

# LANE COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

MAY 21, 2019 SPECIAL ELECTION



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## Lane Community College Director Zone 2



### Angela VanKrause

**Occupation:** Financial Analyst

**Occupational Background:** Actuarial Analytics, Healthcare Analytics, Healthcare Technology

**Educational Background:** B.S. Mathematics and Political Science, University of Oregon

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Precinct Committee Person, Democratic Party

Angela's professional career has been dedicated to serving underserved populations, working for healthcare providers like Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon and Lane County Health & Human Services, and in Medicaid plan administration. As with these organizations, she understands that financial stability and sustainability is key to Lane Community College's long term success, and she's excited to bring her experience in healthcare risk management and financial analytics to the LCC Board of Education.

Angela understands the importance of education and the power it has to dramatically change lives. As a former LCC student, she believes that higher education should be accessible and affordable for everyone.

Angela is passionate about

- Enabling students to succeed in school and after graduation by making sure that students are prepared to get jobs that will pay enough to manage their student loan debt, and working towards limiting the debt that students incur in the first place
- Financial stability and sustainability for Lane Community College
- Nurturing the vibrant community that Lane Community College provides for students, staff, and alumni

Angela supports students because she was one, supports teachers because they changed her life, and supports unions because she proudly comes from a union family. Angela's father was a dues-paying union member for 41 years until he retired.

**Angela has earned the support of:**

Lane Community College Board of Education Members  
Mike Eyster, Susie Johnston, Rosie Pryor, Melanie Muenzer,  
Lisa Fragala, and Matt Keating

Democratic Party of Lane County

Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon

Former Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy

House District 12 Chair Chelsea Jennings

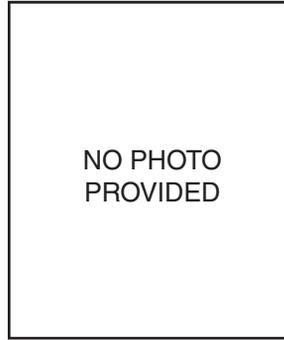
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with your ideas and concerns.

*(This information furnished by Friends of Angela VanKrause.)*

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## Lane Community College Director Position 6 At-Large



### Rosie Pryor

**Occupation:** Retired

**Occupational Background:** Chief Marketing Officer, Oregon Community CU, 2007-2014; Director of Marketing and Strategic Planning, McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center, 2000-

2007; Communications Director, City of Springfield, 1997-2000; Senior Analyst, City of Eugene, 1985-1997.

**Educational Background:** B.S. Journalism, University of Oregon, 1971; M.S. Education, University of Oregon, 1975

**Prior Governmental Experience:** LCC Board of Education, 2011-present; Lane Workforce Partnership Board, 2002-2012; chair 2008-2010; Oregon Workforce Investment Board, 2010-2014; chair 2012-2014; Oregon Social Learning Center Board, 2011-present.

Lane Community College is an extraordinary resource and it's under threat. Employment is up; enrollment is down. When enrollment is down, funding is down. The ability to continue to offer all the programs and services LCC students want and need is in serious jeopardy.

Over the last several years, LCC has spent precious reserves and repeatedly raised tuition to preserve programs and services, but these choices are not sustainable. We now have students who are faced with choosing school or shelter, books or food. Though taxpayers started LCC to give all Lane County residents access to higher education, many are being priced out of the opportunity.

I believe the way forward is twofold:

First, LCC must live within its means. We must prioritize funding to programs that continue to deliver on the promise of good, family-wage employment, or that lead to successful transfer to four-year degrees. While tuition increases may be necessary in the future, in the short term LCC must hold the line and rebuild enrollment.

Second, we must all begin to understand that the current level of funding for higher education is failing our young people and we must identify and help pass revenue options Oregonians can support.

I'm running for re-election because I believe experienced stewardship is going to be important if we're to navigate the next few years.

Failure is not an option.

*(This information furnished by Friends of Rosie Pryor, Dean Kortge, Treasurer.)*

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## Lane Community College Director Position 7 At-Large



### Stefan Galen Strek

**Occupation:** Financial Aid Operations (2018-Present)

**Occupational Background:** Financial Aid Operations (2018-Present)

**Educational Background:** South Eugene High School

(2009), Business Management, Certificate of Advanced Mastery; Lane Community College (2009-2017), Art/French, AAOT; University of Caen, France (2014), French, A1 Certificate; University of Oregon (2017-2019), Art/French, Bachelor of Arts (2019)

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Community Organizer, Candidate Mayor (City of Eugene, 2016) United States Congressional Candidate (2018)

#### Our Children's Future

Stefan Galen Streck wants young families in Lane County to succeed in today's growing economy.

With 8 years of attendance at LCC, between 2009-2017 there is NOBODY more qualified to evaluate and solve the problems at Lane Community College. Mr. Streck knows exactly what it takes to succeed, and to make our school's programs more successful.

Access to more affordable childcare for Lane County Parents must be more available at LCC.

Strek believes that our local student parents deserve access to childcare during common class and working hours, without infringing on their household livelihood. Childcare hours must be extended, and the cost should not prevent young parents from using these resources.

Young families already stretched on a budget take huge risks and make sacrifices so that parents can attend school with the goal of providing for their families.

Strek wants to put American families first in Lane County.

Parents of all ages, especially young parents face childcare access as a major barrier for entry or re-entry into school. By ensuring that children in Lane County are safe and taken care of while their parents attend school or work, we can help everyone see a better future for the communities across Lane County, and the Great State of Oregon

#### Endorsements

"...elective or appointive office would serve Streck well."  
-The Register-Guard, April 28, 2018

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"The families of Lane County are in Our Prayers,  
God Bless America."  
-Stefan Galen Streck

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## Lane Community College Director Position 7 At-Large



### Lisa Fragala

**Occupation:** Educator, Eugene 4J

**Occupational Background:** Educator

**Educational Background:** Lane Community College; Oregon State University

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Lane Community College Board of Education; City of Eugene Planning Commission

#### A Focus on the Future

As an educator for 25 years, I know how important it is for ALL members of our community to have access to a vibrant education system that promotes economic growth for our county. That is why I am running for the Lane Community College Board.

#### Embrace Innovation

LCC must embrace an innovative spirit to ensure long-term sustainability as a local educational leader and pathway for prosperity.

"Lisa's work on the Eugene Planning Commission has shown her dedication to bettering our community. I'm confident that Lisa will work to ensure ALL students at LCC have the opportunity to receive an education that fits their needs."

Lucy Vinis, Mayor of Eugene

#### Ensure Student Success

LCC must work to ensure that all students at the college are safe, respected, valued, and welcomed as integral members of the LCC community.

"Lisa has spent the last 25 years providing her students the values and knowledge they need to carry them into the future.

Lisa's advocacy for students and families shows she has the experience to be a strong voice for LCC students."

Sabrina Gordon, 4J Teacher

#### Regional Economic Vitality

LCC must strengthen partnerships with local business, trade sectors, and non-profits to expand opportunities for all students.

"Lisa understands that LCC is a primary economic driver in our community. As a member of the local business community, I agree with her that the economic vitality of our region depends upon the qualified and educated workforce that LCC provides."

Ashley Espinoza, Latino Professionals Connect

#### We Stand With Lisa

LCC Education Association

LCC Employee Federation

LCCD Building Trades Council

Lane County Labor Chapter OR AFL-CIO

Sierra Club

Oregon Working Families Party

Democratic Party of Lane County

**All Current LCC Board Members**

*(This information furnished by Lisa Fragala.)*

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## Lane Education Service District Director Position 1 Zone 1



**Erin D  
Zygaitis**

**Occupation:** Technology Development-Operations Apprentice – City of Eugene

**Occupational Background:** Union Organizer – SEIU 503

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

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

### Erin Zygaitis For Lane Education Service District Board

The 16 school districts in Lane County face many challenges, some shared and some more unique. However, every student should receive a quality education that prepares them for future success.

My Priorities:

Reduce class size so every student has the opportunity to flourish in the classroom and teachers can provide the necessary support to individual students.

Increase high school graduation rates so that students graduate on time with the knowledge and skills to be successful in pursuit of higher education and or competitive career paths. Expanding the number of students that have access to career technical skills to prepare students for future careers.

Access and support for children with physical and learning challenges. Providing services for students with special needs and training for teachers to support their educational progress.

Equity and inclusion for underserved students to have opportunity and access to resources to be successful in the classroom and beyond. Increases understanding of the unique barriers faced by individual students and implementing paths to for their achievement.

Support teacher professional development to continue improving their professional knowledge and skills. Support new teachers in becoming effective and skilled teachers leading to highly qualified teaches to meet student's needs.

Fully funded education so every student, regardless of where they attend school, gains a high-quality education with opportunities for future success.

### Endorsements:

Rose I. Wilde – Board Member, Lane Education Service District

Mary Walston – 4j School Board Member

Sara Connors - 4j School Teacher

Elayne Goodban- 4j Employee

Laura Hodges – 4j Employee

Nancy Hamilton -Former School Teacher

Courtney Abbott- Former School Teacher

Democratic Party of Lane County

*(This information furnished by Erin D Zygaitis.)*

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## Lane Education Service District Director Position 4 Zone 4



**Mark  
Boren**

**Occupation:** Lane Fire Authority-Part-Time Volunteer Recruiter/Coordinator

**Occupational Background:** Lane Fire Authority-Training Officer (Retired);Lane Education Service District - Special

Education, Instructional Assistant, 15 years

**Educational Background:** Willamette High School (1986);Lane Community College, EMT Basic and Intermediate Certification (2001)

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Fern Ridge School District Board-2018-2019 Board Chair;Lane Education Service District Component District Board Liaison;Oregon School Activities Association-Sports Medicine Advisory Committee;Lane Community College EMT Advisory Committee;Fern Ridge School District Budget Committee; Region 5 Training Association–Secretary;Oregon Fire Instructors Association–Secretary

### Current & Previous Volunteer Service

Start Making A Reader Today Volunteer-Veneta Elementary School

Fern Ridge School District Outdoor School–Volunteer

Northwest Christian University–Leadership & Ethics Advisory Board

Elmira Boys & Girls Basketball Volunteer Coach

Elmira Booster Club–President

Lane Fire Authority–Volunteer Firefighter, 6 years

Volunteer coach at Willamette, Springfield, Marist, and Thurston High School starting in 1986

I have been volunteering in the Fern Ridge Community for the past 18 years. While my time on the Fern Ridge School Board has been short, I have added and will continue to add a familiar face to the community. My community involvement has helped me make connections with wide array of students, staff, coaches and parents which has helped me to set policy and make more informed decisions concerning the success of the District.

My mission statement moving forward, both on the Fern Ridge Board and if elected to the Lane ESD Board, are to provide an environment that supports student and staff success both in and out of the classroom.

My top priorities include:

- Support current and future technology
- Seek out non-traditional funding options
- Invest time and discussion into expanding current CTE programs

### Endorsements:

Elmira Elementary School,NEW Community PTA President,

Krista Spencer

Florence Parent/Volunteer, Jennifer Waggoner

Riley Plumbing & Construction–John Riley

Lane Professional Firefighters, Local 851–President Mike Caven

*(This information furnished by Mark Boren.)*

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**Lane Education Service District  
Director Position 4 Zone 4**



**Nora  
Kent**

**Occupation:** Adult Basic Education Instructor, Lane Community College

**Occupational Background:** Preschool and K-12 teacher

**Educational Background:** BA, San Francisco State University, M.ed University of Oregon.

Certifications: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, Elementary Credentials

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None.

I want to serve on the Lane ESD Board because I support the growth of the important resources Lane ESD offers our schools, especially the rural ones. I have seen the crucial role Lane ESD has played in increasing students achievement and helping them become an integral part of our communities.

Throughout my teaching career I have worked in alternative programs with students of all ages and backgrounds. These have included early childhood and early intervention programs, as well as programs for adjudicated youth, teen parents, homeschoolers, English Language Learners and Family Literacy.

I raised my family in River Road/ Santa Clara. For the last 15 years I have lived in Deadwood, worked in Florence, and serve people from all over Lane County. Since I live rurally, I know the educational needs of small school districts. I look forward to serving the needs of students and families throughout Lane County. I humbly ask for your vote.

**-Nora**

"I can't imagine anyone better suited to represent Zone 4 on the Lane ESD Board than Nora Kent. She has a big heart and a bright mind, with a strong record of innovation and care for students of every age. In brief, she deserves your vote."

**Russ Pierson, DMin, Educator**

"Nora is dedicated, innovative, respectful and keeps informed about education issues. She really cares!"

**Suzanne Mann- Heintz, Child Advocacy Leader**

"Nora is an advocate for rural schools and people. She will represent us with passion and integrity."

**Ron Preisler, Florence**

**Endorsements**

**Senator James Manning**

**Representative Caddy McKeown**

**Representative Julie Fahey**

**Rose I Wilde, Board Member, Lane Education Service District**

**Matt Keating, LCC Board Member**

**Lisa Fragala, LCC Board Member**

**Democratic Party of Lane County**

**Nora-Kent.com**

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**Bethel School District #52  
Director Position 4**



**Rich  
Cunningham**

**Occupation:** Bethel School Board Member; Retired Insurance Broker

**Occupational Background:** Insurance Broker; Sales Manager; Finance and Insurance Manager

**Educational Background:** Middletown High School, College Prep, Diploma; Roger Williams University, Business, Business Administration

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Bethel School Board 2011-Present (elected); Eugene Water and Electric Board 2008 thru 2012 (elected); Bethel School District Budget Committee 2007-present (appointed)

Endorsed by: Lane County Commissioner Pat Farr  
State Senator James Manning

*(This information furnished by Friends of Rich Cunningham.)*

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**Bethel School District #52  
Director Position 6**

**Creswell School District #40  
Director Position 2**



**Robin  
Zygaitis**

**Occupation:**  
Technology Professional

**Occupational Background:**  
Willamette Chapter of Credit Unions Board of Directors, Communications Coordinator

**Educational Background:** Oregon State University, Economics, Bachelor of Science

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Bethel School District Budget Committee, Current; Lane Council of Governments Budget Committee, Current

**Every child deserves a quality public education. The future success of our students relies on:**

**Improving funding for Oregon schools**

Years of budget cuts have forced districts to make tough decisions such as staffing cuts, program cuts, and the reduction of school days. Adequate funding needs to be restored to our public school system.

**Decreasing class size and increasing student access to physical and mental health professionals**

Classrooms are overcrowded, and teachers are unable to give students the individual support they need. Smaller class sizes will allow teachers to identify the unique needs of each student, so schools can provide both assistance, and encouragement to our students.

**Preserving and restoring special education opportunities and programs that support our most vulnerable students**

Bethel has one of the most diverse student cohorts in Oregon. Many of our students face unstable housing, food insecurity, or come to school with other barriers to learning. We must continue to support these students.

**Improving graduation rates**

Oregon has the 3rd worst graduation rate in the nation. We need to find solutions for keeping students in school and engaged in learning.

**Preparing students for success after graduation**

At graduation, a Bethel student should have the tools to be successful in their endeavors. We must continue to provide and improve access to classes that meet high academic standards, and programs such as Career and Technical Education.

My experience on the Bethel School Board Budget Committee and background in Economics has prepared me to face of the budgetary necessities Facing our school district. I will work to provide an equitable learning environment for all students.

Endorsed By:

- Eugene Education Association
- Democratic Party of Lane County
- Mary Walston, 4j School Board Member
- Current and Former

*(This information furnished by Robin Zygaitis.)*

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**Mark  
Parker**

**Occupation:** U.S. Army Retired; Part-time sales associate Home Depot.

**Occupational Background:** 10 years U.S. Air Force Civil Engineer and Minuteman Missile Systems Technician; 12

years Oregon Army National Guard Construction Engineer and Combat Engineer; 12 years with Springfield Schools as a building maintenance crew member.

**Educational Background:** U.S. Air Force Non-Commissioned Officer Leadership Academy, Minuteman Missile School; Community College of the Air Force; U.S. Army Primary and Advanced Leadership Course; Lane Community College, AAS.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** As a Senior Non-Commissioned Officer I have extensive experience managing, training, and directing people. As a Platoon Sergeant, I was the Transportation Non-Commissioned Officer for the 1249th Engineer Battalion and was directly involved in the planning and execution of complex training tasks.

I have spent 22 years serving my country and would like the opportunity to continue that service in my community. I enjoy working with people and as a sales associate I help solve both minor and complex home improvement projects.

*(This information furnished by Mark Parker.)*

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## Creswell School District #40 Director Position 3



**Tim  
Rogers**

**Occupation:** Science Laboratory / Operations Manager, Northwest Christian University (2012 to Present)

**Occupational Background:** Purchasing Agent, Oregon State University (2007 to 2012);

Lab Manager, Chemcraft Coatings (2006 to 2007); Chemist, Akzo-Nobel Coatings (1998 to 2006)

**Educational Background:** Creswell High School, General Education, High School Diploma; Oregon State University, Pulp & Paper Technology, Bachelor of Science; Northwest Christian University, Education, Master of Education

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Board of Directors, Position #3, Creswell School District #40 (2013 to Present)

Educating the children within our school district with limited available funding has always been daunting, but never more so than now. Once again, it appears likely school funding in Oregon will fall short of the Quality Education Model level established by our legislature. Hard decisions will have to be made by our superintendent and Board.

I am experienced in the classroom, in developing and executing a budget and with working on a team to make difficult decisions. Since I was first elected to the Creswell School Board in 2013, I have advocated for the District in Salem, completed a master's degree in Education, served two years as Vice-Chair, and am the current Chair.

As a former Mustang, Tiger and Bulldog, graduating from Creswell High in 1985, I am very concerned for the future. As an ongoing supporter of the district, having sponsored the May Anderson Scholarship for over twenty-five years with involvement in groups aiding the district, I am very invested in the success of our students and the school district as a whole. It is because of this that I am a candidate for Position #3 on the Creswell School District Board in the May 21st election.

*(This information furnished by Timothy M. Rogers)*

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## Eugene School District #4J Director Position 1



**Alicia  
Hays**

**Occupation:** Retired, Director, Lane County Health and Human Services

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

Coordinator, Lane County; 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; City of Eugene Human Rights Commission Member.

In my professional and community work, I continue to be impressed with the depth of support from the Eugene community for our schools, and for the children and youth we serve. Providing a high-quality education is key for the future for our community, whether that is building new schools or working to fund what happens in the classroom. The opportunity to work together with the community in support of our students fuels my ongoing passion for this work.

I am impressed by the commitment and resilience of 4J students, teachers, and support staff. The opportunity to work with and for them for the past 12 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 will lead to their success in school and in life.

**Endorsed by:**

Anne Marie Levis  
Judy Newman  
Eileen Nittler  
Craig Smith  
Evangelina Sundgrenz  
Jim Torrey  
Mary Walston  
Democratic Party of Lane County  
Eugene Education Association  
Stand for Children

*(This information furnished by Alicia Hays.)*

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## Eugene School District #4J Director Position 4



**Gordon  
Lafer**

**Occupation:** Professor, University of Oregon, Labor Education and Research Center

**Occupational Background:** In 2009-10, Gordon served as Senior Policy Advisor for the U.S. House of Representatives'

Committee on Education and Labor.

**Educational Background:** Swarthmore College, Economics and Religion, B.A.; Yale University, Political Science, Ph.D.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

**The job of School Board members is to treat every kid with the same urgency we treat our own.**

My hope in running for the board is to help guarantee that all kids in Eugene get an education that challenges them, that engages them, that makes them feel like the world is an interesting place they're capable of exploring, and that helps them grow up as full, confident human beings. To make that happen – and to make the best of our limited budget – it is critical that the voices of teachers, paraprofessionals, parents and students have a powerful role in shaping school policies.

As a board member, I will be a fierce advocate for full state funding for our schools, and locally will work to ensure that 4J policies reflect the insight of those with daily, first-hand experience of our schools.

**Endorsements:**

- Former Mayor Kitty Piercy
- Mayor Lucy Vinis
- Rep. Marty Wilde
- Rep. Paul Holvey
- County Commissioner Joe Berney
- Democratic Party of Lane County
- Eugene Education Association
- Oregon School Employees Association
- Stand for Children
- County Commissioner Pete Sorenson
- Mindy Schlossberg, EWEB
- United Academics of University of Oregon
- Lane County Building Trades Council
- IBEW 280
- UFCW 555
- Oregon Working Families Party
- Naomi Kirtner
- Margot Helphand
- Stefan Ostrach
- Alison Schmitke
- Maya Rabasa
- Eileen Nittler, 4J Board
- Diane Ravitch
- Josh Burstein, 4J Budget Committee
- Josh Skov, LTD
- Lauren Regan
- Phil Carrasco, LCC
- Lisa Fragala, LCC
- Marian Malcolm
- GTFF 3544
- Lane County Labor Chapter

*(This information furnished by Gordon Lafer.)*

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## Eugene School District #4J Director Position 5



**Martina  
Shabram**

**Occupation:** Community Health Educator and Youth Leadership Coordinator, Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon

**Occupational Background:** Graduate Teaching Fellow, UO; Educational Supervisor, UO

SEP; Curriculum and Assessment Design

**Educational Background:** PhD. English, Disability Studies specialization, University of Oregon

**Prior Governmental Experience:** member, Eugene Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation of Youth

**It's Time for Change**

I know what it's like to struggle in school. I owe my success to the investment of a single teacher in my life at a crossroads moment. I've been an educator for a decade and know that we need to support our students and empower teachers and school staff.

The students I work with asked me to run. I have been fighting to give students the best education possible and will continue fighting for them on the 4J School Board.

Dr. Martina Shabram

**Martina's Priorities**

**Mental Health** - We must provide better mental healthcare access and integrate trauma informed principles.

**Equity and Inclusion** - We must approach behavioral issues and dropout rates from an equity perspective. We need more access to nurses, librarians, and aides. We need more options for Career and Technical Education and at-risk students need more support to thrive.

**Classroom Sizes** - Students can't succeed without smaller classes, more support staff, and enhanced resources for teachers.

"It's time for change. We are the students of 4J and we stand with Martina."

**Young Democrats of Lane County**

"We need an educator on the 4J board. It's one thing to talk about addressing class size, it's another to have the actual daily experience of being in classrooms with 30-40 kids."

**Aura Solomon, 4J Educator**

"Dr. Shabram has unmatched qualifications and the experience to serve on the board. I urge you to vote for her."

**State Representative Marty Wilde**

**Further Endorsements**

Eugene Education Association  
Oregon School Employees Association, Chapter #1  
IBEW 280  
Mayor Lucy Vinis  
Former Mayor Kitty Piercy  
State Representative Julie Fahey  
Oregon Working Families Party  
Democratic Party of Lane County  
[www.Martinaforschoolboard.com](http://www.Martinaforschoolboard.com)

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## Eugene School District #4J Director Position 5



**Jim  
Torrey**

**Occupation:** Retired

**Occupational Background:** Advertising Media; Retail Grocery; Workers Compensation Insurance; KIDSPO RTS Executive Director (Volunteer).

**Educational Background:** Waldport High School Graduate; University of Oregon, Freshman, No Degree, Business Major.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** City Council Waldport (1961-64); City Council Eugene (1995-97); Mayor Eugene (1997-2005); 4j School Board (2007-2019).

**Jim** understands the importance of smaller class sizes, reading at grade level by fourth grade, the need for social emotional learning and mental health support from Pre-K through twelfth grade, safer classrooms for students, teachers and support staff, providing career and technical education opportunities and credit recovery programs to improve graduation rates.. Keep **JIM** advocating for 4j students.

### George Russell Former 4j Superintendent

I have worked with **Jim Torrey** for over a decade to support public schools. He has the experience and commitment that Eugene 4j needs.

### Val Hoyle Oregon State Labor Commissioner

**Jim's** dedication to children is genuine. He adjusted his trip to India, by two days, to visit our class pen pal school there. He always advocates for doing what's best for **ALL** kids.

### Judy Davies 4j Teacher

**Jim** is all about kids; he understands inclusion and makes sure every child's needs are considered. He is a hard working, dedicated, proactive and creative problem solver. He provides a balanced voice on the 4j Board.

### Judy Newman 4j Board

**Jim's** thoughtful questions reflect his student first approach. His willingness to answer questions from anyone show how he cares. He puts our students first.

### Evangelina Sundgrenz 4j Board

**Jim** listens to **ALL COMMUNITY VOICES**. **Jim** has earned the endorsement of the entire 4j Board.

**4j Board Members Alicia Hays; Anne Marie Levis; Eileen Nittler; Mary Walston; Evangelina Sundgrenz; Judy Newman.**

"**Torrey** is a strong advocate for increased school funding and has the ear of lawmakers to make it happen. He's respected by conservatives and business in Eugene, an important segment to bring about better budgets."

*Eugene Weekly 05/07/2015*

**I would appreciate your support.**

**Jim Torrey**

*(This information furnished by Jim Torrey.)*

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## Eugene School District #4J Director Position 7



**Deanna  
Chappell  
Belcher**

**Occupation:** Parent of two; Doctoral Candidate, College of Education; Teaching Assistant, University of Oregon

**Occupational Background:** Director of Service-Learning Program, UO; Volunteer, Coura

rageous Kids; Teacher, Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program; Associate Director, Holden Center for Leadership and Community Engagement; K-8 teacher & administrator, The School at Columbia University; School Counselor, New York City Public Schools; Early Childhood classroom teacher, New York and Charleston SC; Diversity Educator, Anti-Defamation League; Career Counselor, Fresh Air Fund;

**Educational Background:** University of Oregon, Critical & Sociocultural Studies in Education, PhD expected 2020; Teachers College Columbia University, School Counseling, Psychology, M.A. Ed.M.; Mary Washington College, Psychology, BS

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

My singular goal is to represent the teachers, the families and **most of all the students** of 4j. We want a **healthy and nurturing** place for our children to learn. School should be fun. Learning should be exciting! Kids need art and music and recess! Let's **take action** to make school better for **everyone**.

