



Columbia County Voter's Pamphlet

Primary Election May 17, 2022



ATTENTION

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

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PLEASE NOTE

Not all the candidates or measures in this Voters' Pamphlet will be on your ballot.

The content of your ballot is determined by your registration's residential address (This can be found on your return identification envelope near the signature line). Your official ballot will contain only the candidates and issues which apply to your residence.

If your residential address is incorrect, please update your registration.

Not all candidates submit information for the Voters' Pamphlet.

As a result, there will be candidates on your ballot that are not in the Voters' Pamphlet.

Columbia County Elections prints information as submitted.

We do not correct spelling, punctuation, grammar, syntax, errors or inaccurate information.

Voter Registration

Qualifications to register to vote

To register to vote in Oregon, you must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- A resident of Oregon
- At least 16 years old

If you are not yet 18 years of age, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.

How to register to vote

ONLINE. Register to vote online at www.oregonvotes.gov/myvote.

MANUALLY. Complete an Oregon Voter Registration Card. Registration cards are available at any county elections office or at designated state agencies, including the Department of Motor Vehicles and some public assistance agencies.

When to update your registration

Update your registration if your

- Residential address changes,
- Mailing address changes,
- Your name changes, or
- You wish to change political affiliation.

Registration Deadline

A new registrant must register to vote by the 21st calendar day before an election to be eligible to vote in that election.

Am I registered to vote?

If you are already registered or think you might be registered to vote, visit www.oregonvote.gov/myvote to:

- check if you are registered to vote
- view your registration information
- update your voter registration
- find contact information for your county elections office



Dear Columbia County Voters:

The Columbia County Voters' Pamphlet is published to inform voters with regard to the local candidates and measures you will find on your ballot. It is also an opportunity to pass on to you some important information regarding the May 17, 2022 Primary Election.

- **Primary Election.** This election serves a variety of purposes. While all voters will be able to vote on applicable non-partisan offices, this election also functions as the nominating election for major party candidates. The ballot you receive will have been tailored to the party with which you have a registered affiliation. If you are registered non-affiliated or a member of an Oregon minor political party, you will receive a nonpartisan ballot.
- **Ballot mailing dates.** Ballot packets will be mailed out to the county at large April 27-29th. Expect to see your ballot during the week of May 2nd -May 6th.
- **Voter no longer at your address.** If a ballot was delivered to your residence for someone who should no longer be receiving ballots at your address, please write "RETURN" on the envelope and place it back in your mailbox. If a ballot was sent to someone who has passed away, please write "DECEASED" on the envelope and place it back in the mailbox.
- **Returning your ballot by mail.** Due to recent legislation changes, as of the first of this year ballots may be mailed and counted as long as they are postmarked no later than Election Day.
- **Office of Sheriff and County Clerk.** Due to constitutional requirements and number of filed candidates for each office, the offices of County Sheriff and County Clerk will not appear on this ballot and will be elected during the November General Election.
- **Make sure your vote counts!** Be sure to sign the attestation on your ballot return envelope and return promptly. Unsigned ballots or late ballots cannot be counted, but timely signed ones can.
- **Contact your Elections office.** If you have questions or require assistance, please contact Columbia County Elections at (503) 397-7214 or email us at: elections@columbiacountyor.gov.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debbie Klug".

Debbie Klug
Columbia County Clerk

Columbia County

County Commissioner, Position 2

County Commissioner, Position 2



**Kellie Jo
Smith**

OCCUPATION: Proprietor, Oregon Trail Lanes, Inc

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Oregon Trail Lanes, Third Generation Columbia County Family Owned Business; Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Reserve Deputy; InRoads Credit Union/SHCFUCU, Support Specialist; Community Volunteer, SH Little League, SH Youth Basketball, Connect SH; Mother; Caregiver; Foster Parent

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland Community College, General Studies/Science Transfer; St. Helens High School, Diploma

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: St. Helens School District School Board Member 2013-present. Board Chair, Chair of the Budget Committee, Facilities Committee, Bond Committee Co-Chair.

I'm running for Columbia County Commissioner because I am the right candidate for the job.

I am a natural servant leader, and will lead with compassion for ALL individuals within our communities. I will respectfully and empathetically listen to concerns and I will advocate for changes that will benefit our communities. As a business owner, school board member and a Reserve Deputy I've shown the ability to make hard decisions, have managed employees and shown dedication to make our communities safer, smarter and happier. I am not running for Commissioner to continue to climb a political ladder. My heart is here, I want nothing but the best for our County and the people within.

Priorities:
I will maintain open lines of communication and continue to foster, support and advocate for the public that has elected me.

Growth that considers our unique small towns, and our rural environments. We cherish our communities and are proud of our natural resources. We also see the benefits of family wage jobs that allow us to stay within our county, so that we can live, work and play here.

Support first responders and public safety officers for safe communities. Providing our law enforcement with the tools and resources necessary to assure our citizens and their families are safe.

Create opportunities for our youth through parks, trails and access to public property.

