and for the Council to conduct City business with a quorum of three of the five members present. The provisions in the current Charter allow the Mayor to vote only to break a tie.

The proposed new Charter would clarify actions to be taken by the Council in its legislative, administrative and quasi-judicial capacities, makes general revisions, and uses a simplified language. A copy of the proposed Charter is available at: www.westfir-oregon.com, and at City Hall.

(This information furnished by Larisa Worthington, City Recorder Representing City of Westfir, City Council.)

Measure 20-232

Marcola School District #79J

Ballot Title

Bonds for Elementary School Construction for Marcola School District

Question: Shall Marcola School District build a new elementary school to replace its existing elementary school by issuing \$7,820,000 of 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: Approving bonds would finance costs of constructing, equipping and furnishing a new elementary school to replace the existing elementary school, which needs numerous repairs including seismic security reinforcement, asbestos removal, heating system and roof replacements, and plumbing and electrical repairs. Constructing the new school would:

- Avoid repair costs, estimated at over \$5,000,000;
- Centralize services at a single campus with the high school and reduce future maintenance, utility, administrative, transportation and food costs

After completing the new elementary school and paying bond issuance costs, the District would use any remaining bond proceeds to refinance all or part of its outstanding Qualified Zone Academy Bonds or pay debt service on the Bonds.

The Bonds may be issued in one or more series and any series would mature in 25 years or less after issuance. Property taxes for proposed bond levy are estimated at approximately \$2.16 per thousand dollars of assessed value, or \$216.00 per year for each \$100,000 of assessed value.

those funds to refinance all or part of the District's outstanding Qualified Zone Academy Bonds ("QZAB"), which are currently repaid from the General Fund. If remaining proceeds of the Bonds are available to refinance all or part of the QZAB, the refinancing would allow the District to increase funding for core educational services, because moneys from the General Fund previously required to pay debt service on the QZAB could be applied to core educational services.

Also, after completing the new school, the District intends to sell the existing elementary school and apply the net proceeds of the sale to either refinance all or part of the QZAB or to pay debt service on the bonds.

The aggregate principal amount of the Bonds issued will not exceed \$7,820,000. The property taxes for this proposed bond levy are estimated at approximately \$2.16 per thousand dollars of assessed value, or \$216.00 per year, for each \$100,000 of assessed property value. The Bonds may be issued in one or more series and any series would mature in 25 years or less after issuance.

(This information furnished by Bill Watkins, Superintendent, Marcola School District 79J.)

Explanatory Statement

Marcola School District 79J will use the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds, if approved by the voters, to finance the costs of constructing, equipping and furnishing a new elementary school, which would replace the existing elementary school.

The majority of the existing elementary school is more than fifty years old, and is in need of numerous repairs, including seismic security reinforcements, replacement of the heating, electrical and water systems, roof and floor replacements, and asbestos removal. The existing school is estimated to have a 100% risk of collapse with significant seismic activity. The heating system in the existing school has been shut down for safety reasons and requires immediate replacement, which would require the District to divert funds from educational programs. Maintenance expenses at the existing facility have increased by 20% within the past four years, and the cost of addressing all necessary repairs at the existing school is estimated at over \$5,000,000.

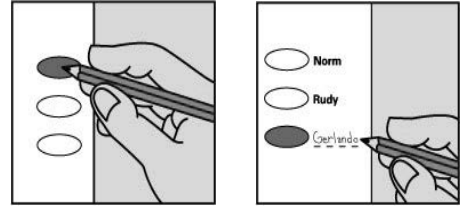
Constructing, equipping and furnishing a new elementary school would avoid these costs and would allow the District to reduce future maintenance costs. Utility costs would be lower at the new elementary school, and the new school would be located adjacent to the existing Mohawk Jr./Sr. High School facility on land already owned by the District. This would allow the District to reduce administrative, transportation and food costs by centralizing services at a single campus.

After the construction, equipping and furnishing of the new school is complete and bond issuance costs are paid, if there are any remaining bond proceeds, the District would apply

Voting Instructions

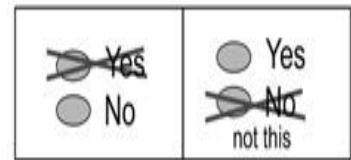
① Vote your Official Ballot

- ⇒ Use a blue or black pen to mark your ballot
- ⇒ Completely fill in the oval next to your choice(s)
- ⇒ To write in a candidate, clearly print the person's full name on the write-in line and complete the oval next to the name



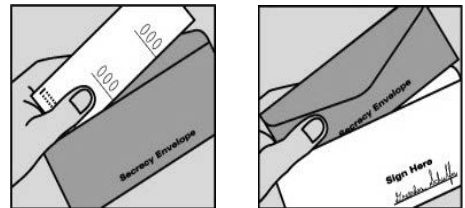
② Check your ballot carefully

- ⇒ You do not have to vote on all contests
Those you vote on will be counted
- ⇒ If you vote for more options than allowed, your vote will **not** count for that contest or measure
- ⇒ **If you make a mistake** or change your mind while marking your ballot, you can correct your mistake or request a replacement ballot



③ Prepare to return your ballot

- ⇒ Place only your voted ballot in the **optional** secrecy envelope
- ⇒ Place the sealed secrecy envelope in your return identification envelope
- ⇒ Seal your return identification envelope
- ⇒ Read Voter's Statement and sign on signature line



④ Return your voted ballot

- ⇒ To any official drop site location no later than 8pm Election Day. This includes any Oregon County elections office
- ⇒ By mail, allowing enough time to be received by 8pm on Election Day. **Postmarks do NOT count!**
- ⇒ **All ballots must be received by 8pm on Election Day, May 19, 2015**

Important Reminders:

- ⇒ Sign your return identification envelope
- ⇒ To check your registration or ballot status, go to oregonvotes.gov
- ⇒ Your ballot must be received at an official drop site location
by 8:00pm Election Day, May 19, 2015

Contact Lane County Elections to request assistance if:

- You make a mistake
- Your ballot is damaged or spoiled
- You lose your ballot

Or, for any other reason

Lane County Elections

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Eugene OR 97401
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Office Hours

M-F: 9am – noon, 1pm – 4pm
Election Day: May 19, 2015, 7am – 8pm

Lane County Elections Official Ballot Dropsites

Ballots must be received by 8:00 pm on Election Day, May 19, 2015
Dropsites open May 1, 2015

Eugene Dropsites Open 24 Hours

Lane County Elections
275 W 10th Ave 97401
Enter from Lincoln St

Amazon Pool
2600 Hilyard St 97405

Bethel Library
1990 Echo Hollow Rd 97402

Juvenile Justice Center
2727 MLK Jr Blvd 97401

Lane County Public Works
3050 N Delta Hwy 97408
*Parking lot in front of the
Customer Service Center*

Pearl Street
777 Pearl St 97401
*On Pearl St between
7th & 8th Ave*

**River Road Park &
Recreation Center**
1400 Lake Dr 97404
*On south island in
parking lot off Lake Dr*

Sheldon Library
1566 Coburg Rd 97401

University of Oregon
Erb Memorial Union 97403
*Outside, on south side of
circular plaza*

Wal-Mart
4550 W 11th Ave 97402
North side of parking lot

Other Dropsites Open 24 Hours

Coburg City Hall
91136 N Willamette St 97408

**Cottage Grove
Community Center**
700 E Gibbs Ave 97424

Creswell City Hall
64 W Oregon Ave 97426
*North end of parking lot at
South 1st and C St*

Florence Police Dept.
900 Greenwood St 97439

Junction City Library
726 Greenwood St 97448

Lowell City Hall
107 E 3rd St 97452

Oakridge Police Dept.
76435 Ash St 97463

Splash! At Lively Park
6100 Thurston Rd
Springfield 97478

Springfield City Hall
Between 5th & 6th St 97477
Enter off A St

Veneta City Hall
88184 8th St 97487
On island in parking lot

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