Mi único objetivo es representar a los maestros, a las familias y, **sobre todo, a los estudiantes** de 4j. Queremos un lugar **saludable y enriquecedor** que nuestros hijos aprendan. La escuela debe ser divertida. ¡Aprender debería ser emocionante! Niños necesitan arte y música y recreo! **Tomemos medidas** para mejorar las escuelas **para todos**.

Let's **resist** the status quo that says "there is nothing we can do" about the challenges we face. True, we won't be able to change it overnight. But **we can do it!** We need to share all our creative ideas, and **we need to work together**.

**Resistimos** el status quo que dice "no hay nada que podemos hacer" sobre los desafíos que enfrentamos. Claro, no podremos cambiarlo de la noche a la mañana. ¡Pero nosotros **podemos hacerlo!** Necesitamos compartir todas nuestras ideas creativas, **y necesitamos trabajar juntos**.

*(This information furnished by Deanna Chappell Belcher.)*

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**Eugene School District #4J  
Director Position 7**



**Mary  
Walston**

**Occupation:** Retired  
**Occupational Background:** Legislative Liaison; Public Administration; Software Training and Support; Evaluative Research; Nonprofit Management; Technical Writer

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

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Eugene 4J School Board; Eugene 4J Budget Committee; Classroom Volunteer; Lane Council of Governments Board of Directors; EWEB Integrated Energy Resource Committee; Legislative Liaison House District 14; over 30 years experience as staff for the State of Oregon, Lane County and the Cities of Milwaukie and Eugene

**MARY'S PRIORITIES**

- Continue to reduce class sizes
- Continue to enhance career and technical education programs
- Early literacy to ensure students read at grade level
- Improve graduation rates
- Provide wrap-around services to help ensure the success of each student
- Work with legislators to secure stable funding for public schools
- Address disruptive behaviors in school
- Work with community partners to address climate change and resiliency
- Continue to listen and engage community members

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

"I am seeking reelection because progress has been made in the District: class sizes reduced; career and technical programs enhanced; music and PE in all elementary schools; counselors in each elementary school; more planning time for elementary teachers; 9th grade transition counselors to list a few. We still have work to do. We need to continue to move forward even though Oregon public schools continue to be under funded. I have the leadership, experience, and vision to get the job done."  
– Mary Walston

**Endorsed by many community leaders including:**

4J Board: **Alicia Hays; Anne Marie Levis; Judy Newman; Eileen Nittler; Evangelina Sundgrenz; Jim Torrey**

**Representative Julie Fahey**

Lane Community College Board Member **Lisa Fragala**  
Former 4J Board Member **Craig Smith**  
Democratic Party of Lane County  
Eugene Education Association  
Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon  
Stand for Children

Learn more at [marywalston.com](http://marywalston.com)

*(This information furnished by Mary Walston.)*

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**Junction City School District #69  
Director Position 3**



**Mark  
Christensen**

**Occupation:** Manager  
**Occupational Background:** N/A  
**Educational Background:** Junction City High School – GED

**Prior Governmental Experience:** N/A

I am running for the school board position because of my heart towards the kids and the facilities of the Junction City School district. My wife of 17 years and I are both Junction City High School alumni. We have 3 kids involved in the Junction City school district and care deeply about our community, our local kids and the well-being of our school facilities.

*(This information furnished by Mark Christensen.)*

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**Pleasant Hill School District #1  
Director Position 3**



**Jeremy  
Dotson**

**Occupation:** Senior Pastor, Trent Church of Christ; Board of Directors, Love in the Name of Christ of Central Lane County

**Occupational Background:** Pastoral and educational ministries; refugee resettlement

**Educational Background:** B.A. in Christian Education, Boise Bible College; M.A. in Theology, Lincoln Christian University; M.Div. in Chaplaincy, Liberty University

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

**AN ADVOCATE FOR STUDENTS**

The students of Pleasant Hill are our community's greatest asset. They will manage our businesses, raise our families, lead our churches, and literally save our lives. The health of Pleasant Hill depends upon the strength and integrity of our students. I will continually advocate for our students, ensuring they receive the skills and knowledge necessary for success in the society of today and the world of tomorrow.

I was educated in Oregon public schools, participating in diverse academic, vocational, and athletic programs. I also raised my own kids in Oregon schools, and I understand from personal experience that students from across the learning spectrum have individualized needs and goals. To meet these needs and reach these goals, every Pleasant Hill student must receive a 21st century education which includes:

- Stellar instruction in the STEM fields and the arts/humanities
- College and career training including robust vocational programs
- Appropriate health education and character formation
- Early literacy and math capabilities
- Practical living skills for the modern era
- Easy access to special education resources
- A support system of excellent nutrition, counseling, security, and facilities

Please join me in advocating for Pleasant Hill students and protecting our community's greatest asset.

**Every student deserves an advocate!**

Endorsed by Oregon Right to Life PAC

*(This information furnished by Jeremy Dotson.)*

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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; Pleasant Hill School District #1 Middle School Teacher, 1984-2003;

Supervisor, South Bend Cooperative Pre-School, 1974-1977; Klamath County School District High School Teacher, 1969-1970; DOD Overseas Dependents' School Substitute Teacher, 1966-67.

**Educational Background:** University of California, Berkeley; English/History, B.A; University of Oregon, Language Arts Education, M. ED

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

I am committed to using my expertise and energy, in conjunction with my fellow Board members, the Pleasant Hill staff, students, and community, to help the Pleasant Hill School District fulfill its mission of graduating all students with high levels of personal and academic achievement, ready for post-secondary excellence, and prepared for productive, compassionate citizenship.

*(This information furnished by Wylda Cafferata.)*

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**Pleasant Hill School District #1  
Director Position 5**



**Stephen  
Hammond**

**Occupation:** 8 Years Oregon Dept. Human Services Caseworker

**Occupational Background:** 5 Years Idaho Dept. Health & Welfare Caseworker; 3 Years Jasper Mountain/SAFE Center Treatment Team

**Educational Background:** Pleasant Hill High School Graduate 1996; University of Oregon, Sociology, Bachelor of the Arts

**Prior Governmental Experience:** N/A

Though I have not ran for an elected position before please do not consider me to be inexperienced. My family has lived in Pleasant Hill since 1988. I participated in soccer, cross country, music and theater, with varying degrees of success. My three children have attended PHSD since they were in kindergarten. My wife is a district employee in charge of the Reaching Out Mentoring Program, Lunch Buddies and the Family Resource Center. I volunteer for field trips, school events and help my wife with events like the harvest pumpkin party in the Community Center.

Since before graduating college I have gravitated towards supporting children and their families. I have worked directly with children in myriad settings. I have helped parents develop an ability to effectively advocate for their children. I have withstood ridicule and threats in order to protect children. I have seen the worst in humanity yet maintain my compassion and my resolve. I consider the school board as another opportunity to serve and to advocate. For my children. For your children. For your neighbor's children. And for the teachers and staff at PHSD who we entrust to guide our students.

Thank you for your consideration.

*(This information furnished by Stephen Hammond.)*

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**Siuslaw School District #97J  
Director Position 7**



**Dianna  
Pimlott**

**Occupation:** Clinical Pharmacist, Pharmacy Services Director, Patient Safety Officer, PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center. 1997 to present.

**Occupational Background:** Clinical Pharmacist, Providence

Sacred Heart Medical Center, Spokane, WA.; Relief Pharmacist, Rite Aid Pharmacy, Florence, OR.

**Educational Background:** Simmons College of Boston, Healthcare Administration, Masters; Oregon State University, Pharmaceutical Science, Bachelors; Modesto Junior College, Biological Science, Associates; Ceres High School, College Preparation, Graduate Diploma

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Governor's appointment to two consecutive 4 year terms, Board Member-Board of Pharmacy. Completed June 2015.

**Elect Dianna Pimlott to the Siuslaw School Board:  
A Fresh Perspective.**

Dianna has volunteered in Siuslaw classrooms and supported teachers for seven years. She is committed to our kids' success and is an asset to our community.

**Shannon Graham, Elementary Teacher**

As a mom, I would feel confident with Dianna representing us. She would give parents an avenue for ideas and concerns.

**Erin Linton, Siuslaw Parent**

Dianna is a professional and I enjoy working with her. She is a problem solver and would serve us well on the School Board.

**Ron Shearer, MD**

**"I have one child who graduated from Siuslaw and one child currently attending Siuslaw Schools. These are challenging times for education and I want to be a problem solver. The biggest challenge that I would like to address is transparency. Parents, teachers and the community all have a sincere interest in our students' success and should feel confident coming forward with ideas, concerns and questions. We need to listen and respond to the good, the bad and the ugly."**

**Dianna Pimlott**

Dianna's Priorities Include:

- Energizing teachers by giving them a voice and validating their concerns through action
- Encouraging parents by giving them a place to go where their concerns are addressed
- Exploring solutions for better preparing our high school students for employability and success.
- Developing transparency and trust in all areas of the district- Encouraging the public to ask questions, adding detail in the budget process, and requiring data-based decisions.

*(This information furnished by Dianna Pimlott.)*

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**South Lane School District #45J3  
Director Position 7**



**Demian  
Schwartz**

**Occupation:** Educator - School Administrator

**Occupational Background:** School Administrator / Teacher, Eugene Sudbury School; Small Business Owner / Red Agave; School Administrator / Teacher,

Blue Mountain Charter School; Teacher / School Co-Administrator, Blue Mountain School; Department of Commerce, Trainer/Manager; House Framing / Glass Blower-Designer / Sculptor / Business Owner, Glass Studio, Dove Sta Amore

**Educational Background:** Rhode Island School of Design, Sculpture/Glass, BA; Goddard College, Education, MA / Teaching License; University of Oregon, Education Leadership, Oregon Administrators License

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Lane County Commission for Children and Families Member-Appointed; Lane County Equity Coalition Member - Invited; Department of Commerce Field Operations Officer - Team Leader Trainer - Team Leader

I believe strongly in civic responsibility and community service. As an educator my primary work is with children and families; this is the population I feel moved to serve. I have worked on many local non-profit boards that serve the needs of children and families. Namely: Cottage Grove Family

*(This information furnished by Demian Schwartz.)*

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**Springfield School District #19  
Director Position 1**



**Todd  
Mann**

**Occupation:** President, Todd Mann Financial Services Inc.

**Occupational Background:** Assistant Professor, Inje University (South Korea); Elementary School Teacher, Gimhae Public Schools; Part-time Middle

School Teacher, Daegok Middle School; Part-time High School Teacher, Youngwoon High School

**Educational Background:** Inje University, Master's Degree in Political Science; University of Oregon, Bachelor's Degree in Political Science; Springfield High School, Diploma.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

Hello, my name is **Todd Mann**, and I will work tirelessly to ensure every student is a graduate prepared for a bright and successful future. The job of the school board is to **assure excellence** within the school district. **Excellence is accomplished by:**

- Providing overall direction to the Superintendent ensuring total commitment to the success of every student.
- Providing policy infrastructure that challenges and inspires students to aspire to excellence.
- Providing resources to support and empower teachers and staff.
- Engaging the community in supporting the success of every student.

I was raised in Springfield as an at-risk youth. I know what is required to inspire and support students and their families. We can and must do better. Our students and community deserve nothing less than excellence.

**In my vision for our schools**, I see us equipping our children with the skills to become successful self-supportive citizens, by prioritizing and investing in financial, nutritional, and homeownership literacy education. By providing better access to practical classes like personal finance and nutrition, to internships opportunities, and to Career and Technical Education, every student will graduate equipped with the skills to be the self-supportive homeowners of tomorrow.

A strong school system is the foundation of a thriving community.

**Endorsements:** Christine Lundberg, Mayor of Springfield; Bill Morrisette, Former Springfield Mayor and State Senator; Sean Van Gordon, Springfield City Councilor; Terry Beyer, Former State Representative; Mike Eyster; Stan Paine; The Democratic Party of Lane County; Stand for Children.

Visit [toddmann4schoolboard.com](http://toddmann4schoolboard.com) to read about my vision, platform, see the rest of my endorsements, and get involved.