Positive networking among our communities and organizations.

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(This information furnished by Kellie Jo Smith)

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



**Kelly
Niles**

OCCUPATION: Wildland Fire Supervisor ODF Columbia City

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:
Chair Columbia City Planning Commission 2010-Present
Chair Homeland Security Emergency Management Commission 2015-Present
Team Leader Columbia City Hazard Mitigation Team 2009-Present
Vice Chair CRF&R Board of Directors 2016-Present
Volunteer Firefighter CRF&R 2003-2016
Member St. Helens School District Budget Committee 2013-2018

I have lived in Columbia County for 18 years. I am a veteran, volunteer, and have been a public servant my entire life. During my time here I have forged great relationships with people from many agencies and walks of life. I believe being a part of the groups listed above, in addition to my job, has given me a great background and experience in budgeting, policy, planning, personnel management, and working with others to achieve a common goal. These are skills I believe it takes to be a well-qualified County Commissioner and leader to get us on the right path. If elected, I plan to resign from my current job and these committees to focus full-time on being your County Commissioner. I do not have all the answers and have no problem deferring to expertise when trying to get facts to make a good decision. I have no problem asking hard questions or holding people accountable.

Columbia County needs family-wage jobs, affordable housing, additional law enforcement, and infrastructure upgrades, while protecting our natural resources. This will not happen overnight. We need to be looking out 3, 5, and 10 years into the future to start planning now. If not, then we will always be in a reactive mode. We need Collaboration, Communication, and Accountability: Getting the right people to the table, making the right decisions, and being accountable for those decisions. We need open, honest, and meaningful discussion about our county's future. Citizens are the most important piece. Without your input then we would be making decisions in a vacuum. Thanks.

(This information furnished by Kelly Niles)

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Columbia County

County Commissioner, Position 2

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**Brian
Brust**

OCCUPATION: Foreman Drywall Finisher

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Construction foreman; Small Business owner; USMC; Youth sports coach

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Scappoose High School; Portland State Univ.; Portland community college

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

I am not a politician, the reason I am running is for the betterment of the community and I want to do the people's will. Our taxes should be kept affordable, develop a safe infrastructure for our communities, and keep recreation areas open to the public. The philosophy of our county government must change. Do you feel our leaders need to be held accountable for their actions, if so, we agree? The commissioners must work for the citizens of our county, because if they are not working for us then they are working against us. We deserve more from our elected officials.

I am not satisfied with the status quo. Are you as tired as I am of passing initiatives only to have them not implemented upon voting them in, or coming to fruition after voting them down? This should never happen.

Our commissioners are great at getting grants. I see from the budget that almost every department has grant money, but we cannot sell our rights away. Receiving funds from the federal government comes with strings attached. Often those strings diminish our personal freedoms and liberties as citizens. We cannot ever have our rights infringed upon. The government does not have the right to take something that is not theirs. Our commissioners need the moral fortitude to stand up for us!

We must demand principle over policy. The only way we get this is to elect moral and conscience leaders. I will be your responsible public servant. Let's make the right choice, I am here to do the people's will.

Endorsed by:
Oregon Firearms Federation Political Action Committee
FREE Oregon

(This information furnished by Brian Brust)

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**Jonathan
Barclay**

OCCUPATION: Director Of Maintenance at Aimbridge Hospitality

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: I've worked in the Hotel Industry over the past 12 years and prior to that I worked in the construction field for 10 years.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Hillsboro High School; Portland Community College

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

I, like many others in Columbia County feel our voices aren't being heard and our votes don't matter. When voters approve ordinances such as SAPO and SASO but then get railroaded by their own commissioners, there's a problem. Our commissioners have obviously forgotten that they work for us and we are not to be ruled or subjugated to their beliefs. I will ensure meetings are held at reasonable times so everyone that wants to attend can. I think 6pm on any weekday would be more reasonable than 10:30am on Wednesdays when no working person can attend. I will fight for your gun rights and work to implement constitutional carry within our county. My agenda is what you want it to be because you set the agenda not the other way around. I will be your voice and fight on behalf of you.

(This information furnished by Jonathan Barclay)

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Measure 5-287

BALLOT TITLE

RENEWAL OF POLICE PROTECTION SERVICES LOCAL OPTION TAX

QUESTION: Shall City of Columbia City renew the five-year operating levy at a rate of \$0.90 per \$1,000 assessed value beginning in 2022-23? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: The City's current five-year levy of \$0.67 per \$1,000 assessed value is in its fifth and final year and will expire after the 2021-22 tax year. The City uses the tax revenues from the current levy to assist in providing basic police protection services.

In order to continue to provide basic police services, the City is requesting a renewal of the five-year operating levy at a rate of \$0.90 per \$1000 assessed value. The City will continue to use tax revenues from this measure to provide basic police protection services.

Over the five-year period, the levy will raise approximately \$861,016 for police protection services.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$163,805 in 2022-23, \$167,901 in 2023-24, \$172,098 in 2024-25, \$176,401 in 2025-26, and \$ 180,811 in 2026-27. The levy would then expire.

