

OFFICIAL VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Special Election November 2, 2021

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Board of Commissioners



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Dear Benton County Voter:

On **Tuesday, November 2, 2021**, a **Special Election** will be held in Benton County. If you are a registered voter and live in the City of Corvallis, you will have the opportunity to vote on three different measures. A fourth contest will appear on ballots for voters in Corvallis Ward 8, for a vacated City Council position. Additionally, voters in North Albany Rural Fire Protection District and McDonald Forest Estates Special Road District will have the opportunity to vote on a district tax measure.

The County publishes voters' pamphlets to provide local candidates with the opportunity to share their messages and views with voters. This pamphlet also provides measure proponents and opponents with the opportunity to submit arguments in support of or in opposition to local measures. An electronic version of this pamphlet is made available on the County Clerk's Elections Division website <u>www.co.benton.or.us/elections</u>.

Please note, **all ballots must be received at an official ballot drop site in Oregon before 8:00 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, November 2, 2021.** You can mail your ballot, or drop it at one of the official ballot drop box locations listed in this pamphlet and online. If you need additional information or assistance, you may reach the Elections Office by phone: (541) 766-6756; email: <u>elections@co.benton.or.us</u>; or in-person in the basement of the historic Benton County Courthouse, 120 NW 4th Street, Room 13, in Corvallis.

We hope this information will help you become better informed about the measures and candidates you are presented with in this election.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner

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OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP SITES

Benton County Elections & Passports Office

Basement of County Courthouse 120 NW 4th St Rm 13, Corvallis OR 97330 Mon thru Fri 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Election Day 7:00 am to 8:00 pm Phone: 541-766-6756 * Fax: 541-766-6757 Website: www.co.benton.or.us/elections * E-mail: elections@co.benton.or.us

24-Hour Outdoor Ballot Drop Boxes

Benton County Courthouse

Courthouse lawn on 4th St 120 NW 4th St, Corvallis OR 97330

Benton County Courthouse

Accessible entrance on 5th St 120 NW 4th St, Corvallis OR 97330

Benton County Courthouse

Across the street on 5th St 180 NW 5th St, Corvallis OR 97330

Benton County Sunset Building

Drop box in parking lot 4077 SW Research Way, Corvallis OR 97333

Corvallis Public Library

Corner of 6th St and Monroe Ave next to bike rack 645 NW Monroe Ave, Corvallis OR 97330

North Albany Shopping Center Drop box in front of IGA Supermarket 621 Hickory Ave NW, Albany OR 97321

allis OR 97333 660 SW 26th St, Corvallis OR 97331
Wells Fargo Bank

Timberhill Shopping Center 2543 NW Kings Blvd, Corvallis OR 97330

Corner of Ralph Miller Ln and 26th St

Corvallis Community Center (C3)

757 NW Polk Ave, Corvallis OR 97330

121 SE Viewmont Ave, Corvallis OR 97333

2601 NW Tyler Ave, Corvallis OR 97330

Drop box near main entrance

Drop box near main entrance

Drop box in center of parking lot

LBCC Benton Center

Lincoln Health Center

OSU Gill Coliseum

Voting Instructions

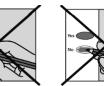
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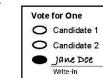
- A printed ballot on which you may vote
- An OPTIONAL secrecy sleeve with instructions printed on it
- A prepaid and pre-addressed signature return envelope in which to return your ballot

Voting Your Ballot

- Use a black or blue pen to fill in the ovals next to your choices.
- You do not have to vote on all contests. Those contests you do vote on will still count.
- If you vote for more candidates than allowed or if you vote both Yes and No on a measure, it is called an overvote and your vote will not count for that candidate or measure.
- To write-in a candidate who does not appear on your ballot, completely darken the oval to the left of the write-in line and write the full name of the candidate on that line.

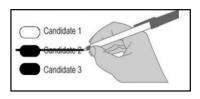


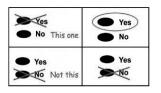




Correcting Your Ballot

If you make an error on your ballot, you may correct it yourself. See examples below:



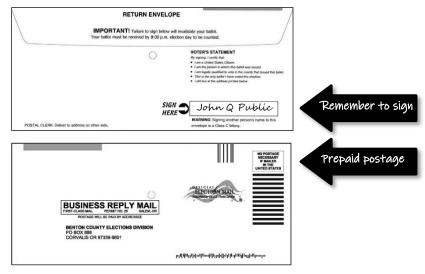


Contact Benton County Elections to request a replacement ballot if:

- You are unable to correct a mistake to make your intended choice clear
- Your ballot is damaged or spoiled
- You lose your ballot

Returning Your Voted Ballot

- **SIGN** the voters' statement on the back of the signature return envelope. Your ballot will not be counted if your signature return envelope is not signed.
- Fold your voted ballot and insert it into the optional secrecy sleeve, if desired.
- Insert ballot, or ballot and secrecy sleeve, into the signed signature return envelope.
- Seal the signed signature return envelope.
- Mail no later than October 27, 2021, to ensure receipt at the Elections Office by the 8:00 PM November 2, 2021 deadline. Postmarks do not count.
- Or place the signed return signature envelope in an Official Ballot Drop Box listed on page 3 by 8:00 PM November 2, 2021.





City of Corvallis

City Council Ward 8

Tracey Yee

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Human Resources, 12.5 years at OSU; Manufacturing Operations, 15 years at HP; Social Service, 5 years at CSC and Community Outreach, Inc. **Educational Background:** Michigan State University, BA

Social Science **Prior Governmental Experience:** Benton County Democrats Precinct Committee Person – Precinct 8, 2012-2020, Treasurer – 2016-2017; City of Corvallis – Member, Community Relations Advisory Group – 2014-2015; Chair, Community Involvement and Diversity Advisory Board – 2016-2019

I'm motivated to run for city council because I am a long-term Corvallis resident, have lived in Ward 8 for over 20 years, and I care a great deal about our city and our community. I believe this is a time when we are facing many critical issues that will require hard work and collaboration between the city, other public and private entities, community members and groups to find solutions. I want to make sure the voices of Ward 8 residents are represented as policy discussions are taking place and decisions are being made in the best interests of the city as a whole.

During my years chairing the Community Involvement and Diversity Advisory Board (CIDAB), I became very interested in increasing community involvement in city processes. One of the goals of the (CIDAB) was to identify ways to remove barriers to public participation in city initiatives and make recommendations to the city council for policy changes that could increase community participation. As Ward 8's City Councilor, I will work to create ways to hear from the community in order to make the best, most informed decisions possible.

I'm excited about serving on the city council and believe that I have the administrative skills and experience that will serve Ward 8 and the city well if I am fortunate enough to be elected. Thank you for your vote!

(This information furnished by Tracey Yee)

City of Corvallis Measure 2-131

Ballot Title

Caption: Charter amendment extending recruiting process filling vacant City Manager position

Question: Shall the City Charter be amended to extend the process allowed to fill vacancies in the City Manager position?

Summary: This proposal would amend Section 23(b) and Section 23(e) of the City Charter. The amendment would lengthen the time the City Council is allowed to fill a vacancy in the City Manager position. The Charter currently allows a maximum of six months. The proposal is to allow a maximum of two years. Within 30 days of a vacancy, the City Council would be required to adopt a resolution setting out the recruitment process and timeline and to use that process to select the next City Manager. The Council would need to complete the recruitment and appoint the new City Manager within two years. This proposal would also extend the period that a pro tem City Manager is permitted to serve from six months to two years and clarify the authority of a pro tem Manager to appoint or terminate City employees.

Explanatory Statement

This measure asks the voters of the City of Corvallis to approve amending the City of Corvallis Charter to extend the maximum time to recruit a new City Manager from the current 6 months to 2 years. If approved, the measure would require the City Council to adopt a resolution with a specific recruiting process and timeline within 30 days of a vacancy occurring in the City Manager position. The Council would have a duty to appoint a new City Manager within two years, following the recruiting process set out in the resolution. The measure would also extend the maximum time a person may serve as pro tem City Manager from the current 6 months to 2 years, to allow a single pro tem City Manager to serve while a recruiting process is completed.

If approved by the voters, the measure would amend Charter Sections 23(b) and 23(e) to read as follows: Section 23. City Manager.

(b) Term. The Manager shall be appointed for an indefinite term and may be removed at the pleasure of the Council. Upon any vacancy occurring in the office of Manager, the Council at its next meeting shall adopt a resolution of its intention to appoint another Manager that sets out the specific recruiting process and timeline the Council will use to select that Manager. The Council has no authority to appoint another City Manager earlier than the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting following the adoption of the resolution. Using the process set out in the resolution, the Council has a duty to appoint a Manager to fill the vacancy within two years of the date of the resolution.

(e) Manager pro tem. In case of the Manager's absence from the City, or a temporary disability to act as Manager, or of the Manager's discharge by the Council, or resignation, the Council shall appoint a Manager pro tem, who shall possess the powers and duties of the Manager. No Manager pro tem, however, shall have the power to appoint or remove any City officer or employee who directly reports to the City Manager except with the approval of three-fourths of the members of the Council. A Manager pro tem may appoint or remove other City officers or employees in a manner consistent with adopted City Policies, in consultation with the Human Resources Department. No Manager pro tem shall hold the position as such for more than two years, and no appointment of a Manager pro tem shall be renewed.

(Submitted by the City of Corvallis)

City of Corvallis Measure 2-131 Argument For:

Good Governance Corvallis PAC urges you to vote "Yes" on Measure 2-131

Current Provision

The Corvallis City Charter currently requires the City fill the position of City Manager within six months of a vacancy in the office and limits anyone serving as pro tem City Manager to six months.

What that Means

Due to these time restrictions, the City of Corvallis cannot conduct the most thorough search for a City Manager candidate. The restriction on the length of time a pro tem City Manager can serve may result in inconvenient leadership changes during critical times.

Proposed Changes

This measure would extend the amount of time the City of Corvallis can look for a new City Manager from six months to two years. This extension creates time to find the best possible fit for Corvallis through a large-scale search process.

This measure also extends the amount of time someone may serve as a pro tem City Manager. This allows for continuity of leadership during a City Manager search.

Endorsements

A "Yes" vote on Measure 2-131 is <u>unanimously</u> endorsed by the current Corvallis Mayor and City Council:

Mayor: Biff Traber

<u>**City Councilors:**</u> Jan Napack, Charles Maughan, Hyatt Lytle, Gabe Shepherd, Charlyn Ellis, Laurie Chaplen, Paul Shaffer, Andrew Struthers

Former Corvallis City Councilors: Penny York, Nancy Wyse

This measure is also endorsed by the Benton County Democrats

(This information furnished by Good Governance Corvallis PAC)

City of Corvallis Measure 2-132

Ballot Title

Caption: Filling City Council vacancies by appointment

Question: Should the Corvallis City Charter be amended to fill vacant Council positions by appointment rather than by special election?

Summary: If adopted, this measure would amend Section 34 of the Corvallis City Charter and require the City Council to fill vacant City Council positions by appointment within 60 days of a vacancy, rather than holding a special election. The method of nomination and appointment would be set by ordinance. This measure would not change the requirement to hold a City-wide special election to fill vacancies in the office of mayor. This measure would require the City Council to fill vacant City Council seats within 60 days, require any ordinance setting the appointment process to include nominations from the ward, and include a requirement that the City Council hold a public hearing prior to any appointment. This amendment would minimize the time that constituents in any ward remain unrepresented.

Explanatory Statement

This measure asks the voters of the City of Corvallis to approve amending Section 34 of the City of Corvallis Charter in a manner that changes the process for filling vacancies in City Council positions so that the City Council would appoint a person from the ward to fill the remainder of the term, rather than by requiring a special election. The proposed amendment would require the City Council to fill the position within 60 days, and to adopt an ordinance setting out the specific procedure for the Council to use when making an appointment. The proposed amendment would require the City Council to invite nominations from the ward, to interview nominees, and to hold a public hearing regarding the nominees, prior to making an appointment. The requirement to hold a City-wide special election would remain in order to fill a vacancy in the office of Mayor.

The current language in Section 34 describes special election processes that depend on when the vacancy occurs in relation to the state election process and the end of the term of office. Following this process, the three most recent City Council vacancies have left wards without a council representative living in the ward for more than 90 days. Depending on the date of the vacancy, special election costs for a single ward election would require the City to pay the cost of the election and any cost for a voters' pamphlet.

(Submitted by the City of Corvallis)

City of Corvallis Measure 2-132 Argument For:

Good Governance Corvallis PAC urges you to vote "Yes" on Measure 2-132

Current Provision

The Corvallis City Charter currently requires the City to hold a special election when vacancies occur on the City Council.

What that Means

This requirement can force the City to spend thousands of taxpayer dollars on an election for one part of Corvallis with only one item on the ballot. In the last four years the requirement to hold an election left residents without a councilor residing in their ward for months:

- <u>Ward 8 (2018)</u>: A vacancy occurred when the former Councilor moved to a different ward in the city. No councilor resided in Ward 8 for seven months.
- <u>Ward 7 (2019)</u>: A vacancy occurred when the former Councilor resigned for health reasons. No councilor resided in Ward 7 for four months
- <u>Ward 8 (2021)</u>: A vacancy occurred when the former Councilor moved from Corvallis. No councilor has been residing in Ward 8 since June.

Proposed Changes

If passed, Measure 2-132 would create an appointment process for filling vacancies on City Council. The process states:

- The vacancy <u>must</u> be filled within 60 days.
- Nominations for the seat <u>must</u> come from residents in the ward.
- A public hearing <u>must</u> be held concerning the nominations.

After the public hearing process:

- The sitting councilors vote on the nominations to fill the vacancy.
- The newly appointed Councilor will serve to the end of the former Councilor's term.

Measure 2-132 would limit the amount of time a ward is without direct representation on the council, vital during controversial votes and issues.

Endorsements

A "Yes" vote on Measure 2-132 is <u>unanimously</u> endorsed by the current Corvallis Mayor and City Council:

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Former Corvallis City Councilors: Penny York, Nancy Wyse

This measure is also endorsed by the Benton County Democrats

(This information furnished by Good Governance Corvallis PAC)

City of Corvallis Measure 2-133

Ballot Title

Caption: Amendment to remove gender specific pronouns throughout the City Charter

Question: Shall the City Charter be amended to remove gender specific and binary pronouns?

Summary: If the voters approve this amendment, gender specific and binary pronouns throughout the Corvallis City Charter would be removed, without changing the meaning of the amended Charter provisions. When possible, gender specific and binary pronouns would be replaced with the noun, title or position from the same sentence, paragraph or section. Where using a pronoun is necessary, the pronouns "they" or "their" are used as the singular non-gender specific pronoun.

This amendment would remove the gender specific or binary pronouns from the following Charter Sections:

Section in Charter	Pronouns Used		
Section 14 (a)	"s/he" (x3)		
Section 15	"his or her"		
Section 19	"S/he" (x2)		
Section 22	"S/he" (x5)		
Section 23 (a)	"S/he" (x2)		
	"her or his"		
	"his or her"		
Section 23 (c)(1)	"S/he"		
	"her or his"		
Section 23 (c)(2)	"S/he"		
Section 23 (c)(3)	"S/he" (x2)		
Section 23 (c)(4)	"S/he"		
Section 23 (c)(5)	"S/he"		
Section 23 (c)(6)	"S/he"		
Section 23 (c)(7)	"S/he"		
Section 23 (f)	"him or her"		
Section 23 (g)	"his or her"		
Section 24	"her or him"		
Section 27	"s/he"		
Section 31	"her or his"		
Section 36	"his or her" (x2)		
	"s/he"		

Explanatory Statement

This measure asks the voters of the City of Corvallis to approve amending the City of Corvallis Charter by removing the gender specific and binary pronouns ("s/he"; "his or her"; "her or his"; and "him or her") found in 32 locations in the Charter. The gender of City officers as set out in the Charter is irrelevant to the ability of the person to do the work of the City. Qualified people who do not identify their gender within the binary of male or female should not be excluded from City offices by language in the Charter. Pronoun references in the Charter are often unnecessary, and sometimes are ambiguous. Except to clarify that gender is not a qualification, this amendment will not change the substance of the charter provisions. The specific section and subsection for each proposed substitution is set out in the following table:

Section in Charter	Current	Proposed		
Section 14 (a)	"s/he" (x3)	the person (all)		
Section 15	"his or her"	their		
Section 19	"S/he" (x2)	the Mayor (both)		
Section 22	"S/he" (x5)	the Mayor (all)		
Section 23 (a)	"S/he" (x2)	the City Manager (both)		
	"her or his"	the City Manager		
	"his or her"	the City Manager		
Section 23 (c)(1)	"S/he"	the City Manager		
	"her or his"	the City Manager		
Section 23 (c)(2)	"S/he"	the City Manager		
Section 23 (c)(3)	"S/he" (x2)	the City Manager (both)		
Section 23 (c)(4)	"S/he"	the City Manager		
Section 23 (c)(5)	"S/he"	the City Manager		
Section 23 (c)(6)	"S/he"	the City Manager		
Section 23 (c)(7)	"S/he"	the City Manager		
Section 23 (f)	"him or her"	the City Manager		
Section 23 (g)	"his or her"	the City Manager		
Section 24	"her or him"	the person		
Section 27	"s/he"	the person		
Section 31	"her or his"	the Recorder's		
Section 36	"his or her" (x2)	the Recorder's; the Mayor		
	"s/he"	the Mayor		
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(Submitted by the City of Corvallis)

City of Corvallis Measure 2-133 Argument For:

Good Governance Corvallis PAC urges you to vote "Yes" on Measure 2-133

Current Provisions

The Corvallis City Charter currently uses pronoun phrases such as "his or her" and "S/he."

What that Means

The use of gendered pronouns in the Charter can be exclusionary to nonbinary individuals and adds ambiguity to the direction of the Charter.

Proposed Changes

This measure would remove binary pronouns from the Charter and replace them with the job title of the individual being referenced or the appropriate non-gendered pronoun. These changes would:

- Affirm that Corvallis welcomes non-binary individuals in our community; and
- Prevent the charter from excluding nonbinary individuals from City offices; and
- Align Corvallis with current practices in legal writing.

Endorsements

A "Yes" vote on Measure 2-133 is <u>unanimously</u> endorsed by the current Corvallis Mayor and City Council.

Mayor: Biff Traber

<u>**City Councilors:**</u> Jan Napack, Charles Maughan, Hyatt Lytle, Gabe Shepherd, Charlyn Ellis, Laurie Chaplen, Paul Shaffer, Andrew Struthers

Former Corvallis City Councilors: Penny York, Nancy Wyse

This measure is also endorsed by the Benton County Democrats

(This information furnished by Good Governance Corvallis PAC)

North Albany Rural Fire Protection District Measure 2-134

Ballot Title

Caption: Measure proposing a five-year operating local option tax levy.

Question: Shall North Albany Rural Fire Protection District impose \$.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years beginning in 2022-23? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: The North Albany Rural Fire Protection District is facing the end of its current operating levy on June 30, 2022. Therefore, it is necessary to renew a five-year operating local option tax levy at the rate of \$.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value for \$167,650 to finance the operations of the District beginning in 2022-23, \$172,680 for 2023-24, \$177,860 for 2024-25, \$183,196 for 2025-26 and \$188,692 for 2026-27. The measure will renew a temporary operating tax, now reduced from \$.80 to \$.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value, to help finance the operations of the North Albany Rural Fire Protection District. The operating tax rate will be in addition to the permanent rate limit of \$1.4071 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an estimate only based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate.

Explanatory Statement

"This measure will renew a temporary operating tax to continue to finance the operations of the North Albany Rural Fire Protection District. If this measure passes, the District will impose a tax of .75 per \$1,000 of assessed value within the District for the next five years beginning in 2022-2023. This is a reduction of the existing levy rate from \$.80 to \$.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The operating tax will be in addition to the permanent rate limit of \$1.4071 per \$1,000 of assessed value."

Board Members:

Rich Burright Carole Gougeon Burke Hales Mike McLain Hasso Hering

(Submitted by North Albany Rural Fire Protection District)

McDonald Forest Estates Road District Measure 2-135

Ballot Title

 $\ensuremath{\textbf{Caption:}}\xspace$ Establish a five-year local option tax for road maintenance

Question: Shall the district pass a five-year local option tax of \$0.70/\$1000 assessed value beginning in FY 2022-23 for roads? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: Passage of this local option tax will allow the McDonald Forest Estates Special Road District to continue to repair and maintain its roads at the same level provided over the last decade.

Over the last two years, costs have risen significantly as the district moves from mostly public-provided road services through the Benton County Road Department to more costly private commercial contractors. As a result, funding from the district's permanent tax levy of \$0.628 per thousand of assessed property value, projected to be \$9,029 for 2021-22 and \$49,470 over the following five years, is insufficient to maintain district roads in good condition.

If this local option tax passes, an additional tax levy of \$0.70 per thousand of assessed value will generate another \$55,034 over the same five-year period and allow the district to maintain and improve its roads, including chip sealing (last done 15 years ago), seal coating existing asphalt, filling cracks and potholes, and providing for other maintenance needs and emergencies.

The amount of additional funds to be raised by this local option tax measure is estimated to be \$10,366 for 2022-23, \$10,677 for 2023-24, \$10,997 for 2024-25, \$11,327 in 2025-26, and \$11,667 for 2026-27, for a total of \$55,034 over the five-year period.

Explanatory Statement

In 2019, the Benton County Road Department informed the McDonald Forest Estates Road District that they could no longer contract with the district to provide road repair, maintenance, and other services that had been the norm for more than 20 years.

As a result, costs for these services are projected to rise significantly as the district moves to more costly private commercial contractors. One recent example is a proposed road-bed repair that the county had agreed to do in 2019. When bid out commercially, costs were up to three times the county estimate and the work was deferred. Similar cost increases are expected for both routine maintenance and other projects planned for the near term, e.g., chip sealing our main roads and cul-de-sacs.

Funds from the district's permanent tax levy rate of \$0.628 per thousand of assessed property value is projected to be \$9,029 for 2021-22 and \$49,470 over the following five years. Given expected increased costs, this will be insufficient to maintain district roads in good condition. Other county road districts faced with higher-than-expected costs have increased their revenues through a local option tax, a mechanism authorized by state law whereby property owners vote to temporarily increase their tax obligation to pay for needed services. This is what the McDonald Forest Estates Special Road District proposes to do through this measure.

If this local option tax passes, the additional tax levy of \$0.70 per thousand of assessed value is estimated to raise \$10,366 for 2022-23, \$10,677 for 2023-24, \$10,997 for 2024-25, \$11,327 for 2025-26, and \$11,667 for 2026-27, for a total of \$55,034 over the five-year period. Individual property taxes for district property owners will increase from an average of \$220 per developed lot to about \$460 for the first year, increasing at about three percent per year for the following four years.

The funds from this temporary tax increase would be used for both operating purposes and capital projects, including chip sealing (last done 15 years ago), seal coating existing asphalt, filling cracks and potholes, and providing for other annual maintenance needs and emergencies.

(Submitted by the McDonald Forest Estates Special Road District)

Registering to Vote

To vote in Oregon you need to be registered in the county where you reside.

You can register if you can answer yes to these three questions:

- Are you a resident of Oregon?
- Are you a US citizen?
- Are you at least 16 years of age?

If you are 16 or 17 years of age, you will **not** receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.

How to register

You can register to vote online at <u>www.oregonvotes.gov</u> or you can get a voter registration card at any of the following places:

- Benton County Elections Office
- any county elections office
- the Secretary of State's Office
- some state agencies such as the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
- a voter registration drive

You can fill the card out in person or send it in by US mail. You can also print out a registration form online at: <u>www.oregonvotes.gov</u>.

What information is required to register?

To complete your registration you will provide your:

- full legal name
- home address
- date of birth
- signature
- valid identification

Updating your voter registration

Once you have registered, you are responsible for keeping your information up to date. You can do this online at <u>www.oregonvotes.gov</u> or by completing and returning a voter registration card with the new information. You should update your registration if you do any of the following:

- change your home address
- change your mailing address
- change your name
- change your signature
- want to change or select a political party

Absentee Voting

In the event you will be out of town during the election and need an absentee ballot, please visit our website at:

www.co.benton.or.us/elections/page/register-update-cancel-and-absentee

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- You may use this form to register to vote or update your information
- 1. Print with a black or blue pen to complete the form.
- 2. Sign the form.
- 3. Mail or drop off the form at your County Elections Office.

You may also use online voter resources to register or update your registration status.

oregonvotes.gov

qualifications				
Are you a citizen of the United Sta	ates of America?	yes	no	
Are you at least 16 years of age?		yes	no	
If you mark no in response to ei	ther of these questions, do	not complete	this form.	
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