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**OFFICIAL
VOTERS' PAMPHLET**

**Primary Election
May 17, 2022**

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Dear Benton County Voter:

On **Tuesday, May 17, 2022, a Primary Election** will be held in Oregon. If you are a registered voter in Benton County, you will have the opportunity to vote for Non-Partisan positions. Those affiliated with either the Democrat or Republican Party will vote to nominate their candidate for Partisan positions for the General Election, including Benton County Commissioner Position One. For voters residing within Corvallis School District 509J and Linn Benton Community College District, a Levy Renewal and Bond Measure will be on your ballot for consideration.

The County Voters' pamphlet provides local candidates with the opportunity to share their message 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 available on the County Clerk's Elections Division website www.co.benton.or.us/elections.

Please note, from this election forward **post marks will count**. You have three options for the return of your voted ballot. By mail, your ballot must be post marked by Election Day and received within seven days. In-person at any Oregon County Elections Office or any Official Ballot Drop site in Oregon before 8:00 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

Please see the last page of this pamphlet for a list of official drop sites in Benton County. If you need additional information or assistance, you may reach the Elections Office by phone: (541) 766-6756; email: elections@co.benton.or.us; or in-person at 4500 SW Research Way, 2nd Floor, 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,

Nancy V. Wyse

Commission Chair

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Commissioner

Pat Malone

Commissioner

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Information provided in statements or arguments submitted by a candidate, a political party, an assembly of electors or a person supporting or opposing a measure have not been verified for accuracy or truth and do not constitute an endorsement by Benton County.



We have moved!

We are now located at:
Benton County - Kalapuya Building
4500 SW Research Way, 2nd Floor
Corvallis, OR 97333

Phone: 541-766-6756
 E-Mail: elections@co.benton.or.us
 Website: www.co.benton.or.us/elections

An official 24-hour outdoor ballot drop box is located at the far end of the parking lot.

New! Postmarks Count

House Bill 3291 was approved by the Oregon Legislature on June 24, 2021 allowing postmarks to count in Oregon.

You now have two ways to return your ballot:

1. **Mail** your ballot so it is **postmarked by Election Day** and it has to be **received no later than seven days after Election Day**.
2. **Drop** your ballot in an official Oregon ballot drop box **by 8:00 PM on Election Day**.



Candidate and Measure Information

The candidate and measure information within this pamphlet is provided by candidates, cities, districts and other interested parties that chose to participate in this portion of the election process. Candidate statements and measure arguments are optional filings.

New Ballot Return Envelope with Security Weave

The ballot return signature envelope now has a printed security weave on the inside that protects your privacy, eliminating the expense and added step of the sleeve. Your vote will continue to be protected throughout the ballot counting process. This revision has been approved by the Oregon Secretary of State's Office.

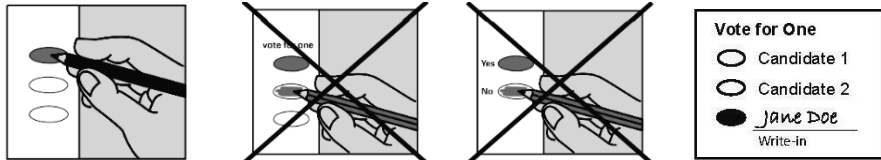
Voting Instructions

Your Ballot Packet Contains

- A printed ballot on which you may vote
- A prepaid and pre-addressed signature return envelope in which to return your ballot

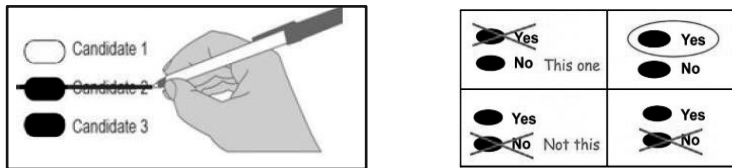
Voting Your Ballot

- 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:

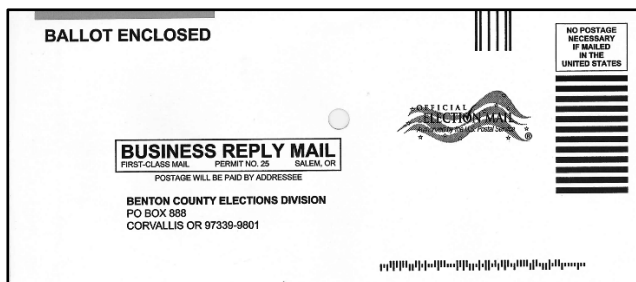
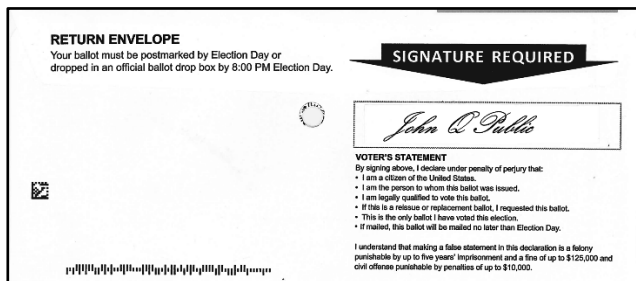