For a home assessed at a value of \$200,000 the annual cost of this levy would be \$181 per year.

Estimated annual cost:

This local option levy is for \$0.90 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The estimated annual cost of this levy for a home assessed at a value of \$200,000 is \$181 per year, or \$0.50 per day.

Submitted by:
Michael McGlothlin
City Administrator

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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

In 2010, the City Council identified police protection as a critical General Fund service that was seriously under-funded after expenses associated with police protection services had exceeded the total tax revenues collected since fiscal year 2004-05. The amount of total tax revenue generated by the City's existing permanent tax rate consistently fell short of funding a Police Department staffed by 2.5 paid full-time equivalents (FTEs) and volunteer police reserves. The City Council asked voters to approve a five-year local option levy of \$0.67 per \$1,000 assessed value to support police protection services, and voters approved the levy in November 2011. Subsequently, the levy was also recertified by Columbia City voters in 2016 at the \$0.67 per \$1000 assessed value.

The current five-year levy recertification is now in its fifth and final year and will expire after the 2021-22 tax year. In order to continue to provide basic police protection services, the city is requesting a renewal of the five-year operating levy at a rate of \$0.90 per \$1,000 assessed value. If approved, the city will continue to use tax revenues from this measure to provide basic police protection services.

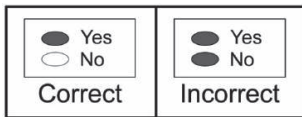
If approved, this levy will raise approximately \$861,015 for police protection services over the five-year period.

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

CHECK YOUR BALLOT

Completely fill in the oval next to your choices.

Check for overvotes. If you vote for more candidates than allowed for an office or if you vote both 'Yes' and 'No' on a measure, it is called an overvote. Your vote will not count for that candidate or measure.



If you make a mistake or change your mind while marking your ballot, you may request a replacement ballot from the Elections office or you may make your changes on the ballot. If you make changes to your ballot choices, make your choice obvious. Election workers will inspect each ballot to make sure your intent is understood and the ballot is counted correctly.

Two examples of how to make your intent clear are below.



You do not have to vote in all contests. Your other votes will still count.

You cannot change your vote once you have mailed or dropped off your ballot.

Contact Columbia County Elections to ask for help if:

- you make a mistake
- your ballot is damaged
- your ballot is lost
- or for any other reason.

Columbia County Elections
(503) 397-7214
elections@columbiacountyor.gov

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

What If...?

What if I make a mistake on my ballot?

If you make a mistake that cannot be corrected, call the Columbia County Elections Office (503) 397-7214 and **request a replacement ballot.** One will be mailed to you provided the request is received within time for mailing. Otherwise, you may pick up a replacement ballot in person.

What if I don't vote on everything on the ballot?

Your ballot will still be counted. If you choose not to vote for a particular office or measure, this is tallied as an "undervote" and the rest of the ballot will counted as you intended.

What if I don't sign my return envelope?

You will be sent a notice in the mail that you have not signed your ballot. Follow the instructions on the notice in order to remedy your unsigned ballot and it will be counted. You must remedy your ballot by the 14th day after the election in order for it to be counted.

What if I don't put my ballot into the secrecy sleeve?

Your ballot will still be counted. The secrecy sleeve is purely optional.

What if I don't receive my ballot?

If you are a registered voter and don't receive your ballot after the following week that ballots are mailed out, call the Columbia County Elections Office at (503) 397-7214.

BALLOT RETURN

You May Vote Your Ballot And Return It As Soon As You Receive It.

Ballots may be returned via mail or by drop off.

Return Methods:

Mail: Return postage is prepaid. Your ballot must be postmarked by Election Day. Please be aware of the USPS pick up time of the location you are using on actual Election Day (only picked up ballots will receive the timely postmark).

Drop off: - Deliver as soon as possible to an official drop box by 8:00 pm Election Day. Ballots may be delivered to any official ballot drop box in Oregon. Ballots received in this manner after 8pm will not count.

COLUMBIA COUNTY BALLOT DROP SITE LOCATIONS

24 Hour drop off available unless indicated.

Columbia County Courthouse

230 Strand St, St Helens

Scappoose City Hall

33568 E. Columbia Ave

Clatskanie Library

11 Lillich St, Clatskanie

Rainier City Hall

106 B St West, Rainier

Vernonia Public Library

701 Weed Ave, Vernonia

Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD

(Inside: M-Th 9-5; 8pm Election day)

12525 Oregon Highway 202, Mist

POSTMARKS ARE NOW ACCEPTED FOR BALLOTS IN OREGON

Ballots can now be accepted if postmarked by Election Day. It is important to be aware of the post office pick up times on Election Day to ensure your ballot is postmarked by Election Day.

You may still drop your ballot off at any Official Ballot Drop Site in Oregon by 8:00pm on Election Day.



END OF COLUMBIA COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET