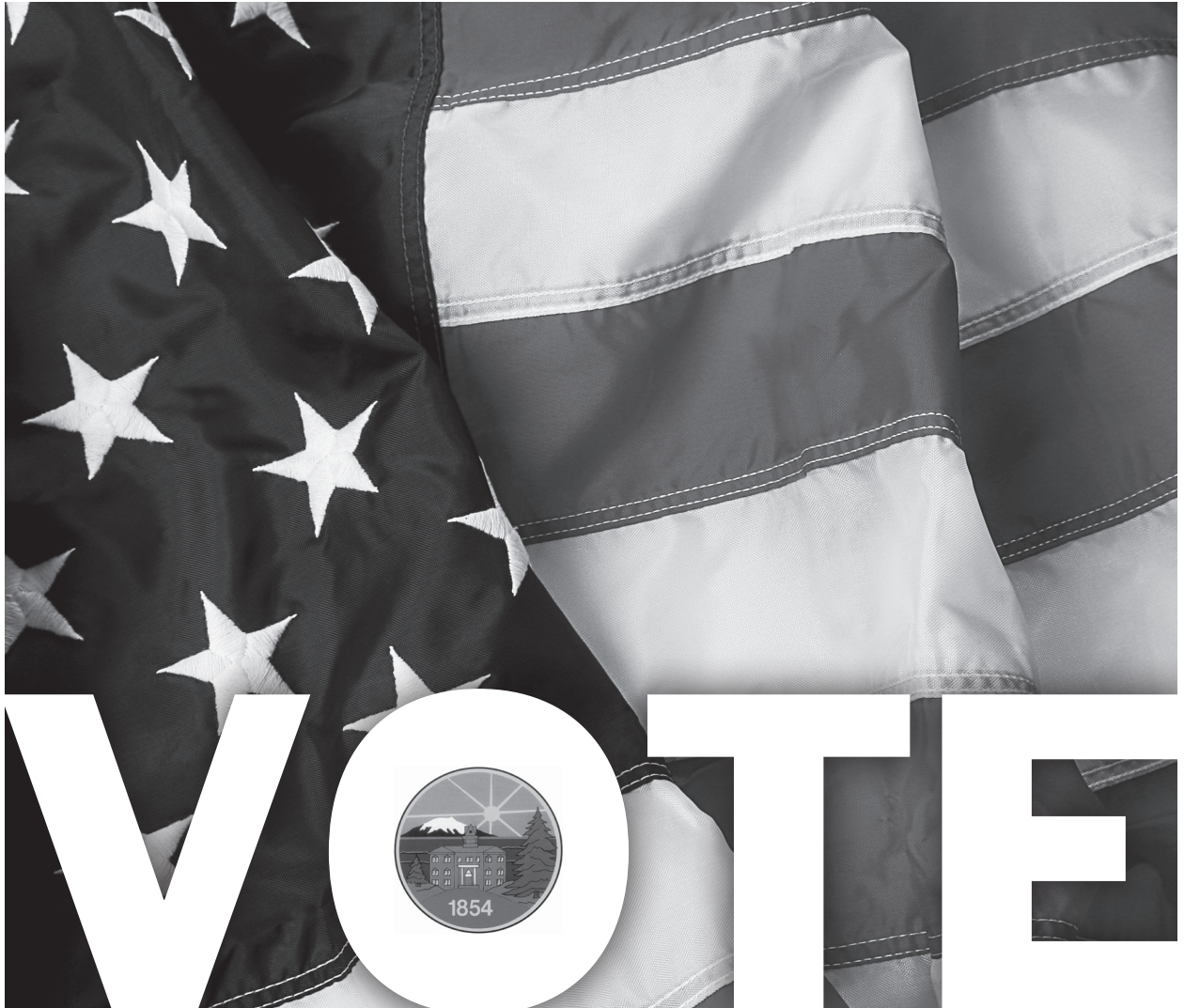




Columbia County Voter's Pamphlet

General Election

November 8, 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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本县选民手册的部分内容提供简体中文版本。可以访问sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-columbia.aspx，获取译本。

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Các phần được chọn trong tập tài liệu cử tri quận này có bản ngôn ngữ tiếng Việt. Các bản dịch có thể xem trực tuyến tại sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-columbia.aspx.

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Oregon Voting Rights

(Not all encompassing)

1. You have the right to vote if you are a US citizen, are a resident of Oregon, are 18 years old and are registered to vote.
2. You have the right to receive a new ballot if, prior to returning your ballot, you make a mistake.
3. You have the right to receive assistance in casting your ballot.
4. You have the right to vote even if you have a guardian and even if you need help reading or filling out your ballot.
5. You have the right to use a signature stamp or other mark but first you have to fill out a form. No one can sign for you.
6. You have the right to leave some choices blank on your ballot. The choices you do mark will still count.
7. You have the right to vote if you are in line to return your ballot at any official drop site by 8 PM on Election Day.
8. You have the right to cast a secret ballot.
9. You have the right to cast a “provisional ballot” if your name does not appear on the voter roll.
10. You have the right to know if your ballot, was counted.
11. You have the right to vote even if you are homeless.
12. You have the right to vote if you have been convicted of a felony once you have been released from custody, even if you are on probation or post-prison supervision.
13. You have the right to file a complaint with the Secretary of State if you think your voting rights have been denied.

(Oregon Constitution, Sections 2 and 3; ORS Chapters 137, 246, 247, and 254; Vote By Mail Manual; Help America Vote Act of 2002; OAR 165-001-0090 and 165-007-0030)



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 November 8, 2022 General Election.

- **Oregon General Election.** General Elections occur during November of each even numbered year. This is typically the largest election held by turn out and by content, incorporating Federal, State, County, City and some service district elections. Some of the content will be the culmination of the nominating elections held at the May Primary. Barring a district line or boundary, you and your neighbor will be voting the same ballot with identical contests and candidates.
- **Ballot mailing dates.** Ballot packets will be mailed out to the county at large October 19-21st. Expect to see your ballot during the week of October 24th-28th.
- **Ballot Arrangement.** Candidates are arranged in a random alphabetical order each election. Candidates will be listed in the same order in this pamphlet as on the ballot. Only the applicable candidates and measures for your precinct and registered residential address will appear on your ballot.
- **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.
- **Early voting.** Returning your vote early is encouraged and greatly appreciated. An early return affords more opportunity to resolve issues such as unsigned ballot envelopes. A high early return rate would also result in a more complete result by 8pm Election Night.
- **Make sure your vote counts!** Be sure to sign the attestation on your ballot return envelope and return promptly. Unsigned or late ballot envelopes 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.

Columbia County

County Clerk



Debbie Klug

OCCUPATION: Columbia County Clerk

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Real Estate; Columbia County; Deputy Recorder; Administrative Assistant; Deputy County Clerk, County Clerk

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Real Estate School of Oregon; Portland Community College; Portland State University.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Columbia County Clerk's Office, 16+ years

INCUMBENT

Oregonian: I was born in Portland and have spent the last 20 years here in Columbia County, where I have had the opportunity to help my community by volunteering in the school district and being a committed member of the Kiwanis organization.

Experience: I've worked at the Clerks office for over 16 years, and in July 2021, I was appointed County Clerk. While running open and fair elections is a significant responsibility, one of which I take seriously, that is not its entire function, recording documents, issuing marriage licenses, and processing passports, to name a few. Therefore, the clerk's office needs someone with the knowledge and experience to handle its many functions.

Neutrality: I firmly believe this position should be neutral, and its function not hindered by political agenda.

Elections: I am committed to maintaining integrity by conducting open, transparent, and secure elections.

Goals: I will work to provide the highest level of reliable and honest customer service and modernize the department by digitizing documents and offering access to a searchable index online, all while managing our resources in a fiscally responsible manner.

The position of County Clerk requires a dedicated person with training and experience to fulfill the job and keep the records/office in compliance with all laws and administrative rules.

As the current Columbia County Clerk, I have over 16 years of experience and training and will continue to look for ways to improve the department. I thoroughly enjoy working with the citizens of this county, and it would truly be an honor to continue to serve as Columbia County Clerk.

Endorsements: I received many, due to word count restrictions, unable to post them here. Please see website.

Thank you!

www.debbieklugforclerk.com

(This information furnished by Debbie Klug)

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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.

Thank you Columbia county for your vote and for believing that together we can and will make a difference.

As a natural servant leader, I 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 previous reserve deputy sheriff, 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 for:

-Connecting our communities. I will maintain open lines of communication and continue to foster, support and advocate for the public that has elected me.

-Economic growth that considers our unique small towns, and our rural environments. I cherish our community and I am proud of our natural resources. I see the benefits of family wage jobs that allow us to stay within our county, so that we can live, work and play here.

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

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

-Protecting Civil Rights and Liberties.

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Columbia County

Sheriff



**Terry E
Massey Jr**

OCCUPATION: St. Helens Police Officer, Small Business Owner/Multiple locations

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: See above

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Department of Public Safety Standards & Training; Portland Community College; Scappoose High School

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Police Officer

There is a reason that St. Helens Law Enforcement entities have endorsed me-they recognize the need for change.

I'm seeking your vote for Sheriff because change is needed.

Establishing clear and necessary objectives for Columbia County sets me apart as a candidate.

- Reduce Crime
- Restore Agency Collaboration
- Improve Transparency
- Policing with a Purpose

I have over 25 years of combined Business & Law Enforcement leadership experience. This unique background enables out-of-the-box thinking and brings fresh problem-solving approaches.

I'm not a career politician or institutionalized.

As I grew my business, I grew my experience in building budgets, setting schedules, negotiating contracts, and developing strong teams.

Serving as an officer in St. Helens-the busiest city in the county-provided me the essential law enforcement expertise, insight, and skills.

Please visit my website for in depth details: terrymassey4sheriff.vote

- Raised in Columbia County
- True 2nd Amendment Supporter

Reduce Crime

- Establish 24-hour police services in the county
- Use Hot Spot policing & other techniques to dissuade crime
- Work with Mental Health services for resources
- Revitalize the volunteer-based Life-Lesson program for inmates

Restore Agency Collaboration

Today, there is a known lack of cohesion and collaboration between agencies. This led to a lack of partnership with the Office of the Sheriff which reduces effectiveness. My established relationships will bring instant value-especially when it comes to sharing resources.

Transparency

- Re-Establishing Town Halls where citizens can have a voice
- Providing regular follow-up and updates from the Office of the Sheriff on issues/objectives

Policing with a Purpose

- Re-Implement a multi-agency Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) for high-intensity situations like active shooters and hostages
- Proactive planning for Homeless issues (HB 3115)

Endorsements

- St. Helens Police Chief, Brian Greenway
- Jessica Chilton, St Helens Police Commissioner
- St. Helens Police Association
- Timber Unity PAC

(This information furnished by Terry E Massey Jr)

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Sheriff



**Brian
Pixley**

OCCUPATION: Columbia County Sheriff

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Sheriff, Lieutenant, Sergeant, Deputy - Columbia County Sheriffs Office (2010 - present); Scappoose Police Officer; (2006-2010); Columbia County Sheriffs Deputy (2003-2006)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: B.S., Eastern Oregon University; Executive Level Certifications in Patrol and Corrections; Executive Leadership Training; National Sheriffs Academy, Oregon State Sheriffs Association (OSSA) Command College and Sheriffs Institute, National Association of Counties High Performance Leadership Academy, FBI-LEEDA, and more.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Columbia County Sheriff's Office, OSSA Executive Leadership Team, DPSST Corrections Policy Committee

EXPERIENCE THAT MATTERS

As a 20-year veteran of law enforcement, I have dedicated my life to making Columbia County safer and stronger. My extensive law enforcement background and nearly 4 years as your Sheriff has provided me with the tools necessary to do the job ... and do it right. I am the only candidate with law enforcement leadership experience. I am the only candidate with experience and training in jail operations. I am the only candidate with executive level law enforcement certifications and training.

AS YOUR SHERIFF, I AM COMMITTED TO Keeping You Safe

Safe communities are thriving communities. In my tenure I have added additional Deputies and will continue fighting to bring more deputies to the Sheriff's Office, which will help ensure you, your property, and your rights are protected 24/7.

Serving the People

Service means more than just working here. It means being involved, on and off duty. It means doing the things that increase trust, build goodwill, and strengthen our community. It means being responsive to the issues that matter most.

Integrity and Transparency in Leadership

As your Sheriff, I have always and will continue to hold myself and my staff to the highest professional standards and provide transparency in all operations.

WE'RE WITH SHERIFF PIXLEY

Endorsed by:

Scappoose Mayor Scott Burge
Rainier Mayor Jerry Cole
Clatskanie Mayor Bob Brajcich
Mike McGlothlin, Columbia City
District Attorney Jeff Auxier

Full list at www.pixleyforsheriff.com

VOTE TO RE-ELECT SHERIFF BRIAN PIXLEY

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City of Columbia City

Council Member



**Rob
Forman**

OCCUPATION: Financial Analysis Manager - Allstate Insurance

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Sr. Financial Analyst - Allstate Insurance; Financial Analyst - Allstate Insurance; Client Support Specialist - CarePayment Technologies

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: University of Portland - B.B.A. Accounting, Class of 2014; St. Helens High School - Class of 2010

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

I will work tirelessly to find solutions that work within our budget, and always seek feedback from the citizens of Columbia City to ensure each voice is heard and respected. As a father, I want to continue to invest in our shared spaces and events that will yield positive impacts in my family's life and everyone who calls this beautiful gem by the river home. I believe my background in the Finance and Audit sectors will be valuable to add to our budget and audit committees and am incredibly interested in many of our ongoing Public Works projects. I don't claim to hold all of the answers, but I do have a vested interest in seeing our community grow sustainably and continue to reflect the values of our neighbors and will consult with experts so I may make an educated and informed decision. I will work as hard as possible to ensure Columbia City continues to be a wonderful place to live for years to come.

Rob Forman has lived in Columbia County since 1996 and graduated from St. Helens High School in 2010. Since then, he has attended the University of Portland and attained a Bachelors of Business Administration in Accounting and gone on to hold several Financial Analyst positions within the Portland Metro Area. For the last 3 years he's held the position of Financial Analysis Manager supervising a team of financial analysts under Allstate Insurance. Now living in Columbia City and working from home, he has started a family and has been actively seeking ways to give back to the community he holds in such high regards.

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City of Scappoose

Council Member



**Jeannet
Santiago**

OCCUPATION: Government Contracting Specialist, Business Owner, and Scappoose City Councilor.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Over 20 years in entrepreneurship, business development and management of economic development programs. Assisted and supported hundreds of startups and innovative companies by providing resources and guidance. Developed and built strong community partnerships with stakeholders in the public and private sectors to support economic development for Oregon.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Holy Family High School Graduate; Attended University of Santa Cruz; Graduated with Degrees for Graphic Design and Computer Graphics from Platt College

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: City of Scappoose Budget Committee Member - appointed; City of Scappoose Planning Commissioner - appointed; City of Scappoose Economic Development Committee Member - appointed; City of Scappoose City Councilor - appointed

My family and I have been residents of Scappoose since 2007; both of my children have gone through the School District and graduated from Scappoose High School.