Contact Benton County Elections to request a replacement ballot if:

- 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 return envelope is not signed.
- Insert ballot into the signed return envelope.
- Seal the signed return envelope.
- **Mail no later than May 17, 2022.** Postmarks count.
- Or place the signed return envelope in an **Official Ballot Drop Box** listed on page 16 by **8:00 PM May 17, 2022.**





**Benton County
Commissioner**
Position 1
Democrat

**Helen
Higgins**

Occupation: CEO, Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis
Occupational Background: Hewlett Packard Business Development, Environmental Management, Technical Marketing, Customer Support
Educational Background: U of Oregon, BA Rhetoric & Communication; Boise State, Micro MBA
Prior Governmental Experience: Corvallis School Board; Oregon Alliance of Boys & Girls Club, treasurer; Central Willamette Credit Union Board member; Corvallis Chamber, president-elect, Government Affairs chair, Leadership Corvallis Board; Corvallis Public Schools Foundation chair; City Club Board

As CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis since 2006, previously a business manager at HP for 18 years, and serving as a past member of the School Board, I have a proven record of solving problems and serving our community to improve the lives of youth, families and community.

My Priorities Include

Increasing housing options for our local workforce, young families, and those most in need.

Keeping our community safe with a functional criminal justice center that integrates mental health and addiction treatment.

Planning for climate change to protect our forests, farmland and water sources.

Bringing economic vitality through strategic partnerships with public, private and nonprofit sectors, to do more for all residents, efficiently and effectively.

I'm an experienced business manager, facilitator and collaborator, and I am ready to lead our community forward. I will effectively manage the business of the County and ensure your voice is heard.

Your vote for me is a vote for a Better Benton County!

Endorsed by

John Barlow; Tom & Debbie Gerding
Jim Swinyard – Retired Benton County Sheriff
Hyatt Lyttle – Corvallis City Council President
Anne Schuster – Previous Benton County Commissioner
Julie Manning – Past Mayor, Corvallis
Alex Johnson II – Mayor, Albany
Ed Junkins, MD; Laura King
Chris Reese – Southpaw's Owner
James Kaech; Tom Brookes; Jodell Boyle
Bob Heald; Peggy Joyce; Carol Kronstad
Michele Kellison, CPA; Peter Greenberg
Jamie Ely and many others

For a more in-depth explanation of my priorities to enhance and improve our county, and additional endorsers, go to www.helen4bentoncounty.com

(This information furnished by Helen4BentonCounty)



**Benton County
Commissioner**
Position 1
Democrat

**Pat
Malone**

Occupation: County Commissioner
Occupational Background: Forestry
Educational Background: MFA, BA History, U. of Oregon
Prior Governmental Experience: LBCC Budget, Soil and Water Conservation, Workforce Development, rural Fire Chief

Experienced, Endorsed, Environmentalist

Reducing Homelessness:

I worked for HB 4123, bringing our county \$1 million to support HOPE housing efforts. I supported making the Third Street Commons operational. I'll continue pursuing more housing options like tiny homes and micro-shelters.

Improving approaches to Behavioral Health issues:

I helped implement having mental health providers going out with law enforcement. We need more options than jail or the emergency room. A Respite Center is a priority.

Focused on Sustainability:

I'm committed to reducing our carbon footprint. Solar panels for the Kalapuya Building, Health Center, and Fairgrounds are just the beginning. I'm making sure the County's 2040 environmental protection goals are part of daily operations.

Advancing Transportation Alternatives:

The Corvallis-Albany bike path is progressing as a result of my input. Paths and transit help mitigate income inequality, slow climate change, and improve community health.

We're supporting Pat!

Congressman Peter DeFazio
Senator Sara Gelsler Blouin
Representative Dan Rayfield
Val Hoyle, Labor Commissioner
Nancy Wyse, Benton County Commissioner
Benton County District Attorney John Haroldson
Mayor Biff Traber
Annabelle Jaramillo, Retired County Commissioner
Jan Napack, Corvallis City Councilor
Gabe Shepherd, