



Monday, June 12, 2023

### **Special Districts Election**

**May 16, 2023**

Columbia County, Oregon

Debbie Klug, Columbia County Clerk has announced her decision not to challenge the results for the May 16 Zone 2 Director contest for the Rainier School District. The Clerk's office previously advised the public of a printing error in that contest that resulted in the omission of space for a write in candidate. Eric Schimmel prevailed in that election receiving 68% of the eligible ballots cast.

Oregon law authorizes the Clerk to file an election contest where there has been a nondeliberate and material error in the distribution of the official ballots. To file such an action the Clerk would need evidence that the error made a difference in the outcome of the election. Klug stated "Mr. Schimmel's substantial lead leaves no doubt that the outcome of the election was unaffected by the absence of a write-in spot on the ballot".