*(This information furnished by The Committee to Elect Todd Mann.)*

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**Springfield School District #19  
Director Position 4**



**Naomi  
Raven**

**Occupation:** Instructor, Lane Community College; Administrative Assistant, Raven Dental

**Occupational Background:** Substitute Teacher, Springfield Public Schools (2016-2017); Special Education Teacher,

Alpine School District (2001-2004)

**Educational Background:** Pacific University, Education, K-8 Endorsement (2017); Indiana University, Education, Masters Degree (2008); University of Utah, Education, Bachelor Degree (2003)

**Prior Governmental Experience:** School Board Member, Springfield Public Schools (2018-2019)

**-Priorities-**

- **Student Success**
- **Educator Support**
- **Equitable Opportunity**
- **Building Community**

**-Qualifications-**

- **Current Board Member**
- **11 year Springfield Resident**
- **Masters Degree in Education**
- **Parent of 4 SPS students**

**-Core Values-**

- **Dedication**
- **Honesty**
- **Compassion**
- **Courage**

**As an introduction...**

I learned from a young age to value the process of learning as well as opportunities to serve. Our family has called Springfield home for 11 years. We love it here! We enjoy camping, hiking, days at the coast, and gardening. Home, family, music, and learning new things are at the top of my list of favorites!

**As a teacher...**

I have taught school at the preschool, elementary, and college levels. I completed my Masters Thesis on the topic of 'Progress in the General Curriculum for Students with Special Needs'. I have a passion for individualized learning and improving teacher education programs at the collegiate level. I believe in working well with others, striving for excellence, and I hold personal integrity as one of my highest ideals.

**As a Member of the School Board...**

I enjoy the opportunity to work together with other community leaders in establishing educational policies that provide students with an excellent education. I am a good listener, a hard worker, and I have a sincere desire to serve the community of Springfield. I fully support Springfield's promise of "Every Student, Every Day". I believe in our students, our staff, our district, and our community.

Together, we can make our vision of "Every Student a Graduate Prepared for a Bright and Successful Future" our reality.

*(This information furnished by Naomi Raven.)*

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**Springfield School District #19  
Director Position 4**



**Jessica  
Adams**

**Occupation:** Billing at Stafek and Son Trucking

**Occupational Background:** None

**Educational Background:** McKinleyville High School, Diploma; College of the Redwoods, General Education

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Vice President of Springfield High School Boosters

I am currently employed at a local, family owned trucking company in the billing department. My husband and I have 2 children in the Springfield School District and have been members of the community for over 20 years. In that time I have spent countless hours volunteering at all grade levels as our children have gotten older. I currently serve on the Springfield High School Booster Board as Vice President. I have worked closely with parents and staff over the years and have first hand knowledge of issues and concerns within our community and district. Family involvement is imperative to our children's success in school and life. It is our responsibility to ensure that all children have the tools necessary to achieve their goals, whether it be academic, trade or sports. I look forward to continuing my work with the community.

*(This information furnished by Jessica Adams.)*

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**Springfield School District #19  
Director Position 5**



**Karen  
Hunter**

**Occupation:** 2003–Present, Homemaker and mother of four children

**Occupational Background:** 1998–2003, Evaluation Coordinator and Research Assistant at the Oregon Center for Applied Science.

**Educational Background:** Bachelor of Science from Southern Oregon University

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

Karen Hunter and her husband of 20 years have four children attending Springfield Public Schools. Karen has been volunteering in our schools for the past 10 years. She spends several hours a week at the elementary school working one on one with students. Karen is also on the Partnership Counsel at Springfield High School.

Karen's children are in high school, middle school, and elementary school. Having kids in all levels of our schools, in addition to her volunteer experience, has given Karen a good understanding of the current challenges students and teachers face and the opportunities they have within the Springfield School District.

Karen grew up in the Springfield Public Schools and has a bachelor degree from Southern Oregon University. She is proud to be part of the Springfield Community and cares deeply about the students in our city. Karen has a passion for our schools and is motivated to make sure our teachers are supported and our students are given the excellent education and skills they need to succeed as adults.

*(This information furnished by Karen Hunter.)*

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**Springfield School District #19  
Director Position 5**



**Michelle R  
Webber**

**Occupation:** Columbia Bank, Assistant Vice President

**Occupational Background:** Pacific Continental Bank, AVP; Siuslaw Bank; Centennial Bank; Bank of Newport

**Educational Background:** Newport High School; various professional development coursework.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Springfield School Board, current Vice Chair

Appointed to the Springfield School Board in June 2018 and voted into the position of Vice Chair in September, I have proven experience as an effective and engaged board member, actively supporting "Every Student Every Day".

**PROMOTING STUDENT SUCCESS**

A forever Oregonian, I attended middle and high school in Newport. After moving from Eugene to Newport in 5th grade my family became challenged by a lack of financial resources. I entered the workforce in 9th grade to help support the financial needs of my family. I was an active, engaged and successful student as evidenced by being a National Honor Society student and member of the Loyalty Days Court. My experiences as a child provided me with a firm belief that with the support of our families and community every student can be successful.

**BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY**

I have worked in the banking industry for 25 years and through this career path have developed management, leadership, mentoring, career development and financial literacy expertise. A resident of Springfield for ten years, I am the parent of a Springfield High School graduate and actively involved in the Springfield community. In addition to the School Board I serve as a member of Springfield Rotary, the Springfield Education Foundation board and the Wildish Theatre board. I have volunteered with Oregon Battle of the Books, Gift of Literacy and many other student focused areas.

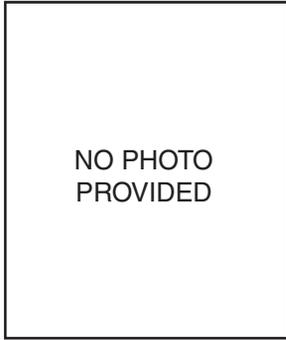
**ENDORSED BY:** State Senator Lee Beyer; State Representative John Lively; former State Representative Terry Beyer; County Commissioner Joe Berney; Mayor Christine Lundberg; City Councilors Sean VanGordon, Steve Moe and Marilee Woodrow; Stand for Children; Mike Eyster; Emilio Hernandez Jr. Phd.

(paid for by Friends of Michelle Webber)

*(This information furnished by Michelle R Webber.)*

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**Pleasant Hill RFPD  
Director Position 3**



**Darrell  
Shoemaker**

**Occupation:** Electronics Control Systems for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 2004-Present

**Occupational Background:** Licensed Electrician, Bend, OR, 1997-2004; Electrician, High Desert Museum, Bend, OR,

1993-1997; Enlisted Serviceman, U.S. Navy, 1986-1992

**Educational Background:** Central Oregon Community College, AAS in Industrial Technology; Central Oregon Community College, Electrical Apprenticeship; Willamette High School, Diploma

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

**South Lane County Fire & Rescue  
Director Position 4**



**Jennifer  
Radcliffe**

**Occupation:** Real Estate Agent & Owner of Real Estate Brokerage

**Occupational Background:** 5 Years of Residential Construction; Records Department at Cottage Grove PD

**Educational Background:** South Eugene High School; Colby College - BA in Economics

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Four years South Lane County Fire & Rescue Director. Two years as Vice President, one year as Secretary.

As a resident of South Lane County for over a decade, Jennifer takes pride in living and working in Creswell/Cottage Grove. So much so, that she recently relocated her business to Creswell in March of 2018. Jennifer knows that the residents are the "secret sauce" who make communities like Creswell/Cottage Grove so special. This shows every day in the support, kindness, and courtesy people extend to one another and through the locally owned businesses who work hard as an integral part of their thriving/growing communities. Using her degree in economics and professional background in real estate, Jennifer will continue to bring her logical approach to problem solving to the board as we look to the future of emergency services here in South Lane.

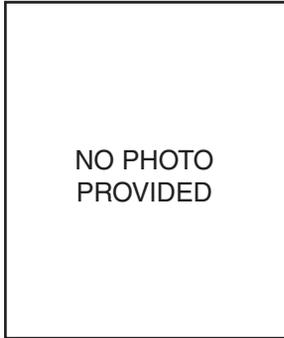
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*(This information furnished by Jennifer Radcliffe.)*

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## Blue River Water District Commissioner Position 2



### Tim Laue

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**Occupation:** Consultant & Retired

**Occupational Background:** Business Executive; Volunteer Public Official

**Educational Background:** University of Oregon, Political Science / History, Bachelor of Science

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Various Elected and Appointed Positions 1992 - Present

Water is life and in Blue River Water District we are fortunate to have some of the very best water in the world. We need to protect it, we need to keep it flowing and we need to anticipate the problems that might occur with a system that's more than fifty years old. That's why I'm running for Position #2 on the Blue River Water District Board.

We need our water. Consider the recent heavy snow storm in our area. Many of us lost power, and some of us were stuck in our homes. The roads were impassable, and our driveways were buried under two feet of snow. Many were also without phone, internet, and cell service—in a lot of cases for more than a week. But at least we had water, and we're lucky in that way as well because for many others their wells were also down, and they had to do without running water.

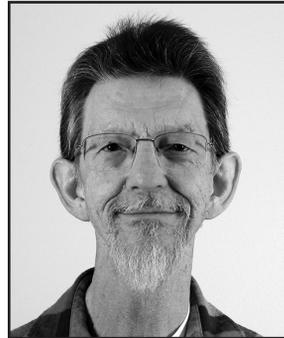
This doesn't just happen. The Blue River Water District has about 8000' of supply lines, pumps to more than thirty fire hydrants, and provides water to almost 100 homes and businesses. In the latest storm Tim Herrera, one of our Water Commissioners, did a great job keeping the water flowing. He cleared access routes, checked on the reservoirs, responded to alerts, leaks and outages and we didn't miss a drop. Tim's one of my heroes for the last six weeks. I want to be like Tim.

I like the idea of service to others in our community. I like that it can do a lot of good and it can be a lot of fun; and if we can keep the greatest water on Earth flowing cleanly, well that's the whole point, isn't it?

*(This information furnished by Tim Laue.)*

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## Creswell Water Control District Commissioner Position 2



### M James Fox

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**Occupation:** Retired

**Occupational Background:** Electronics Technician, USN; Electrical and Mechanical Engineer; small business owner; Operations Mgr. & Controller of start-up mini-computer manu-

facturer; Member-Board of Directors-Sunnyvale (Ca.), Chamber of Commerce (1981-84)

**Educational Background:** None

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Vice-chair - Citizens advisory committee to the North Santa Clara County solid waste management authority

The Creswell Water Control District (CWCD) was formed on October 25, 1957. The five member board is responsible for acquiring, purchasing, constructing, improving, operating, and maintaining drainage, irrigation, flood, and surface water control works in order to prevent damage and destruction of life and property by floods; to improve the agricultural and other uses of lands; and to improve the public health, welfare, and safety. District activities appear to be minimal at this time.

Water features within the district include a diversion channel near Lynx Hollow Road, a pond on the Bald Knob property, ponds within Garden Lakes Park, and sewage treatment ponds at Emerald Valley Golf Course. The Creswell Irrigation District also diverts water into Hill Creek. Water quality is poor throughout the district

The current board continuously violates Oregon's open meetings law. They hold no public meetings or hearings, publish no agendas, minutes, or budgets, and file legally required financial statements that are consistently late and appear inaccurate. You may view these reports and other related information on my website: <https://creswellwcb.wordpress.com>

Your support will enable me to begin correcting these problems. I pledge to work with landowners within the district and along Lynx Hollow Creek, the City of Creswell, The Creswell Irrigation District, the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ODFW, DEQ, and other interested parties. Together, we can transform Hills Creek into a valuable public asset and minimize the deleterious effects of previous decisions and practices. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.

*(This information furnished by M James Fox.)*

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## Willamalane Park & Recreation District Director



**Renee Jones**

**Occupation:** Marketing Representative with Lane Transit District

**Occupational Background:** Eight years at Springfield Chamber of Commerce; eleven years at Lane Transit District

**Educational Background:** North Eugene High School, General Studies, Received Diploma; Lane Community College, Studied in Business Administration, ABA Degree Received

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Volunteered: Willamalane Park Foundation Board; Lane Community College's English as a Second Language Advisory Committee; SMART reading program; Food for Lane County; Lane County Bloodworks; Pearl Buck Center

### Community

My husband, two dogs, and I moved to Springfield three years ago, but I have been engaged in Springfield for more than 20 years. When I worked at the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, I thoroughly enjoyed becoming a part of Springfield and watching it grow and become a more vibrant community while developing a true passion and enthusiasm for serving my community.

The volunteer opportunities that I've been involved in have given me a sense of pride, ownership, and a sense of belonging. I have learned something new and exciting with every volunteer position I've been involved with. Each opportunity has helped me grow as a community member. Now I'm looking to dive deeper into serving my community, and I cannot think of a better way than to serve on the Willamalane Board.

Willamalane is a dynamic part of Springfield, and has such an important role to play in its vitality. Serving on the Willamalane Board will enable me to be more a part of the community that I love. I believe it is my civic responsibility to serve my community and to not only be a part of it but be a part in making it better. If elected to serve, my door will always be open for your thoughts and ideas. Thank you for your support.

*(This information furnished by Renee Jones.)*

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## Willamalane Park & Recreation District Director



**Greg James**

**Occupation:** Retired

**Occupational Background:** Purchasing Manager - Springfield Public Schools

**Educational Background:** Linfield College, Business Administration; Lane Community

College, Business Administration; Universal Public Procurement Certification Council, Public Procurement Management, Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPPO); Universal Public Procurement Certification Council, Public Procurement, Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB)

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Willamalane Park & Recreation District Board of Directors ~ January 2003 to present - served as President on four occasions during 16+ year incumbency; Lane Council of Governments Board of Directors ~ July 2003 to present - served as Chair 2008-09; Lane Council of Governments Executive Committee; Springfield Planning Commission 2010-2018 ~ Chair 2013-14 & 2016-18; Springfield Development Code Update Project Technical Advisory Committee ~ 2019 forward; Springfield Development Advisory Committee ~ 2012-2015; Springfield Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee ~ 2014-2015; Springfield Tomorrow Committee Chairperson ~ 2005

Candidate Greg James was born in Springfield, Oregon in 1961, graduated from Springfield High School in 1979 and retired following a 36-year career with Springfield Public Schools in July, 2018. Greg has spent his life highly engaged and dedicated to public service in support of making Springfield an incredible place to work, play and live. Greg currently has served over 16 years on the Willamalane Board of Directors, playing a visionary role in aligning Willamalane's strategic direction with community goals. He has provided leadership and hard work in moving forward many key initiatives including:

- Passage of the 2012 Willamalane Bond Measure
- Involvement in completion of the Middle Fork and Mill Race Paths
- Purchase of the 32nd Street Sports complex (Bob Keefer Center)
- Purchase and development of the Thurston Hills Natural Area
- Bringing home the 2016 National Gold Medal award, designating Willamalane as the top park agency in the country for communities of similar size.

I would be honored by your vote for me, Greg James, to continue my representation on your behalf as a Willamalane Board Member.

*(This information furnished by Greg James.)*

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## Willamalane Park & Recreation District Director



**Darlene Raish**

**Occupation:** Retired as Recreation Director of the Fitness and Recreation Division, Quality of Life Department, Naval Postgraduate School.

**Occupational Background:** Over 32 years of experience in administering recreation principles and procedures in carrying out a comprehensive recreational program. Interpreted policy, formulated goals and set priorities. Established standard of operating procedures to organize work requirements. Composed justifications and information papers. Negotiated contractual arrangements with suppliers. Answered higher echelon and patron inquiries and complaints regarding the Fitness and Recreation Division.

Supervised full time professional staff, part time staff and volunteers. Acted as the Quality of Life director in the director's absence. Implemented the mandatory customer service training course as Star Service Coordinator for the QOL Department. Supervised QOL Department marketing and publicity division.

Maintained fiscal oversight of division. Approved and consolidated annual operating budgets from activity managers. Monitored budget execution. Implemented the SAP accounting system.

Ensured facilities passed all health and sanitation, fire and safety inspections. Managed cleaning contracts of facilities. Developed floor plans, purchased equipment and furnished facilities.

Past certification as a Certified Park and Recreation Professional by the National Recreation and Park Association. Received the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

**Educational Background:** Bachelor of Science, Recreation, Oregon State University; Diploma, Thurston Senior High

**Prior Governmental Experience:** A Precinct Chairperson for Lane County Republican Party (2014-current)

Currently, serve as a volunteer on Willamalane's Budget Committee; I grew up attending Willamalane programs and facilities and would consider it an honor to give back to the district as a board member.

*(This information furnished by Darlene Raish.)*

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## Willamalane Park & Recreation District Director



**Chris Wig**

**Occupation:** Substance Abuse Treatment Director; Willamalane Board of Directors

**Occupational Background:** Counselor; Behavioral Health Skills Trainer; Campaign Manager

**Educational Background:** MS, Journalism, University of Oregon; BA, University of Toronto

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Chair, Democratic Party of Lane County; Housing Policy Board; Civilian Review Board

### The Springfield Difference

Willamalane's mission is to deliver exceptional parks and recreation to enrich the lives of those it serves. Chris believes the best way to build a healthy and active Springfield is listening to feedback and ideas from our neighbors.

"I'm proud to support Chris Wig for Willamalane. Chris is a good listener and has proven that he cares about making Springfield an even greater place to live."

- Senator Lee Beyer

### Open Space for Recreation

Willamalane maintains 46 parks totaling nearly 1,500 acres, including 10 waterfronts and 29 miles of hiking and biking trails. Chris knows we must protect our natural areas so outdoor activities are available to everyone.

"We can count on Chris to be an excellent steward of our outdoor spaces. Our hiking trails in the Thurston Hills and our path along the Willamette River will remain safe, clean and open to all."

- Ryan Kounovsky, Chair, Sierra Club Many Rivers Group

### Family Values

Willamalane operates five recreation facilities—featuring two pools, nine sports fields and 27 playgrounds—and provides sports for students in partnership with Springfield schools. Chris understands parks provide healthy settings to relax and build memories among families and friends.

"Safe parks provide places to grow and play, and Chris will make sure all our kids can get in the game."

- Sarah Farish, Springfield mother of three boys

### Chris is endorsed by:

- Democratic Party of Lane County
- Oregon Working Families Party
- Lane County Labor Chapter, OR AFL-CIO
- Lane-Coos-Curry-Douglas Building Trades Council
- Carpenters Local 271
- UFCW Local 555
- Labor Commissioner Val Hoyle
- Senator Lee Beyer
- Representative John Lively
- County Commissioner Joe Berney
- County Commissioner Heather Buch
- City Councilor Leonard Stoehr

[www.chriswig.org](http://www.chriswig.org)

*(This information furnished by Friends of Chris Wig.)*

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## Western Lane Ambulance District Director Position 1



**Cindy  
Russell**

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**Occupation:** RN

**Occupational Background:**  
RN

**Educational Background:**  
Medford Sr High School,  
Medford Oregon, Diploma; St  
Barnabas Livingston NJ, School

of Practical Nursing, LPN; New York Regents, RN, Associates  
of Nursing

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Four years on WLAD Board  
of Directors

I was born and raised in Medford Oregon, I graduated from Medford Senior High School. I have been a nurse for over 40 years. I obtained my RN after being an LPN for 26 years. My LPN was obtained in New Jersey, in a hospital based school. I obtained my RN by challenging and self-study thru New York Regents External Degrees. I have also received certificates in Essential Management skills and Skills for Leads, and several Excellence in Nursing Awards. In addition I hold a certification in Trauma Nursing and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner and disaster preparedness. I feel that this shows that I am a goal setter and work very hard at obtaining goals and that I am self-motivated. I am currently a staff nurse at Peace Harbor Medical Center in the Emergency Department where I have also been an interim manager. In the past I have been a House Supervisor of a 150 bed hospital, Manager of the nursing staff in a private Physicians office, Home Health Nurse and Charge Nurse of a Telemetry Unit. I also served in the US Army as a Social worker/Psychology Specialist. I am an energetic people oriented person, I have had extensive experience in decision making and in problem solving matters. I do seek out answers and opinions of those involved. Honesty and integrity are the most important standards that I hold for myself.

I have learned a great amount in the last four years of serving on the Board. I look forward to serving the community and the Ambulance District for the next four years.

*(This information furnished by Cindy Russell.)*

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# Measure 20-299 Lane County

## Ballot Title

### Funding a safer, more accessible and adequately sized county courthouse.

**Question:** Shall Lane County build a new courthouse to improve safety, accessibility, efficiency, and service by issuing \$154 million in 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:** Measure permits issuance of bonds for a new Lane County Courthouse. The current 60-year-old courthouse has significant safety, space and operational limitations impacting the length of trials, security and accessibility.

If voters approve the issuance of up to \$154 million principal amount of general obligation bonds it will be combined with expected \$94 million state and \$4 million federal funding. An independent financial audit of bond expenditures would be required.

Measure would finance capital costs of providing a courthouse to:

- Construct a facility sized for current and future needs
- Create separation between inmates and public
- Add space for mediation to avoid trials
- Add space for specialized programs (mental health court, veterans court)
- Improve access for those with wheelchairs, walkers, strollers
- Increase interagency coordination by including space for Sheriff and District Attorney

The planned 20-year bonds would only be issued if additional state funding is authorized. The bonds are estimated to cost \$0.27 per \$1,000 of assessed property value annually. Actual rates may vary based upon interest rates and changes in assessed value.

## Explanatory Statement

This measure asks voters to authorize \$154 million in bonds to construct a new Lane County Courthouse.

Funds would be combined with an anticipated \$94 million in state dollars and \$4 million in federal funding. By Lane County ordinance, the County cannot issue the bonds for construction until the state contribution is approved. Only the building on the quarter-block that is the current Courthouse would be replaced (the newer, metal-clad building near Ferry Street Bridge is the Federal Courthouse).

The estimated cost of the measure is \$0.27 per \$1,000 assessed value. The owner of a median assessed value property of \$187,000 would pay approximately \$50 annually. If the proposed 20-year bond measure does not pass, this additional assessment would not be made and the new Courthouse would not be constructed.

All funds raised by the bond would be placed in a separate, restricted fund to be used for no purpose other than to finance the costs of constructing, equipping and furnishing the new Courthouse.

The Board of County Commissioners has adopted five project goals as part of a community benefits agreement for Courthouse construction that would prioritize:

- Local businesses, contractors, and workers
- Living wages and family health benefits
- Project workforce diversity and equity

- Sustainability objectives in design and construction
- Training and apprenticeship opportunities

The 60-year-old building has chronic problems with plumbing, electrical, heating and cooling systems, and elevators. Since it was built, the population it serves has more than doubled, and current infrastructure is both inadequate and beyond repair. The current infrastructure is not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and parts of the building do not meet accessibility requirements including courtrooms, bathrooms, and the Grand Jury Room. Upgrades cannot be made due to the limited confines of the building and prohibitive costs that include asbestos abatement.

Studies of the building have documented that its design puts the safety of patrons at risk as victims, judges, court staff, jurors, defendants and inmates must share the same elevator and corridors. The new building would be more secure with elevators dedicated to inmate transport, a small holding cell, a place for in-custody defendants to meet privately with attorneys and controlled access to adjacent courtrooms.

The Courthouse would be built on the County-owned lot immediately east of the current location. It would be built to serve as the center for justice throughout Lane County for a planned 100-year building life.

The plan for the new Courthouse includes 297,000 square feet and 18 courtrooms. The original building had only four courtrooms. Over the years, remodels have increased the number to 15 courtrooms of varying sizes. The Circuit Court, District Attorney's Office, Lane County Sheriff's Office, and Rural Police and Search and Rescue Dispatch would be in the new building if the bond measure passes. There would also be space for the Oregon Public Defense Services Commission and a Parole and Probation intake office. General County government services will remain in their current locations.

*This information furnished by Explanatory Committee Members:*

*Greg Hazarabedian*

*Mark Herbert*

*Kathy Madison*

*(This committee was appointed by the Lane County Board of Commissioners to provide an impartial explanation of the ballot measure pursuant to Lane Code 2.630.)*

# Measure 20-299 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

Why build a new Lane County Courthouse?

**The current courthouse is 60 years old and is:**

**Not safe.** The design puts the safety of patrons at risk because victims, judges, court staff, jurors, attorneys, defendants and inmates must share the same elevator and corridors. The new building would have elevators dedicated to inmate transport and controlled access to adjacent courtrooms.

**Not accessible.** The current building does not comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Parts of the building do not meet accessibility requirements including courtrooms, bathrooms, and the Grand Jury Room.

**Not adequate.** Since it was built, the population the building serves has more than doubled and now receives 650 visitors each day. The plan for the new Courthouse includes 297,000 square feet and 18 courtrooms. It would house the Circuit Court, District Attorney's Office, Lane County Sheriff's Office, Rural Police and Search and Rescue Dispatch, the Oregon Public Defense Services Commission and a Parole and Probation intake office.

**Not repairable.** The building has chronic problems with plumbing, electrical, heating and cooling systems, and elevators that are beyond repair. Upgrades or remodels cannot be made due to the limited confines of the building and prohibitive costs that include asbestos abatement.

If voters authorize the \$154 million in bonds to construct a new Lane County Courthouse, each local dollar spent is expected to be matched by \$.60 in state and federal funds.

The measure would cost approximately \$50 annually for the owner of a median assessed value property of \$187,000.

The new courthouse would be built to serve as the center for justice throughout Lane County for a planned 100-year building life.

The League of Women Voters of Lane County supports a YES vote for a new Lane County Courthouse.

*(This information furnished by Linda Lynch, president, League of Women Voters of Lane County.)*

## Argument in Favor

The New Courthouse Project has a wide breadth of community support. In case you were on the fence, here are seven reasons to **Vote YES on Measure 20-299.**

1. **This measure creates jobs.** It includes a community benefits agreement that requires the project hire local businesses and workers, pay a good living wage for those jobs, ensure diversity and equity in the project workforce, use sustainable materials on the project and utilize state and federal training opportunities for community members.
2. **This measure leverages matching funds from the State.** Lane County won't collect on a bond approved by taxpayers until the state legislature appropriates 94 million in matching funds. (June/July 2019)
3. **This measure increases access.** The existing courthouse does not provide adequate access for people with disabilities. The new courthouse would provide equal access for disabled persons.
4. **This measure improves communication and coordination between law enforcement agencies.** It will allow multiple agencies to be under one roof, including the Sheriff's, the District Attorney's, State Public Defender's, and Parole and Probation offices.
5. **Having a new courthouse will improve efficiency of the court system** in Lane County by providing space for mediation and victims' services which help avoid costly trials. It will also provide space for drug court, mental health and veterans programs.
6. The current courthouse is in desperate need of repairs –plumbing and climate systems are not reliable or functional and the sewage system leaks. **The cost to renovate is more than it would cost to build a new courthouse.**
7. **The new courthouse would address safety and security issues,** including space to provide adequate separation between inmates and the public, secure entryways and public common areas and seismic upgrades to guard against earthquakes.

### Endorsements (partial list)

Lane County Bar Association  
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers  
Democratic Party of Lane County  
Sierra Club, Many Rivers Group  
Sheriff Byron Trapp  
Mayor Lucy Vinis  
Lane County Commissioner Pat Farr  
Dan Buckwald  
Gerry Gaydos  
[www.equaljusticelane.com](http://www.equaljusticelane.com)

*(This information furnished by Jake Pelroy, Equal Justice for All PAC.)*

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# Measure 20-299 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

I wholeheartedly support ballot measure 20-299. The process of building an accessible, functional, sorely needed courthouse will leverage an additional \$94M in state and federal funds for jobs into Lane County or it won't be built. I was honored to lead Lane County Commissioners to unanimously adopt a historic set of no-nonsense community benefits for this, now a Board Order, requiring:

Prioritize the use of local contractors, local businesses and local workers.

Require jobs associated with building and maintaining the new courthouse go to local residents whenever possible and pay living wages.

Prioritize the hire of local contractors and subcontractors who provide full family health insurance to their employees.

Include focused recruitment to populations historically excluded from full workforce participation including women, minorities, and veterans to ensure maximum qualified community hires and a commitment to ALL Lane County residents.

Include substantive opportunities for community input into courthouse design and construction to ensure sustainability objectives are real, not token. From energy efficient heating, cooling, lighting, insulation, windows, pumps, motors, etc. to the use of solar. This is the first county commitment to clean energy and decreased carbon footprint.

Local residents will be given opportunities to enroll in state or federally approved training and apprenticeships connected with this project.

This is a historic moment. We can combine a genuine need for a new courthouse, know that it will only proceed with the full \$94M match the state has offered, with a more sane way to approach business as usual: focusing on local business, local contractors, local workers, keeping money circulating through our local economy. Living wages and health benefits to help rebuild our working middle class. A commitment with teeth, not rhetoric, for all Lane county residents to have opportunities to enter the living wage workforce. And a commitment to clean energy and energy efficiency new to county government.

Let's approve this measure and get to work.

Together.

Joe Berney

Lane County Commissioner District 2 (Springfield)

*(This information furnished by Joe Berney, Lane County Commissioner.)*

## Argument in Favor

In 2015, I retired after owning/operating a staffing company for 28 years. The last four years have given me the opportunity to continue to truly focus on the issues that I am passionate about, veterans and children. I am writing to you, today, about the need for a new county courthouse. My 10+ years of experience as an active Board member for both CASA and Kids First has given me a unique perspective of how inadequate our current courthouse is for serving children.

I believe that children require special care and need to feel secure and comfortable during stressful court appearances. In the current courthouse, there are no private places to meet with an attorney, a court advocate, or family member. Some inmate transport to the courtrooms goes through the lobby, where all public sits waiting for a courtroom to open, exposing our children to violent criminals. With the building in disrepair often the elevator breaks forcing children and the public to share the elevator with inmates. It is a daily occurrence.

We have an opportunity to correct this though right now by voting Yes on measure 20-299. The state will be matching our investment by providing more than a third of the total cost.

Lane County has made it a high priority to protect children in any design to the new courthouse. We need a new facility that will keep victims separate from their abusers and provide family and children friendly waiting areas. A new courthouse is just what the children and families of Lane County need.

Please join me in protecting the future children who must be exposed to the judicial system, **Vote Yes on Measure 20-299.**

Roger Cox

Board Member of CASA Lane County and Kid FIRST Center

*(This information furnished by Roger Cox.)*

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# Measure 20-299 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

As your sheriff, I ask for your vote in support of the courthouse bond. It is a matter of safety. The safety of our citizens visiting the courthouse, judges and court staff, defense counsel and prosecutors, and deputy sheriffs and the defendants in their custody.

The current courthouse was designed over 60 years ago with only 6 courtrooms. Since then, it has been remodeled to increase the number of courtrooms to meet the demands of the community. The necessary accommodations to hold in-custody defendants and move them to and from courtrooms has not been updated with the increased demand.

First, we must move inmates to and from all courtrooms through public areas inside the courthouse. This creates an environment where crime victims and witnesses come face to face with the defendant allowing for intimidation, embarrassment, emotional outburst or violence.

Additionally, it makes it difficult to protect the dignity of the inmates, exposing them to being "paraded" in public while shackled and dressed in jail uniforms before due process is afforded them.

Currently, no courtroom can be accessed without moving inmates through the workspaces of court staff and judges. All inmate movement in the courthouse shares a single elevator with all staff including court staff, judges and attorneys, delaying the movement of inmates and prolonging their exposure to staff.

Lastly, the current courthouse is not effectively secured from external access, exposing all who are inside the building to the risk of courthouse violence seen so often across the country. Our deputy sheriffs are well trained, conscientious in their duty, and committed to the safety and protection of all who visit our courthouse. However, protecting a courthouse designed for a time in our history when courthouses were venerable is a challenge our limited deputy sheriffs cannot effectively meet.

For the safety of all of us, please vote Yes on Measure 20-299 to build a new safe courthouse.

*(This information furnished by Byron Trapp, Lane County Sheriff.)*

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## Argument in Favor

In a community, the local courthouse provides both symbolic and actual access to justice, providing the front door to our system of courtrooms, juries, and victims services. As a person who uses a wheelchair and who has lived and worked in Lane County for more than 35 years, I fully support Measure 20-299 to help fund a new Courthouse in Lane County.

Over the years, I have heard countless stories from people with limited mobility who use walkers or wheelchairs, or those parents pushing strollers, who struggle because of the lack of access at the current courthouse. These are people who have been selected to jury service but cannot travel with the rest of the jurors from the jury assembly to the courtrooms. Or they are people who come to report a crime, or who come to access Victim's Services or other services administered by the courts, and who must go outside the building in order to access the only ramp to enter the courthouse lobby level. These same people talk about how they aren't comfortable serving on a jury because the jury boxes are not accessible and would require them to sit separately from their fellow jurors. In addition, the restrooms in much of the courthouse are not accessible, including in the jury rooms, and testifying as a witness is a challenge because the witness stands in the courtrooms are not accessible.

The courthouse is the seat of justice, and in our community, it conveys the opposite to so many people who cannot access its services. I look forward to a new courthouse where equal justice comes with equal access.

**Please Join Me in Voting Yes on 20-299**

*(This information furnished by Alicia Hays.)*

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# Measure 20-299 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

In Lane County, we have unique programs through our justice system such as Drug Court, Mental Health Court, and Veterans Court. These programs have proven to be highly successful in diverting individuals, with underlying issues by into treatment programs.

I have been involved with Veterans Court for six years as a member of the Sheriff's Office and now serve on the Advisory Board. I was with the Sheriff's Office for 29 years and 4 years in the Air Force. Since retiring, I serve as the Executive Director of Veterans Legacy.

In 2017, 450 inmates were booked into the Lane County Jail that self-identified as being veterans. These are men and women that served their country but struggled to reintegrate into civilian life. Many have been incarcerated for substance abuse or transient type crimes. Veteran Court provides the structure, guidance, accountability, and hope for veterans to overcome substance abuse and anger issues that can lead to more serious crimes.

**Lane County has the highest veteran population per capital, more than any other county in Oregon.** We are fortunate to have 1 of 3 counties that have a Veterans court. Oregon has a prison population of 15,000 state inmates. 19.1 percent of those inmates are veterans, the highest per capita in the nation! Why are so many of our vets going to prison? Veteran Court provides a second chance for vets who have had run-ins with the criminal justice system.

The American Psychological Association has noted that veterans that go through Veterans Court are more likely to find success post-treatment. Veterans see first-hand the collaboration between court staff, the District Attorney's office, the Public Defenders Office and treatment providers all working together for the sole benefit of the veteran.

A new courthouse will allow us to serve more of our service members who have served us. **Which is why I strongly urge a "Yes" vote on Measure 20-299.**

Dan Buckwald  
Lane County Captain (Ret)  
Veteran Advocate

*(This information furnished by Dan Buckwald.)*

## Argument in Favor

Perhaps you have not had a reason to visit the Lane County Courthouse; if not, consider yourself lucky. If you have been to the courthouse as a party to one of the nearly 33,000 matters filed each year, as a juror, a witness or an attorney representing a client, you know that the current facility is completely inadequate to meet our community's needs.

I have been your Lane County District Attorney since August of 2015. I also have nearly 30 years with the Lane County District Attorney's office, prosecuting every type of complex felony, including murder, rape, child physical and sexual abuse, elder abuse, property and drug crimes.

Here is what I know about the currently courthouse.

Opened in 1959, it was unforeseen that our county's population would have nearly tripled by 2019. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) didn't exist, so it is no surprise that the doors are narrow and the witness and juror boxes are elevated and inaccessible to a person with mobility issues. No one anticipated the security concerns of moving inmates through the public hallways that we have today. Or having parties sharing space in the narrow hallways during divorce proceedings, child abuse cases or moving victims of crime safely through the building. Our highly successful treatment courts weren't available in 1959, so no one envisioned a courtroom that would accommodate a different kind of court proceeding than the traditional trial model. After numerous renovations and updates to the courtrooms the building is at capacity.

A courthouse is the center of justice and democracy for a community. The people of Lane County need a justice building that not only meets the needs of 2019 but anticipates the likelihood of growth. We have done a 60-year operational study to address future needs and have designed a new courthouse that will address those concerns and many more.

Please join me in voting Yes on Measure 20-299.

*(This information furnished by Patty Perlow, Lane County District Attorney.)*

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# Measure 20-299 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

As the Executive Director of Emergence Addiction and Behavioral Therapies, I wholeheartedly support funding a safer, more accessible and adequately sized county courthouse by passing Measure 20-299.

Emergence provides substance abuse, mental health and MAT treatment services to both the Lane County Adult Treatment Court—also known as “Drug Court”—and Veterans Treatment Court in partnership with the Lane County Circuit Court, Lane County District Attorney, Lane County Parole and Probation and Lane Public Defender Services. Our goal is to increase public safety by reducing costs to the criminal justice by returning graduates to a clean and sober, responsible and productive life. **Treatment court saves lives, saves families and saves Lane County taxpayers money.**

Many crimes in our community are related to substance abuse. According to the Oregon Department of Justice, it costs approximately \$96 per day to house an offender in county jail, and the addicted offender remains addicted and lacking in education and skills to change behaviors after they are released. The Oregon Department of Justice estimates it costs approximately \$9 per day to treat and educate drug offenders through integrated treatment courts, resulting in more positive outcomes for the offender, law enforcement and the community.

The new Lane Justice Center will allow Lane County to more effectively deliver services in specialty courts, like Adult Treatment Court and Veterans Treatment Court. These specialty courts free up jail space for violent offenders and provide close supervision to community members suffering from addiction. Many Treatment Court participants are repeat offenders with long criminal records, and our program allows for interventions that reduce recidivism and produce higher rates of treatment retention.

But this new approach to justice requires more space. The old courthouse isn't always accessible, and the additional space in the new Justice Center will allow us to facilitate treatment instead of incarceration.

Thank you for supporting the idea of giving our neighbors a second chance. **Please join me in voting YES for Measure 20-299.**

*(This information furnished by Michael Bean, Emergence.)*

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## Argument in Favor

Lane County residents deserve a safe, accessible and efficient new courthouse. In particular, victims of crime, children and seniors must have safe and fair access to justice. After numerous attempts to upgrade the building, it is time to retire our outdated courthouse.

The old building's aging infrastructure causes serious delays in access to justice for all of us in the Lane County community. This is true for jurors waiting in long lines to go up rickety and unreliable elevators, for people with personal or family matters before the court, and for victims of crime seeking safety and privacy while waiting to testify in a criminal case.

Sometimes, victims, jurors and witnesses are even forced to share the same elevators, hallways, and waiting rooms with the criminal defendant in their case. This is directly contrary to trauma-informed practices for crime survivors, and can result in preventable juror bias or even mistrial, causing further a delay of justice.

We can agree: justice delayed is justice denied.

The old courthouse has reached its expiration date and can no longer meet the demands of our growing county. A new courthouse will increase efficiencies that ensure a speedy and fair trial. A new courthouse will incorporate technology that is now integral to the justice system, and will address safety and security needs that are a reality in any public building today.

The new courthouse will have multiple sources of financing, tapping state and federal resources before approaching the voters. At approximately \$4/month, these bonds are a small price to pay for justice. This investment is worth making.

A vote for the new courthouse is a vote for access to justice for victims of crime, children, families, and seniors—for generations to come.

Join me in supporting Measure 20-299.

*(This information furnished by Kamala Shugar, Attorney.)*

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# Measure 20-299 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

I support Ballot Measure 20-299. I spent the last ten years of my career as Presiding Judge in Lane County, which gave me an opportunity to observe, appreciate, and desperately try to work around the problems and shortcomings of the current courthouse.

The current courthouse was completed in 1959 and does not meet today's needs. The courthouse has been remodeled to try to squeeze in more courtrooms and space to house the technology and staff needed to address the increases in population, cases, services, and needs of today. We ran out of the ability to meet these needs long ago. The basic systems of the building, heating, cooling, electrical and plumbing, are no longer reliable, functional or maintainable.

The current courthouse was built when split level was in fashion, which created access problems for those in wheelchairs and other mobility issues. Walk in the front entrance and it's a half flight of stairs up or down to your destination. We worked hard to solve as many of these problems as possible, but the problems really are insurmountable. Equal access to justice means equal access. This goal can only be achieved with new construction.

Most important of all is safety. In the 1950's we had different safety problems than we do now. The current courthouse cannot be operated safely for the people who come to have their problems addressed or for those who work there. People involved in cases, witnesses, the public, judges, and staff should not be in unsecured areas or elevators with prisoners. It just isn't safe or wise. I have watched as a single deputy had to walk many prisoners through offices and hallways with staff, members of the public, and jurors, while we could not do anything but pray that nothing went wrong. There simply was no other way when elevators broke down or other problems arose.

I urge your support of Ballot Measure 20-299.

Mary Ann Bearden  
Retired Circuit Court Judge

*(This information furnished by Mary Ann Bearden.)*

## Argument in Favor

In 2018, I retired from the Lane County Circuit Court. I was appointed in 1999 and served 19 years, the last 5 and a half years as the Court's presiding judge. Before my service on the court, I served 2 years in the State Senate.

Our courthouse was built in 1959. And, while it has been remodeled since, it is no longer adequately serving the people of Lane County. The courthouse has very challenging issues surrounding security, functionality, maintenance, access, and safety.

In recognition of these short-comings, all Presiding Judges for the last several decades have endeavored to bring the need for a new Courthouse to the attention first of the Legislature, and then to the attention of County Government and the City. Aligning all of these important stakeholders has not been easy. First, we were lucky to have Chief Justices who have been committed to finding a way forward to replace our Courthouse. This ultimately resulted in legislation that made state matching funds available - for a finite period of time for those Counties which qualified - for new Courthouse projects. This process was accomplished several years ago and continues today.

I have spent many years in and around politics, both partisan and judicial. To bring all of these stakeholders - the Court, the Chief Justice, the Legislature, the Governor, city, and the County - to a place of agreement about a project of this size and importance has taken the huge effort by many, many people. We have a site; we have matching funds from the State. Now what we need is the most important agreement of all: the agreement of the people.

This opportunity will not come again any time soon. The need is clear; the planning has been deliberate and inclusive; the funding is being matched at about a 40% rate. The time is now.

Please join me in supporting Measure 20-299.

Karsten H. Rasmussen  
Senior Judge  
Lane County Circuit Court

*(This information furnished by Karsten Rasmussen.)*

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# Measure 20-299 Arguments

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## Argument in Opposition

Those in charge in Lane County apparently did not learn that there is a substantial difference between the concepts of “wants” and “needs”. We know that the county wants a new courthouse that is more than twice the size of the current one. What we don’t know is what the county actually needs. The so-called needs assessment they had done was highly superficial and mostly driven by what the various occupants of the building said they wanted. The assessment failed to make any close analysis of what they needed. The request of the courts is an excellent example of this failure.

The court wants 18 big courtrooms—at \$1,418,000 apiece—in which 13 judges can try 12-person jury trials. Yet last year the court only held 58 such jury trials all year. That is an average of barely over one jury trial a week. In fact, out of over 30,000 cases disposed of by the court last year only roughly 3% went to a trial at all. Obviously, there is a huge-and very expensive-disconnect between wants and needs. At the county’s announced construction cost of \$586 a square foot, size clearly matters a great deal. Size=money out of each taxpayer’s pocket.

Voters need to reject this bond measure. Then, the county needs to require each of the agencies that will occupy the new courthouse to do a fact-driven, intensive analysis of both their business practices and actual space needs. When that is done and the county can clearly show they have eliminated the yawning gap between what it wants and what it really needs, it then can come back to the voters and ask them to give building a new courthouse serious consideration.

John G. Cox  
Retired Lane County Attorney

*(This information furnished by John Cox.)*

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## Ballot Title

### Renew Five-Year Local Option Levy for General School Operations.

**Question:** Shall C-A-L District continue to levy \$1.50 per \$1,000 assessed value for general operations for five years beginning 2020? This measure renews current local option taxes.

**Summary:** In November 2014 voters approved a local option levy of up to \$1.50 per \$1,000 assessed value to support Crow-Applegate-Lorane School District No. 66 ("the District") operations. This measure renews that levy at the same rate.

The current voter-approved local option levy provides funding for retaining teachers and staff, and for instructional programming that students need for a well-rounded education. Without continuation of the revenue from this levy, the district will need to reduce the budget by an estimated \$200,000 dollars in the 2020/21 school year.

At the rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, the local option levy is estimated to raise revenue of \$1,062,000 over the next five years, broken down as follows:

2020/21 \$200,000  
2021/22 \$206,000  
2022/23 \$212,000  
2023/24 \$219,000  
2024/25 \$225,000

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

## Explanatory Statement

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*(This information furnished by Lee Ann Hartwig, Crow-Applegate-Lorane School District #66.)*

# Measure 20-301 Eugene School District #4J

## Ballot Title

### Five-year renewal of current local option tax for general operations

**Question:** Shall Eugene School District continue to levy \$1.50 per \$1,000 assessed value for general operations for five years, beginning 2020–2021? This measure renews current local option taxes.

**Summary:** Since 2000 voters have approved a local option levy at the rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to support Eugene School District 4J operations. This measure renews that levy at the same rate.

The current voter-approved levy provides funding for retaining teachers and delivering instructional programs that students need for a well-rounded education.

If approved, this measure provides funds to maintain current school programs and staffing levels. If not approved, without continuation of this revenue, in 2020–21 the district will need to reduce its budget by approximately \$17,700,000. The estimated impact is the equivalent of cutting about 161 teachers or 27 school days.

The local option levy renewal is projected to raise a total of approximately \$91,900,000 over five years:

2020–21: \$17,700,000

2021–22: \$18,000,000

2022–23: \$18,400,000

2023–24: \$18,700,000

2024–25: \$19,100,000

This measure continues the current tax rate for the local option levy. The annual rate will not exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for any property; rates for most properties will be less.

rate. Property owners can find their Eugene School District Local Option Levy cost by checking their most recent property tax statement and looking under “Current Tax By District.” To calculate an estimate, go to [www.4j.lane.edu/levy](http://www.4j.lane.edu/levy).

The Local Option Levy is different from a capital bond measure, like the one passed by voters in 2018. Bond measures fund school construction, renovations, and other capital improvements. Bond dollars cannot be used to pay for operating costs. The Local Option Levy provides funding for operating costs such as teachers, class sizes, and school programs.

Without Local Option Levy funding, the district’s budget for staffing and programs would be reduced by approximately \$17,700,000 in 2020–21. This would increase class sizes and reduce funding for school programs and operations.

Renewal of the Local Option Levy would provide funds to sustain class sizes, staffing levels, school days, and school programs, without increasing the current tax rate.

*(This information furnished by Gustavo Balderas, Superintendent, Eugene School District 4J.)*

## Explanatory Statement

School operations in Eugene School District 4J are supported by a Local Option Levy which provides education funding beyond that provided to all Oregon schools through the State School Fund.

The levy currently provides about \$17 million per year for school operations, equivalent to about 161 teaching positions or 27 school days. All funds stay in 4J schools.

Measure 20-301 would renew the Local Option Levy approved by voters in 2000 and renewed in 2004, 2008 and 2014. It would continue the existing Local Option Levy rate for another five years beginning in 2020–21.

This is not a new or additional tax.

The Local Option Levy funds a level of staffing, class sizes and program offerings that would not be possible without it. Without this levy, the school district would need to reduce its operating budget by about 9 percent.

Renewal of the Local Option Levy would:

- Continue school funding equivalent to about 161 teachers or 27 school days each year
- Help preserve class sizes and school programs supported by the current levy
- Maintain local funding for education services beyond the state school funding level.

The Local Option property tax is levied at a maximum rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact amount varies from property to property, due to Measure 5 and Measure 50 limitations. Many property owners pay less than the maximum

# Measure 20-301 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

The Eugene Education Foundation Supports  
the Eugene 4J Local Option Levy

The Board of Directors of the Eugene Education Foundation unanimously endorses the Eugene 4J School District Local Option Levy Number 20-301. Founded in 1993, the Foundation is a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is promoting educational excellence and opportunities for all students in the Eugene 4J public schools by providing grants to 4J schools from generous contributions from 4J supporters. We believe that revenue from this levy is essential to maintain that excellence.

The measure is a continuation of local levy support where the proceeds are dedicated to the operations of the District. If successful, the levy will be for five years at the same tax rate as currently exists.

The measure is projected to raise approximately \$17 million each year, which is about 9% of the total District General Fund. Loss of those funds would likely negatively affect class size and many programs the District now offers. It is the only revenue measure the District may use for its general operations which is in the sole control of 4J voters. We enthusiastically support this measure and encourage you to do so as well.

Eugene Education Foundation Board of Directors by its  
President Craig A Smith

*(This information furnished by Craig A Smith, President, Eugene Education Foundation.)*

## Argument in Favor

EUGENE VOTERS SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS

We know how important education is to our students, families, community—to our future.

Now it's time to show our support once again by renewing the local option levy, Measure 20-301.

The levy helps fund smaller class sizes, teachers, counselors, music, P.E.—all important to offering today's students and tomorrow's workers a strong education.

THE LEVY WON'T RAISE YOUR TAXES

It simply continues the tax we are already paying with no increase in the tax rate.

The levy provides about \$17 million a year for our schools, approximately 9% of the general fund budget.

With most decisions about school funding made at the state level, there are only a few ways we can provide local support. This levy is one. It generates critical funding for 4J schools.

We readily agreed to co-chair the "Yes for 4J Schools" campaign because we are both parents of daughters who went through 4J, from K through 12. They had an excellent education and a good start in life because of what this community provided for them.

IT'S OUR TURN TO HELP THE NEXT GENERATION OF STUDENTS

- Because it's the right thing to do.
- Because someone did it for us.
- Because we know that this investment will pay dividends for all of us for generations to come.

Thank you for your past support. We ask for your continued support by renewing the local option levy.

Vote yes for students. Vote yes for Measure 20-301.

This statement furnished by Craig Smith and Jenny Ulum, Yes for 4J Schools Co-Chairs

*(This information furnished by Craig A Smith and Jenny Ulum, Yes for 4J Schools Co-Chairs.)*

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# Measure 20-301 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

Oregon has few options for funding our schools, and the local option levy is one of them. Education in the state has been underfunded since 1990.

Eugene 4J School District has had a levy in place for 20 years. This is not a tax increase. **The Levy Renewal provides 9% of the operating budget, which goes directly to pay for staff,** such as teachers, custodians, bus drivers, counselors and other support staff.

Oregon schools have one of the shortest school years and largest class sizes in the nation, and without the levy renewal, it would be even worse for our children.

There has been a significant increase in the mental health needs of children. The levy has made it possible to add counselors to the elementary schools. Losing them would be terrible for all our kids.

In order to prepare our children for their full potential, we need to provide the best school atmosphere we can. Larger class sizes, fewer counselors, fewer electives will make things worse for our children, and by extension, worse for our community.

The Democratic Party of Lane County supports Measure 20-301 because it directly benefits people in our community. We believe that children need to be cared for, that **education is the best way to maximize opportunity for all our kids**, and that the entire society benefits when our children are well educated.

The Democratic Party of Lane County supports Measure 20-301 because it's the right thing to do for Eugene.

*(This information furnished by Chris Wig, Democratic Party of Lane County.)*

## Argument in Favor

### EUGENE PARENTS SUPPORT RENEWING OUR LOCAL OPTION LEVY

Stand for Children works with parents and students from across the Eugene school district who are concerned about insufficient school funding.

Resources are stretched, and class sizes are too large.