I have been an entrepreneur and in the economic development industry for more than 20 years. Since 2007, I have served in several committees for the City of Scappoose, such as Budget Committee, Economic Development Committee and Planning Commissioner. In April of this year, I was appointed as a member of the Scappoose City Council.

In addition to my committee commitments, I have been part of the planning, organizing and coordinating a few City Community events, such as; the Pow Wow, Sauerkraut Festival and the 100 years Celebration.

The City of Scappoose is currently working on its 50-year plan, and I am representing the "underserved" in the committee. Serving my community is something I truly enjoy.

I am asking for your vote to stay in the Council and continue to serve and provide my perspective as a wife, mother, entrepreneur, and community member for the City of Scappoose.

Thank you for your vote.

(This information furnished by Jeannet Santiago)

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City of Scappoose

Council Member



**Andrew
Lafrenz**

OCCUPATION: Associate Professor - University of Portland; Disease Investigator and Data Analyst - Columbia County Public Health

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: B.S. Biology - University of Portland; M.S. - Kinesiology - University of Georgia; M.P.H - Oregon State University; Ph.D. - Oregon State University

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Columbia County Public Health Dept. - Disease Investigator; Scappoose Parks & Recreation District

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Scappoose City Councilor. Together we have challenges and unique opportunities that we can only address through collaboration, hard work and creativity.

Having spent the past 20 years as a college professor and public health professional, my main priorities for Scappoose are to enhance the health and education of the community while also balancing the need for strong economic growth.

While serving as an epidemiologist and disease investigator during the past 3 years for Columbia County I have learned about the unique needs of those in our city and county. Working with countless residents through the difficult times of the pandemic I witnessed first-hand the fortitude and resiliency of those that call Scappoose home. In addition, my service on the Scappoose Parks and Recreation Committee over the past year has highlighted the need to protect and enhance the valuable parks and greenspaces we have in our community. The success of any community starts with prioritizing the health of the residents in the community.

Since moving to Scappoose many years ago, my wife and I have welcomed our young daughter and son to our family. My commitment and voice on city council would be that of families and all generations of Scappoose residents. We must take steps to ensure that our natural areas, infrastructure and economic health are all fully supported so that Scappoose will continue to thrive well into the future.

I'm excited to providing a new perspective and voice for all generations of Scappoose residents.

Thank you for your vote.

(This information furnished by Andrew Lafrenz)

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Council Member



**Kim
Holmes**

OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner and Principal Consultant, 4R Sustainability, Inc.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Community volunteer activities include being a member of the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council Advisory Committee, cooking for Community Meals, coaching Scappoose youth basketball, volunteering at Scappoose Middle School.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Bachelor of Art in Anthropology and History from University of Maryland (1999), Master of Urban Studies, Portland State University (2008)

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Current vice-chair of the Parks & Recreation Committee, member of the 50-year Plan Advisory Committee, member-at-large on the Columbia County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

Leadership for the future of Scappoose

Those of us fortunate enough to live in Scappoose, know what a special place it is. If elected to City Council, I will fight to preserve what makes this place unique – the community connection that comes with being a small town and beautiful natural spaces that surround us. With a thoughtful approach, I believe these things can not only be preserved, but further enhanced as we also pursue economic development and growth opportunities.

New ideas and perspectives on City Council

The future is what we make it, and I believe this community is at a critical crossroads when it comes to growth and development. Transparency in decision making and robust community engagement need to be the cornerstones of our city government process. The city should also look to strengthen partnerships with the county, the school board, and the other organizations serving our community so we can leverage our collective public assets and resources.

If elected to City Council I commit to helping the city keep these values in focus. For more information about myself and my campaign, please visit www.kim4ScappooseCityCouncil.com.

Thank you, and I look forward to the opportunity to represent you on City Council.

Proudly Endorsed by:

Cara Heinz, Chair, Parks & Recreation Committee
Marisa Jacobs, Planning Commissioner, City of Scappoose
Kris Schrunk, Scappoose Teacher
Andy Maggi, Scappoose Resident
Joel Haugen, Former City Councilor

(This information furnished by Kim Holmes)

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City of Scappoose

Mayor

Mayor



**Joe
Backus**

OCCUPATION: Territory Manager, Pacific Machinery & Tool

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: None

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Scappoose HS, Lewis & Clark BA Business

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Scappoose School Board, Scappoose Little League and Youth Football President

Scappoose Proud! Devoting my life serving Scappoose as a coach/mentor, I understand this city. Scappoose is at a crossroads and it is important to have strong leadership. I will focus on livability first by concentrating on what makes Scappoose a great place to live. Many think we are losing our focus, I will ensure we preserve our greatest assets through thoughtful growth.

We need to change our mindset around how we grow. All development is not created equal. Some will make Scappoose a better place to live, work, and visit, other won't. Communities that set low standards or no standards will compete to the bottom, those that set high standards will compete to the top. There's a disconnect between our citizens and city leaders, leading to an environment of mistrust, real or imagined. I will strive for open communication and transparency, working to regain credibility and confidence. I will put more focus on growing our parks infrastructure, which despite promises has not kept up with our pace of growth.

It's time for fresh ideas and perspectives to lead Scappoose going forward. I am the candidate to lead us there.

Scappoose Keys to Success

- 1). Build a vision for the future
- 2). Leverage existing assets
- 3). Open and transparent communication with the city and citizens
- 4). Pick and choose among development projects
- 5). Listen to citizens' needs and collaborate for mutual benefit
- 6). Focus on community aesthetics
- 7). Develop a strong parks system that grows with the pace of the city
- 8). Embrace strong leaders and committed citizens

ENDORSEMENTS

Troy Duschka	Sean McNabb	George Hafeman
Cristine Collins Turner	Joel Haugen	Jim Hoag
Briana Rotter		

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**Brandon
Lesowske**

OCCUPATION: Husband and Father of 3; Scappoose City Councilor; Assistant Director of Planning & Sustainability

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland State University; Oregon Health & Science University; Prosper Portland

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: St. Helens High School, diploma; Portland Community College, AS; Portland State University, BS

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Scappoose City Council, Councilor; Scappoose Urban Renewal Agency, Commissioner; Scappoose Budget Committee; Scappoose Community Vision Committee

As a resident of Scappoose for over 20 years, I am proud to have my family call this city our home. My local connections and engagement with our city have given me direct insights into the challenges our community faces as we grow in size and spirit. To preserve what makes our city special, the citizens of Scappoose need a mayor that is willing to work hand in hand with all community members.

Furthermore, our community needs a mayor that has experience and knowledge on the City's current topics and issues. Over the last 4 years, I have had the distinct privilege to represent the citizens of Scappoose as a City Councilor. Under our leadership, the City has:

- Established the Urban Renewal District
- Opened PCC's OMIC Training Center
- Launched the 50 Year Plan
- Secured roughly \$14 million to upgrade the City's water system
- Responsibly distributed nearly \$1.7 million in ARPA funds
- Expanded city sidewalks via the voter approved Local Fuel Tax
- Appointed the Grabhorn Park Ad-Hoc Committee and adopted their recommendations

I have decided to run for Scappoose Mayor because I am a local, proven leader who is actively engaged and advocates for smart growth principles, expanding local economic development opportunities, while also being fiscally responsible.

As the next Mayor of Scappoose, I will work tirelessly to represent the values, culture, and spirit that makes this city our home.

Endorsed by:

Scott Burge, current Scappoose Mayor
 Megan Greisen, Scappoose City Council President
 Josh Poling, Scappoose City Councilor
 Tyler Miller, Scappoose City Councilor
 Alex Tardif, former Columbia County Commissioner
 Nancy Ward

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(This information furnished by Brandon Lesowske)

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City of St. Helens

City Councilor



**Mark
Gunderson**

OCCUPATION: Columbia Community Mental Health, 2014 to present.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Former pressman from 1987 to 2008-running a 5-Color Heidelberg, 52-5P3.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Eastern Oregon University, Bachelors of Science in Sociology with a concentration in Anthropology.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: St. Helens Budget Committee Member, Scappoose Bay Advisory Committee.

Elect
Mark Gunderson
St. Helens City Council

Occupation: Case Manager, Columbia County .370 liaison at Columbia Community Mental Health since 2014.

Occupational Background: Commercial printing press operator - 20 years.

Educational Background: Eastern Oregon University, B.S. Sociology with an emphasis on Anthropology. Graduated from Rex Putnam High School.

Community Volunteer Service Experience
St. Helens Budget Committee.
Scappoose Bay Advisory Committee.
Coached youth softball- 10 Years.
Coached Little League Baseball- 2 Years.
Coached Youth Football- 5 Years.
Youth Football Board Member- 2 Years.
Coached Youth Basketball- 3 Years.
Coached Youth Soccer- 4 Years.

I am running for city council to bring positive and innovative ideas to our community. I will be an advocate for our local citizens, businesses, and most importantly for our children. For too long, I have watched the decline of support for the kids in our community. There are areas that need improvement and responsible decision making.

Some areas I intend to focus on are:

- The waterfront development in Old Town
- Making St. Helens a more business friendly town
- City Parks and facilities
- Streamlining permits and fees
- Review of city ordinances (Many are outdated)
- Support for our local law enforcement and first responders

I am committed to having an open mind and will not be a "Yes Man" for anyone. I believe and have taught the importance of teamwork for many years and would be honored to serve the people of our city. I will listen to the community and their concerns and will help make St. Helens a better place to live, shop and do business.

Please support me with your vote.
Together we will make St. Helens a better community.

(This information furnished by Mark Gunderson)

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City Councilor



**Brandon
Sundeen**

OCCUPATION: Teacher

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Substitute Teacher; Custodial Supervisor

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: BYU-Idaho, BA; Portland Community College; St. Helens High School

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Vice-Chair, St. Helens Parks and Recreation Commission; Vice-President, Columbia County Museum Association

While I follow and regularly view city meetings online, I don't yet have experience sitting on the other side of the table. What I lack in experience, I make up for in care and concern for the city that I love and have called home nearly my entire life and am eager to learn and get to work. St. Helens was a great place to grow up, and I want it to remain a great place for future generations. That isn't going to happen on its own but will take good decisions from our elected officials and city staff.

I'm dedicated to preserving the small town feel of St. Helens, while allowing for responsible growth that will provide affordable housing and living wages. I will highlight the things that make us unique, like our downtown historic district and beautiful city parks. We need a boost of civic pride to ensure that St. Helens remains a great place for those of us that live here full-time, not just those that visit during the fall. That includes ensuring law enforcement has the resources they need to keep us safe and to stem the tide of crime creeping into our community.

I know that I can make a positive impact on this community. My volunteer work has shown that. I enjoy working with a team to come up with solutions to the problems that we face. I'm a great listener and will hear your concerns and work with you to make our home a better place. Let's give our citizens a city they can be proud of. A place where all feel represented and that their voices are being heard, and where everyone is welcome and has something to contribute.

(This information furnished by Brandon Sundeen)

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City of St. Helens

City Councilor

Mayor



**Steve
Toschi**

OCCUPATION: Trial Attorney and Managing Partner, Toschi, Collins & Doyle, APC

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Licensed Oregon attorney since 1991; Licensed California Attorney since 1986. 75+ civil jury trials to verdict. Managing Partner of a law firm employing 25 people.

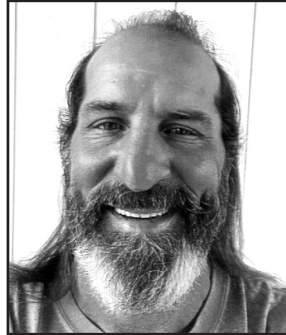
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: University of California Santa Cruz, B.A. Politics, 1983; Juris Doctor, McGeorge School of Law, 1986

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Planning Commissioner, City of St. Helens

Four generations of my family live in St. Helens. I've been part of beautiful St. Helens for more than 30 years. I'm friendly and approachable. I'm making new St. Helens friends every day. My vision for the City is one of prosperity, good schools, safe parks, upgraded ball fields, and a great place to raise a family. St. Helens has emerged from economic crisis. Critical work needs to be done in the right way to secure our future. People say, "I don't want the bad things of Portland coming here." I agree. I have the skills and knowledge to make sure that does not happen. Strong leadership is needed to ensure that St. Helens reaches its potential. There are great forces that are trying to force cities like St. Helens to absorb large homeless populations. I know how to keep the needles off the street, and how to prevent our parks from morphing into lawless encampments. If I'm elected, our parks will remain beautiful places of respite and recreation for all citizens. I've studied the laws being enacted and the Court cases. I've already set in motion action within the Planning Commission needed to advise the Council regarding measures we must take to protect ourselves from the inevitable and current onslaught of the house-less coming here from the outside. We already take care of our own people in need and that will continue. I will bring my knowledge and skills, and my track record of success to our government. It will be an honor to serve you.

(This information furnished by Steve Toschi)

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**Rick
Scholl**

OCCUPATION: Self Employed, Rick Scholl Yard Maintenance

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: St. Helens High School, Diploma; PCC

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Mayor, City of St. Helens, 6 years.

I've served our community as Mayor for six years. We've had great success moving the City forward. St. Helens is a clean, safe place to live, with good schools. Our police are modernly equipped and reliable professionals. We cleaned up Sand Island. Now it's a place where families camp. I'm not partisan. I work for all citizens of St. Helens. I'm at nearly every community event and welcome being approached by any citizen about any concern or question regarding the City. I promise that as we grow, we will keep our small-town feel. I share your vision of St. Helens. I'm going to make sure we stay a friendly safe place to raise a family. I strongly support our parks. Under my leadership, our parks are clean places for people to relax, to play disc golf, pickle ball, with a new playground and ball fields. We will break ground for the River Walk and Riverfront development this year. We had a lot of participation and input from citizens about our shared vision of the River Walk and Riverfront development. You can trust me to see it through to a successful outcome for everyone. During the six years of being your Mayor, I have built strong relationships with the Port of Columbia County, County Commissioners, the Mayors of neighboring cities, civic leaders, non-profits and businesses alike. These relationships are important to help the City get business done. Under my leadership, Tourism revenues now pay for all 13 nights on the River, the fireworks, and Christmas Ships. Tourism brings in millions of dollars to City businesses. We still have a lot of work to do. You can trust me to represent your interests. I am one of you. Thanks - Rick Scholl.

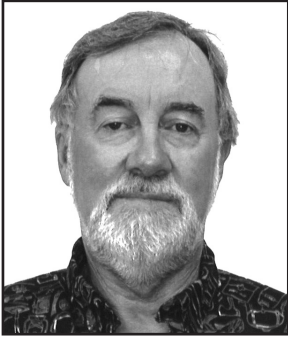
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City of Vernonia

Council Member

Council Member



**Dale E
Webb**



**Susan
Wagner**

OCCUPATION: Retired

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Logger 13 years; Pulp and Paper Worker 28 years.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Vernonia High School-Diploma; Clatsop Community College; Oregon State University

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Appointed by Governor Roberts- 4 year term Salomon Trout Advisory Committee; Appointed by Governor Kitzhaber-4 year term Salomon Trout Advisory Committee-elected to chair.; Appointed to Public Works Committee City of Vernonia; Vernonia Budget Committee; Vernonia City Councilor 2018-present.

I feel that I have been effective in my current term in office and would hope you will vote for me for another four-year term. There is still much work to be done and I believe the current council and staff have the plans in place to get that work done. I have developed a good working relationship with our staff and administrator. Communications is a key element of serving the citizens effectively.

Streets have always been a top priority for me as are the other public services that the city provides, water, sewer, storm drainage and police. Our police department is currently in transition, and it will take strong council support to get it back to serving our public needs.

I have brought sound fiscal practices in our budget process, championing operational and facility reserves in funds where it was appropriate. I have a well-rounded understanding of our water and sewer rates and am always watching our rate setting process for any anomalies.

Policy has also been a strong point of mine, we as a city want to avoid making arbitrary or contrary decisions, we need to set sound policy to guide our staff and ourselves in our decision-making processes.

I look forward for your continued support, thanks.

(This information furnished by Dale E Webb)

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OCCUPATION: Contract Coordinator and Resource Developer for Community Action Team, St. Helens, Oregon

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Vernonia School District, Special Education Assistant; Paralegal, Legal Assistant, and Office Manager; Small Business Owner, eBay Sales since 1986

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Ford Family Foundation Leadership Cohort 5, 2009; California State University, Northridge, CA; Public Administration, Junior (through 1981); Santa Monica College, Santa Monica, CA; General Studies (through 1979); Southern California Institute of Architecture; 1980

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Current School Board Member, Position 1, since 2014; City of Vernonia Councilor, 2016-2020; 2011-2014 City of Vernonia Budget Committee; Vice Chair 2011, Chair 2012, Citizen Member 2013 & 2014; 2008-2009 Staff to the Governor's Oregon Solutions Team which assisted Vernonia's flood recovery; 2007-2009 Staff to Columbia County Unmet Needs Committee; 1996-2000 Monument Academy School Board (Public Charter School, Monument, Colorado)

I moved to Vernonia from Colorado with my husband and daughter in summer 2006. We were drawn to Vernonia for its location, its people, and because we knew Vernonia would be a great place for our daughter to grow up. When the flood hit on December 3, 2007, I knew I needed to step up and give back to the community that had become my chosen home. I showed up at City Hall and volunteered to help, working sometimes 18 hours a day at the beginning of the emergency. I was hired by Community Action Team in January 2009, and continue to serve at CAT, helping residents of communities throughout Columbia, Tillamook, and Clatsop counties.

I firmly believe in investing in my community, financially and physically. I have been very involved and active in Vernonia, assisting many different local groups and organizations, through grant writing, committees, and fundraising activities. I worked at the schools as a special education aide and parent volunteer. My broad and varied experience and background has served the community well as a member of the City Council.

I love being part of the solution, working with my neighbors, listening to my fellow community members, and helping Vernonia continue moving forward in a sensible and level-headed manner.

I've always believed you can't just say "someone should do something." I want to be that person, and to serve you as your City Councilor.

(This information furnished by Susan Wagner)

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City of Vernonia

Mayor



**Rick
Hobart**

OCCUPATION: Special Needs school bus driver; Curl Bus Services

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Log Truck Driver, Crown Zellerbach 12 yrs; Labor Union 296, 5 yrs.; Meter Reader/ Tree Trimmer West Oregon Electric, 9 yrs.; School bus driver- 10yrs.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Chagrin Falls HS Chagrin Falls, Ohio.; George Williams College, Downer Grove, Ill.; Oregon State School of Realty, Oregon Realty License 1998

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Mayor, City of Vernonia 2018-2020; Current Mayor City of Vernonia 2020-2022

Volunteerism

Provide yard maintenance at St. Mary's Catholic Church
Annually prepare Dewey Pool Opening
Weed + tree trimming at various city locations.

Leadership

- Vernonia Lions Club member
- Senior Board member
- Initiated the "Citizen of the Month" recognition award
- Columbia County Jail Operating Citizen Advisory Committee Position #2

It would be an honor to serve the citizens of Vernonia for a third term as mayor. I have learned much about this position over the last several years. At times, our city is faced with difficult challenges. I have kept an open mind and listening ear to all citizens of Vernonia. I believe building good relationships is key to maintain a viable, healthy, and safe community. If elected on November 8th, as Mayor of Vernonia, I will do my best to support the Council and staff and respectfully serve all the citizens of this wonderful community.

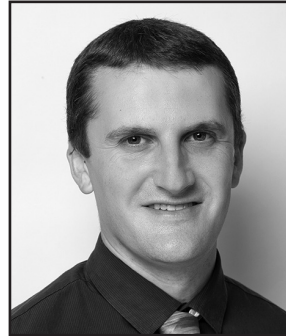
Endorsed by:
Jeff Auxier, Columbia County DA

(This information furnished by Rick Hobart)

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Columbia Soil and Water Conservation District

Director, At-Large Position 2



**Michael
Calhoun**

OCCUPATION: Conservationist

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: River Restoration

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: University of Oregon BA Environmental Studies. Western Oregon University BA

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Assistant Director Zone 2 Columbia Soil and Water Conservation District 2021-present; Chair Upper Nehalem Watershed Council 2021-Present; Chair City of Vernonia Public Works Committee 2021-Present; Columbia County Parks Advisory Committee 2021-Present; Delegate Environmental Caucus 2021-2022; City of Monmouth Tree Advisory Committee 2013-2015

I was born and raised in Vernonia Oregon. Having grown up on a farm next to Rock Creek, the source of drinking water for my hometown, I came to appreciate the resource of water which we cannot live without. Experiencing two 500 year flood events in the span of only 11 years shaped my life to understand and restore degraded river systems. Especially in rural communities where people impacted by both floods and droughts have historically been left undeserved by those in positions of power. As the current Chair of the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council I work with a diverse group of stakeholders from Timber Industry to Environmental Activist and Farmers. Coming together to meet the needs of each landowner in the face of natural resource challenges. During the pandemic I have broadened my understanding of natural resources by earning over 20 certificates in the environmental field, including -Wetland Delineation from Portland State University and Certified Master Naturalist from Oregon State University. Currently, serving as Assistant Zone 2 Director for the Columbia SWCD I look forward to bringing my skills to the At Large position.

(This information furnished by Michael Calhoun)

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Clatskanie Peoples Utility District

Columbia River People’s Utility District

Director, Subdivison 3

Director, Subdivison 2



Jeannie Mustola



Craig J Melton

OCCUPATION: Family Manager

OCCUPATION: Self-Employed- 40 years

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: 2011-2016 Childcare; 2016-2021 Finance - Wauna Credit Union

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Scappoose High School 12

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: High School Diploma - Clatskanie High School; General Certificate Early Childhood Education - Peninsula College

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Columbia River Fire & Rescue- Board member (1992-2000); Columbia River P.U.D. Advisory Budget Committee (2005-2014); Columbia River P.U.D.- Board member (2014-present)

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: 2020 - present - Director, Subdivison 3, Clatskanie PUD

I am grateful for the opportunity to represent my neighbors as a Board of Director for the Columbia River PUD Position 2 for the last 8 years. CRPUD has delivered safe, reliable, and prompt service due to the many employees that have displayed high standards of dedication and professionalism.

My name is Jeannie Mustola. I was selected by the Clatskanie PUD board to represent Subdivison 3 in 2020 and elected the following November.

Board members are accountable for the financial well-being of the PUD. In my tenure, we have invested over 17 million dollars into the infrastructure of the PUD for better reliability and future expansion. These projects include (3) new sub-stations, Betsy Johnson in Scappoose, the Fairgrounds and currently in construction is Deer Island. In addition, we have retrofitted St. Helens 1 and 2, Rose Hill and Scappoose sub-stations. While keeping up with current and future infrastructure, the PUD has retired all Bonded Debt including all loans. The Board has elected to maintain a \$8.5M cashflow allowing the PUD to purchase electricity, prepare for disasters and maintain a high level of service. One more highlight of the board’s actions is keeping power cost affordable. PUD is 30% cheaper than our neighboring investor-owned PGE. This saves \$530.00 a year for the average household.

My goal as a director is to continue providing you with low cost, reliable power. The future opportunities for growth and sustainability require experience and knowledge of the industry. The time I have spent on the board learning, my experience in finance, and my knowledge of our community provide the skills needed for this task. I’m thankful of my time serving on the Clatskanie PUD board and I’m asking for your vote to re-elect me. I will represent you with integrity and honesty.

If re-elected, I plan to continue the same fiscal accountability I have for the past 8 years. I am grateful for the opportunity to represent my neighbors in CRPUD Position 2 for another 4 years.

(This information furnished by Jeannie Mustola)

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Melton

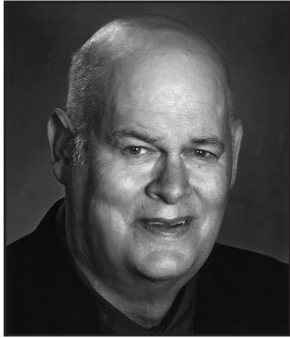
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Columbia River People's Utility District

Director, Subdivision 5



**Neal
Sheppard**

OCCUPATION: Retired

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Retired after thirty-five years of employment with the City of St. Helens Public Works Department

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Graduated from St. Helens High School; Certificate of Management from Portland Community College

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Was appointed in 2020 and currently serves on the Columbia River PUD Board of Directors representing Subdivision Five

After retiring in 2019 I looked for options to stay active and become more involved in a way where I could contribute more to the community. A perfect opportunity presented itself when I applied for the opening on the Columbia River PUD Board of Directors in 2020. After going through the interview process, I was honored to be offered the position to represent the citizens of Subdivision Five. My thirty-five years of experience in the public utility field give me the appropriate background to make informed decisions and ensure that the Columbia River PUD continues its mission to provide excellent and reliable service at an affordable and competitive cost to its customers. It would be my privilege to be elected to the Columbia River PUD Board of Directors to serve another term, using my background and experience to represent the citizens of Subdivision Five.

(This information furnished by Neal Sheppard)

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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

VOTING- EASY STEPS

Complete Your Ballot

1. Vote your ballot.

Look at your Official Ballot. Find the candidate or measure response (YES or NO) of your choice for each contest. To vote, completely darken the oval to the left of the response of your choice with black or blue ink.

To vote for a write-in candidate, one whose name does not appear on the Official Ballot, completely darken the oval to the left of the solid line provided for the office and write the full name of the candidate on that line.

2. Review your ballot.

Make sure you have correctly marked your choice for each contest. Your official ballot may contain contests printed on both front and back.

3. Get ready to return your ballot.

Place the ballot in the return identification envelope. You may choose to use the optional secrecy sleeve or not, election staff has processes that protect the secrecy of your ballot.

Read the Voter's Statement on the return envelope and sign it on the signature line. Your ballot will not be counted if the return envelope is not signed. Every signature is checked against the registration signature on file and the signatures must match for the ballot to be counted.

4. Return your ballot.

- **By mail:** Return postage is prepaid. Your ballot must be postmarked Election Day. Please be aware of the USPS pick up time of the location you are using on Election Day, as only picked up ballots would receive the timely postmark.
- **In person at an official drop site:** Deliver the signed and sealed return envelope to any official drop site no later than 8pm on Election Day.

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.

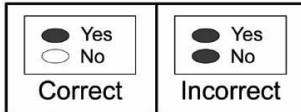
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We do not correct spelling, punctuation, grammar, syntax, errors or inaccurate information.

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 be 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 envelope attestation. Follow the instructions on the notice in order to remedy your situation and the ballot will be counted. You must remedy your ballot by the 21st 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 the week ballots are mailed out, call the Columbia County Elections Office at (503) 397-7214.

City of St. Helens

City of Clatskanie

Measure 5-288

Measure 5-289

BALLOT TITLE

PROHIBITS PSILOCYBIN-RELATED BUSINESSES WITHIN ST. HELENS FOR TWO YEARS.

QUESTION: Shall St. Helens prohibit psilocybin-related businesses for two years?

SUMMARY: State law allows for the manufacturing, transportation, delivery, sale and purchase of psilocybin, the psychedelic drug found in certain mushrooms. State law provides that a local government may adopt an ordinance to be referred to the voters to prohibit the establishment of licensed psilocybin product manufacturers and/or psilocybin service centers. The St. Helens City Council adopted an ordinance to refer to the voters that temporarily prohibits psilocybin-related businesses within the city's jurisdiction to enable the city to consider local regulations once the Oregon Health Authority establishes the state's psilocybin regulatory program. Approval of the measure would prohibit the establishment of psilocybin product manufacturers and psilocybin service centers within the St. Helens city limits until December 31, 2024.

BALLOT TITLE

PROHIBITS PSILOCYBIN-RELATED BUSINESSES WITHIN CLATSKANIE FOR 2 YEARS.

QUESTION: Shall City of Clatskanie prohibit psilocybin-related businesses within Clatskanie for 2 years?

SUMMARY: State law allows for the manufacturing, transportation, delivery, sale and purchase of psilocybin, the psychedelic drug found in certain mushrooms. State law provides that a local government may adopt an ordinance to be referred to the voters to prohibit the establishment of licensed psilocybin product manufacturers and/or psilocybin service centers. The City of Clatskanie City Council adopted an ordinance to refer to the voters that prohibits psilocybin-related businesses in City of Clatskanie for 2 years. A "Yes" vote would prohibit the establishment of psilocybin product manufacturers and psilocybin service centers within the city limits of the City of Clatskanie for 2 years. A "No" vote would permit the establishment of psilocybin product manufacturers and psilocybin service centers within the city limits of the City of Clatskanie.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Approval of this measure would establish a two-year prohibition on psilocybin product manufacturers and psilocybin service centers within the city of St. Helens. Psilocybin is the psychedelic drug derived from certain mushrooms. Oregon voters legalized psilocybin through Ballot Measure 109 (2020), which directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to develop a psilocybin licensing and regulatory program for the state by January 2, 2023. OHA's psilocybin regulatory program is in development, and the city would like to consider local regulations for psilocybin-related businesses once OHA's program is established.

Ballot Measure 109 (2020) also allows a local government to adopt an ordinance to be referred to the voters prohibiting the establishment of certain licensed psilocybin-related businesses. The St. Helens City Council has adopted such an ordinance for referral to the voters that temporarily prohibits psilocybin-related businesses to enable the city to consider local regulations once the state psilocybin program is established. If approved, this measure would prohibit psilocybin product manufacturers and psilocybin service centers within the city of St. Helens until December 31, 2024.

Submitted by:
Kathy Payne
City Recorder/Elections Official

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Approval of this measure would prohibit the establishment {and operation} of psilocybin-related businesses within the City of Clatskanie for two years. The City Council of Clatskanie adopted an ordinance (Ordinance 705) prohibiting the establishment of psilocybin related businesses within the city limits, and the council must refer the ordinance to the voters at a statewide general election. If approved, this measure would prohibit psilocybin-related businesses within the City or Clatskanie for two years.

Submitted by:
Marci M Moore
City Recorder/Finance Manager

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

Measure 26-224

BALLOT TITLE

BONDS TO CONSTRUCT JOB TRAINING SPACE, IMPROVE CLASSROOMS, SAFETY, TECHNOLOGY

QUESTION: Shall Portland Community College renovate and modernize facilities, estimated to maintain current tax rate by issuing \$450 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 authorizes up to \$450 million in principal amount of general obligation bonds for facilities and equipment. Measure not expected to increase tax rates above previous targets, because outstanding debt is scheduled to decline.

If approved, this measure would finance capital costs, including:

- Updated classrooms, technology, facilities, equipment to provide students with modern higher education and job training spaces, including flexible hybrid learning options.
- Improved accessibility for people with disabilities.
- Increased facility lifespan and efficiency through ventilation system upgrades, plumbing, electrical.
- Improved campus safety, lighting, transit stops.
- Expanded career technical education facilities in Washington County.
- Rebuilt/modernized Rock Creek, Sylvania facilities/classrooms.
- Site improvements, demolition, furnishing, equipping, acquiring land, bond issuance costs.

Regular audits to ensure funds are used as intended. Bonds may be issued in one or more series, with each series maturing in 16 years or less. Bond cost estimated to maintain fiscal year 2022 rate of 38 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. Actual rates may differ and depend on interest rates incurred and assessed value growth.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Portland Community College (PCC) is the largest post-secondary institution in Oregon. Nearly 50,000 full and part-time students in Multnomah, Washington, Yamhill, Clackamas and Columbia counties attend Portland Community College to obtain career training and further their education.

This proposed bond measure would fund projects that make higher education more accessible and provide lifelong learning opportunities for all members of our community.

These investments would serve hundreds of thousands of Oregonians over the life of this bond, funding improvements to job training and learning spaces, modernizing technology, enhancing campus health, safety, and accessibility, updating classrooms to support hybrid learning —with some students learning in the classroom, while others participate remotely. It would save taxpayer dollars by making campuses more energy efficient and sustainable.

If approved, bond proceeds are expected to include the following capital investments:

- **Updated classrooms, technology, facilities, and equipment to provide students with modern higher education and job training spaces**, including flexible hybrid-learning options—providing students with the flexibility and options to balance their education with other responsibilities.
- **Improved facilities and updated technology** to provide up-to-date job training spaces that can be adapted as businesses' needs evolve, so students graduate with the skills they need to compete in today's economy.
- **Improved accessibility** for people with disabilities.
- **Increased facility lifespan and efficiency** through heating and cooling upgrades and updated plumbing and electrical, to conserve operation expenses.
- **Addressing health and safety precautions**, including improved building ventilation and campus lighting, transit stops.
- **Renovating aging facilities** at Rock Creek and Sylvania. PCC would also expand technical career education in Washington County.
- Site improvements, demolition, furnishing, equipping, acquiring land, bond issuance costs.

The proposed bond projects would support students regardless of their zip code, background, or family circumstances, so that anyone who wants a college education would have access to one.

What would the bond cost?

Because of expiring bonds, the PCC bond measure is estimated to maintain current tax rates for local homeowners. If voters approve the bond it is expected to maintain the fiscal year 2022 rate of \$0.38 per \$1,000 of assessed value for 16 years. The taxpayer cost would be \$95 per year or \$7.92 per month for property with an assessed value of \$250,000. Assessed value is generally lower than market value.

The total principal amount of bonds authorized would not exceed \$450 million. Actual rates may differ and depend on interest rates incurred and assessed value growth.

Accountability

Funds from the bond would go directly to the projects that are expected to help achieve the goals outlined above. PCC would emphasize openness and transparency so that the public can track how funds from the bonds are spent, including a continuation of auditing to ensure funds are used as intended.

Submitted by:
Eric S. Blumenthal
Vice President
Finance and Administration

NO ARGUMENTS AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

Portland Community College

Measure 26-224

ARGUMENT FOR

Please join us in voting YES on Measure 26-224!

Over the years, taxpayers in our district have invested in the future of our community by supporting Portland Community College. **And as PCC's elected board members, we have worked hard to return on those investments.**

We aim to educate a skilled workforce, prepare students to successfully transfer to four-year schools, enrich the community through lifelong learning, build a greener workforce and shrink our carbon footprint, and be a sound financial steward of public dollars.

This bond renewal will enable PCC to continue to **build on that foundation of success**, and make sure that **students in every community have equal opportunities** to get the skills they need to succeed, regardless of their zip code, background, or family circumstances.

This bond will:

- Update classrooms, technology, facilities, and equipment to **provide students with modern higher education and job training spaces**, including flexible hybrid-learning options-providing students with the flexibility and options to balance their education with other responsibilities.
- **Improve accessibility** for people with disabilities.
- **Increase facility lifespan and efficiency** through heating and cooling upgrades and updated plumbing and electrical, to conserve operation expenses.
- **Address health and safety precautions**, including improved building ventilation and campus lighting, transit stops.
- **Renovate aging facilities** at Rock Creek and Sylvania, and expand technical career education in Washington County.

And because of expiring bonds, this PCC bond measure is estimated to **maintain current tax rates** for local homeowners.

We are proud of what our bond program has built, and committed to providing up to date information on the planning and implementation of these projects - that information can be found at <https://www.pcc.edu/about/bond/>.

Please join us in voting YES on Measure 26-224!

Tiffani Penson, Chair (Zone 2)
Laurie Cremona Wagner, Vice Chair (Zone 1)
Michael Sonleitner, OCCA Board Representative (Zone 3)
Serin Bussell, PCC Foundation Board Representative (Zone 4)
Dan Saltzman (Zone 5)
Mohamed Alyajouri (Zone 6)
Kristi Wilson, Secretary (Zone 7)

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ARGUMENT FOR

Business Leaders Are Voting YES for PCC

As business leaders in the metro area, we support Portland Community College's bond renewal because PCC graduates are our employees, our managers, our directors – and for some of us – the heads of our companies and our industries.

PCC creates the skilled workers that our local businesses need to succeed, grow, and create more living-wage jobs so that people can afford to live here. This measure makes sure that PCC can continue to contribute to the vibrancy of Portland's economic community.

And this measure ensures that Portland Community College can continue to provide high-quality education, so students get the skills and job training they need to build successful careers in today's economy. There are a record number of job openings in Oregon, but a lack of skilled workers to fill them. For every seven unemployed people, there are 10 jobs available.

PCC graduates students with the skills and training to fill the positions we need. For example, PCC offers certificates and degrees in:

- Bioscience
- Building Construction
- Computer Science
- Education
- Engineering
- Health Information Management
- Manufacturing
- Medical Professions & Nursing

This measure is a smart investment for our future. As Oregon's largest post-secondary institution, with more than 50,000 students, investing in PCC will serve hundreds of thousands of Oregonians over the life of this bond.

Join business leaders across the region and vote YES on Measure 26-224!

Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce
Cascade Web Development
Neil Kelly Company
Tigard Chamber of Commerce
Portland Business Alliance
Westside Economic Alliance

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ARGUMENT FOR

Community Leaders You Trust are Voting YES for PCC

Community-based organizations across the region support Measure 26-224, because PCC's bond renewal isn't just about building a community college – it's about building a community.

Portland Community College's students don't have all the advantages – in fact, more than 50% of students face food or housing insecurity or have experienced homelessness.

This measure makes sure that students in every community have equal opportunities to get the skills they need to succeed, regardless of their zip code, background, or family circumstances.

- PCC supports underserved and underrepresented communities by providing a less expensive, more accessible path to a college degree.
- PCC teaches the skills necessary to secure better paying jobs – strengthening families and communities as a result.
- PCC creates the skilled workers that our local businesses need to succeed, grow, and create more living-wage jobs so that people can afford to live here.
- PCC is actively working to increase equity and inclusion by recruiting diverse faculty, administrators and staff.
- PCC is doing its part to combat climate change. The college is a nationally recognized leader in the higher education community for sustainability and climate action.
- PCC supports metro area youth by offering advanced courses for high schoolers, GED programs, and an affordable pathway to a four-year degree.
- PCC supports people who are unemployed and under-employed, by offering training courses for individuals re-entering the workforce or changing careers.
- PCC supports students with jobs, children at home, or other commitments, by offering options to go to college online, in person, or both.
- PCC partners with community organizations across the region to provide opportunities and services we have all come to count on.

We support PCC because PCC supports the community.

Join us and vote YES for on M26-224

Columbia Pacific Building Trades
IBEW Local 48
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Multnomah County Democratic Party
Washington County Democratic Party

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ARGUMENT FOR

ELECTED LEADERS URGE A YES VOTE ON 26-224

Now, more than ever, **access to affordable education is critical to the future of our community** and the people who want to make a home here for themselves and their family.

But economic opportunity is not reaching everyone equally. Less than half of people from Oregon's communities of color have an associate degree or higher. People from marginalized communities face barriers to getting their degree, like lack of childcare, the cost of tuition, unreliable transportation, and inadequate culturally-informed support on campus keep these students from reaching their full potential.

Measure 26-224, PCC's bond measure, would fund projects that make higher education more accessible and provide life-long learning opportunities for all members of our community.

Your YES vote will:

- Make sure that students in **every community** have equal opportunities to get the skills they need to succeed, regardless of their zip code, background, or family circumstances. And as the state's largest college, these investments will serve hundreds of thousands of Oregonians over the life of this bond.
- Ensure that Portland Community College can continue to provide the **high-quality education** for students to get the skills and job training they need to build successful careers in today's economy.
- **Maintain the current estimated tax rate** of .38 per \$1,000 of assessed value, because previous bonds are expiring.

PCC's bond measure is a smart investment for today and tomorrow.

And because older bonds are expiring, your YES vote will not increase your current tax rate but will allow PCC to invest \$450 million across our region. Taxpayer oversight includes annual audits.

We urge you to vote YES!

State Senator Michael Dembrow
State Senator Akasha Lawrence Spence
State Representative Zach Hudson
State Representative Ricki Ruiz
State Representative Janelle Bynum
State Representative Rachel Prusak
State Representative Andrea Valderrama
State Representative Karin A. Power
State Representative Maxine Dexter
State Representative Khanh Pham
State Representative Lisa Reynolds

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Measure 26-224

ARGUMENT FOR

Please vote YES for PCC!

PCC trains and educates a wide variety of students throughout the region. Students representing every age group, income level and cultural background are seeking vocational training, technical degrees, or a jump start to a 4-year degree.

This measure ensures that PCC can continue to provide the high-quality education for students to get the skills and job training they need to build successful careers in today's economy.

That requires the most up-to-date technology and classrooms to prepare students for their future careers. When our students graduate, they go on to compete with students from across the nation – and in order to help them secure the jobs they've trained for, PCC needs up-to-date tools and facilities.

If passed, this bond will:

- **Update technology and equipment** to provide students with modern higher education and greater flexibility for hybrid learning.
- **Improve accessibility** for people with disabilities.
- **Improve facilities and technology** to provide students with up-to-date job training spaces that can be adapted as businesses' needs evolve.
- **Enhance health and safety** and the lifespan of facilities.

Today, students are turning more to local community colleges and online courses to access higher education. To meet that demand, PCC must continue providing its students with up-to-date training and tools. Please YES on this bond so we can continue to do that.

Vote YES for PCC!

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Michael Cox
Yes for PCC

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ARGUMENT FOR

A college education is something I've always aspired to. It's been a dream of mine—something that I wanted my whole life, and something that I tried to get my whole life. But it wasn't always available to me.

I live with a progressive form of multiple sclerosis, and I use a wheelchair. Before the pandemic, I was working at a retail job, and as my MS progressed, I was having trouble getting accommodations. I found myself unemployed, and had difficulty finding new employment.

So I decided to go back to school, and see what I could do to help other people with disabilities—to help employers think about disability differently, including how to create inclusive environments where people can thrive.

I enrolled at PCC just before the pandemic, and by that summer, everything was remote. In fact, if it weren't for the pandemic, and the remote learning opportunities it provided, I wouldn't have been able to go to PCC. I was able to excel and really thrive in the PCC community thanks to remote and hybrid access.

I now work as an accessibility advocate with PCC, and work on projects that connect students with employers. I will graduate next year with two years of work experience in the field I want to work in. I'll have an associate's degree in sociology, and I plan to pursue further education in the field of disability studies.


Thanks to PCC, I'm getting close to the life I've always dreamed of.

I'm supporting PCC's bond measure because it will help change the lives of students all over our region. The bond invests in the technology and space needed for hybrid learning so that every student has the access and flexibility they need to go to college. Voting YES will make an extraordinary difference in the lives of thousands of people and families throughout the five counties that PCC serves – people just like me.

Precious Golden, PCC student

Submitted by:
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VOTE!



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Index of Candidates

These Columbia County County, City and local district offices and candidates will be on the 2022 General Election Ballot.

Columbia County

Clerk

- Debbie Klug
- Kathy Cooper***

Commissioner

- Kellie Jo Smith
- Kelly Niles***

Sheriff

- Brian Pixley
- Terry E Massey Jr.

City of Clatskanie

Council

- Amanda Owen***
- Dave True***
- Jim Helmen***

Mayor

- Jean Sampson***
- Bob Brajcich***

City of Columbia City

Council

- Rob Forman
- Gordon Thistle ***

Mayor

- Susan Ziglinski***

City of Prescott

Council, Pos 1

- Frank Oliver***

Council, Pos 3

- Michael Blair***

Mayor

- Laurie Blair***

Recorder

- Paulette Ashline***

Treasurer

- Keli Von Pinnon***

City of Rainier

Council Pos 1

- Scott T Cooper***

Council Pos 3

- Jeremy Howell***

Council Pos 4

- Constance Budge***

Council Pos 5

- Robert duPlessis***

Mayor

- Jerry Cole***

City of Scappoose

Council

- Jeannet Santiago
- Andrew Lafrenz
- Kim Holmes

Mayor

- Joe Backus
- Brandon Lesowske

City of St. Helens

Council

- Mark Gundersen
- Michael Zienty***
- Brandon Sundeen
- Jesse Lagers***
- Steve Toschi

Mayor

- Rick Scholl
- Stephen R Topaz***

City of Vernonia

Council

- Charlie Kibben***
- Dale E Webb
- Susan Wagner

Mayor

- Rick Hobart

Columbia Soil and Water District,

At-Large Position 2

- Michael Calhoun
- Debra Brimacombe***

Zone 1

- No Candidate Filed

Zone 3

- No Candidate Filed

Zone 5

- No Candidate Filed

West Multnomah Soil and Water

At-Large, Position 2

- Shawn S Looney***

Zone 4

- Brian W Lightcap***

Zone 5

- Terri Preeg Riggsby***

Clatskanie PUD

Subdivision 3

- Jeannie Mustola

Subdivision 4

- Don Hooper***

Columbia River PUD

Subdivision 1

- Debbie Reed***

Subdivision 2

- Craig J Melton

- Caleb Hamnes***

Subdivision 4

- Russell Hubbard***

Subdivision 5

- Neal Sheppard

McNulty Water PUD

Subdivision 1

- Caleb Hamnes***

Subdivision 2

- Richard L Hoffman***

Subdivision 5

- No Candidate Filed

*** Indicates candidate did not file a Voters' Pamphlet statement. Candidate Statements are optional.

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 Method:

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 Election Day, as only picked up ballots would 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