That's why we whole-heartedly

### SUPPORT RENEWING OUR SCHOOL LOCAL OPTION LEVY Measure 20-301

THIS IS A RENEWAL. IT IS NOT A NEW TAX.

The Levy funding is so important for our kids!

It gives us some additional funding that the District puts right in the classroom to:

- hire teachers and other staff
- pay for programs
- keep school days

It is a significant sum – about \$17 million a year.

Without these funds, our schools will undergo serious cuts.

Without the Levy, we will not be able to prevent some class sizes from getting even larger, and the school year from becoming even shorter.

### YES FOR SCHOOLS

We volunteer in our schools, we donate, we support our kids.

We are glad to live in a community with so many caring people who want to do what we can for schools.

This is an easy one! Vote yes.

Keep the school Local Option Levy.

The Levy will help over 16,000 4J students, and won't raise your tax rates.

Parents, grandparents, all who care about kids - join Stand for Children to

Vote yes for Schools, yes on Measure 20-301

*(This information furnished by Joy Marshall, Stand for Children.)*

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# Measure 20-301 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

TEACHERS URGE YES VOTE FOR SCHOOLS!  
VOTE YES FOR MEASURE 20-301

Since the passage of Ballot Measure 5, the state Legislature has failed to adequately fund our schools, forcing program and staff cuts over the past 30 years. The local option levy is one of the only ways that local communities have left to raise money to restore some of these cuts and maintain local control over schools.

Here are five other reasons why teachers support the levy:

- 1) The levy has been renewed by voters every five years since 2000. We are fortunate to live in a community where people support their schools!
- 2) If the levy were not renewed, it would leave a \$17 million hole in 4J's budget. about 9% of the district's general fund budget. There is no way to make up that shortfall without harming classrooms, and kids.
- 3) School nurses, counselors, librarians, educational assistants and other staff help us make the most of instructional time, giving students the critical support they need. The levy helps fund some of these necessary services.
- 4) Measure 20-301 doesn't raise taxes. Because this is a continuation of an existing levy, your tax rate will not change. What will change without your "yes" vote is the education students in our classrooms receive.
- 5) Schools are vital to our community and to our future. The local option levy is one of the few ways we can support our schools locally and provide the resources needed to give our kids the best possible education.

As teachers, we see the difference the levy makes every day. Please join us and vote YES for Measure 20-301. We thank you for your support!

This statement furnished by the Eugene Education Association.

*(This information furnished by Sabrina Gordon, Eugene Education Association.)*

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## Argument in Favor

**The League of Women Voters of Lane County urges your support for Measure 20-301.**

### **OUR KIDS, OUR SCHOOLS**

The levy provides about \$17 million per year, equivalent to about 161 teaching positions or 26½ school days. Losing this financial support would be catastrophic for our kids and our schools. Our kids deserve an education that meets today's needs and prepares them for ongoing learning, technology challenges, and productive lives outside the classroom.

### **OUR SCHOOLS, OUR TAX DOLLARS**

This is not a tax increase—a YES vote on Measure 20-301 continues the levy approved by voters four times since 2000. Under Oregon law, a local option levy is the only discretionary way voters in a school district can provide additional local property tax funding for teachers, class sizes, school programs and other school operation costs. The State of Oregon is currently unable to adequately fund our local schools. Eugene voters repeatedly have supported the serial levy to help fill in some of the gaps.

**Education is the cornerstone of our democracy. The League of Women Voters of Lane County urges your continuing support for the 4j serial levy.**

*(This information furnished by Linda Lynch, President, League of Women Voters of Lane County.)*

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# Measure 20-298 Fern Ridge School District #28J

## Ballot Title

### School bond to renovate, replace track complex and develop property

**Question:** Shall District issue \$5,000,000 in general obligation bonds to rebuild athletic track complex and develop recently acquired property for athletics? 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, this measure would finance capital costs, including improving, repairing, expanding school athletic facilities for students and community groups, specifically:

- Developing property west of Elmira Elementary School for baseball, softball, other athletic uses for students and K-12 youth groups.

- Replacing current EHS 440 yard track and field with 400 meter track and field complex including bleachers, press box, storage, restrooms, gate, snack bar, turf field for student and community sports.

- Improving, expanding irrigation system; field lighting.

- Paying bond issuance costs.

Bonds may be issued in one or more series and mature in 18 years or less from date of issuance. District voters last approved bonds in 2014 when the bond tax rate was \$2.19 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value. Stronger than projected growth in assessed value led to lower bond rates in 2015 through 2018. If these bonds are approved, the total estimated bond tax rate is projected to be the same as in 2014. Actual rates may vary based upon interest rates incurred and changes in assessed value.

on this property a new baseball, new softball, and new soccer field in addition to what the District already has.

Currently, there is more demand for field use that there are fields available. In addition, the District must schedule athletic contests sequentially rather than concurrently, resulting in late night games for students. Finally, the heavy use of the existing fields has direct costs for added annual repairs. These fields, like the center field at the track, require closure during portions of the year for these repairs.

These improvements are part of the District's facility and safety master plans to control costs and improve student safety, and, if approved, are expected to result in less field down-time, less cost for repairs, games and practices ending earlier in the evening, and improved field conditions.

If approved, the plan also includes expansion of the irrigation and storm water management systems to accompany the field improvements.

These fields would be used by students during the regular school day and by the community during off hours and weekends.

A portion of the bond would also be utilized for paying bond issuance and pre-bond planning costs.

The tax impact to voters is figured as a rate against the assessed (not appraised) value of property. Growth in assessed value has helped reduce the bond tax rate since 2014 and has varied between \$2.19 and \$1.98 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value since that time. If approved, the bond tax rate is estimated to return to \$2.19 per thousand dollars of assessed value. Actual rates may vary based upon interest rates incurred and changes in assessed value.

*(This information furnished by Gary E. Carpenter Jr., Superintendent, Fern Ridge School District 28J.)*

## Explanatory Statement

If approved, this bond measure would pay for upgrades to existing physical education and athletic fields and facilities as well as develop additional fields for use by the students and community.

If approved, the existing track and field at Elmira High School would receive multiple upgrades:

- The main athletic field is shut down for portions of each year to dry out and be repaired. This prevents full usage by our physical education department and various teams. The construction of an artificial turf facility at the current track would allow for year-round play and multiple sequential uses in a single day.
- The track would be completely replaced down to sub-grade and changed from a non-regulation 440-yard track to a regulation sized 400-meter track, with all-weather surfacing, field event areas, and a storm drainage system.
- A new bleacher structure would be added.
- To allow for greater usage and community attendance and to host regional sporting invitationals, new facilities would also include structures for concessions, restrooms, and field equipment storage.
- The entirety of this complex would be lit to allow for evening usage.

If approved, the District would also use this bond to develop additional fields on the previously purchased property located between Elmira High School and Elmira Elementary School. While the District would go through a collaborative community design and discussion process, the current plans are to include

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **I did not receive a ballot.**

Check the status of your registration on [www.oregonvotes.gov/myvote](http://www.oregonvotes.gov/myvote) and follow the instructions provided.

### **I need help filling out my ballot or signing my envelope.**

Call Lane County Elections at 541-682-4234 to discuss options for receiving assistance.

### **A candidate is on my ballot but I don't find information in the voters' pamphlet.**

Candidate information is optional. Only those candidates who chose to submit information will appear in the voters' pamphlet.

### **I chose not to vote for a candidate or measure, will the rest of my ballot count?**

Yes.

### **I made a mistake or changed my mind after marking my ballot.**

You may correct the ballot yourself by crossing out the error and filling in the correct oval. Be sure to make your choice clear so that your intent is understood. (See "How to Cast Your Vote" in this voters' pamphlet for examples.)

### **My ballot was lost, destroyed or damaged.**

If your ballot was lost, destroyed or damaged, call Lane County Elections at 541-682-4234 and request a replacement ballot.

### **I forgot to put my ballot in the optional secrecy sleeve.**

The secrecy sleeve is not required for your ballot to be counted.

### **Is postage required if I place my ballot in an official ballot drop site?**

No.

### **Where are the ballot drop site locations?**

Refer to the official drop site locations list in this voters' pamphlet or visit [lanecounty.org/elections](http://lanecounty.org/elections) for a drop site map.

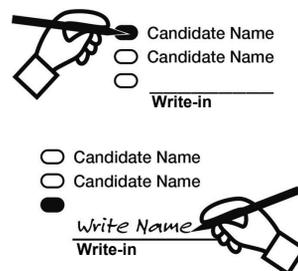
### **When are ballots due?**

Ballots must be received at any Oregon official drop site location by **8pm on Election Day, May 21, 2019**. Postmarks do **NOT** count.

# How to Cast Your Vote

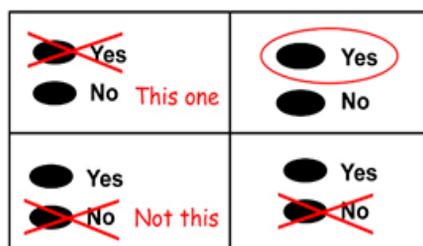
## 1. Complete your ballot

- To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice with a pen (black or blue ink). Do not use a felt tip pen.
- To vote for a person not on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the "write-in" line, then neatly write the name of the person on the line provided.
- You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will be counted.



## 2. Check for errors

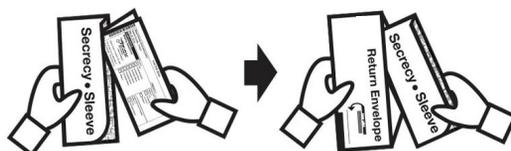
- If you make a mistake or change your mind while marking your ballot, you may correct it yourself. See examples:
- Make your choice obvious** so that your intent is understood and your vote will be counted correctly.
- If you are unable to correct your ballot, you may instead request a replacement ballot from Lane County Elections at 541-682-4234.



## 3. Using the optional "Secrecy" sleeve

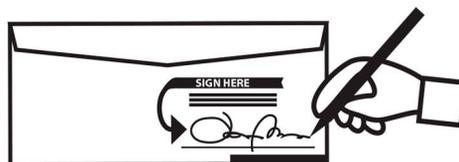
If you use the optional secrecy sleeve, insert only your voted ballot (not another person's ballot) inside. Then, insert your secrecy sleeve and ballot inside your return ID envelope.

(If we receive an envelope with more than one ballot inside, all enclosed ballots are rejected and not counted)



## 4. Sign your return envelope

The signature on your return ID envelope will be verified against your signature on file. The signatures must match before your ballot can be counted.



## 5. Return your ballot

- To any official drop site location by 8pm Election Day (see list in this voters' pamphlet). Postage is not required at drop sites.
- By mail. We recommend mailing at least 6 days before Election Day. **Postmarks do NOT count!**
- All ballots must be received by 8pm on Election Day, May 21, 2019.**



## **Important**

- If you make a mistake marking your ballot, you may correct your ballot by crossing out the error and filling in the correct oval.
- To update your residence or mailing address, visit [oregonvotes.gov/myvote](http://oregonvotes.gov/myvote).
- See [lanecounty.org/elections](http://lanecounty.org/elections) for a complete listing of all candidate filing forms.
- For special assistance, call Lane County Elections at 541-682-4234.

## **Reminders**

- Sign your return identification envelope.
- Your ballot must be received by 8:00pm, May 21, 2019.
- No postage is required at an official ballot drop site.

## **Lane County Elections Contact Information**

### **Lane County Elections**

541-682-4234

275 W 10<sup>th</sup> Ave

Eugene OR 97401

[lanecounty.org/elections](http://lanecounty.org/elections)

### **Office Hours**

M-F: 9am – noon, 1pm – 4pm

Election Day: May 21, 2019, 7am – 8pm

# Lane County Elections Official Ballot Dropsites

Ballots must be received by 8pm on Election Day, May 21, 2019  
Dropsites open May 2, 2019

## Eugene Dropsites Open 24 Hours

### Lane County Elections

275 W 10<sup>th</sup> Ave 97401  
*Enter from Lincoln St*

### Amazon Pool

2600 Hilyard St 97405

### Bethel Library

1990 Echo Hollow Rd 97402

### Pearl Street

777 Pearl St 97401  
*On Pearl St between  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Ave*

### 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*

### 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*

### Walmart

4550 W 11<sup>th</sup> 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

### City of Creswell

Creswell 97426  
*North side of parking lot at  
corner of South 1<sup>st</sup> and C St*

### Florence Police Department

900 Greenwood St 97439

### Junction City Library

726 Greenwood St 97448

### Lowell City Hall

107 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St 97452

### Oakridge Police Department

76435 Ash St 97463

### Splash! At Lively Park

6100 Thurston Rd  
Springfield 97478

### Springfield City Hall

Between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> St 97477  
*Enter off A St*

### Veneta City Hall

88184 8<sup>th</sup> St 97487  
*On island in parking lot*

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**Contact us: Lane County Elections**

275 W 10<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Eugene OR 97401  
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**Public Office Hours:**

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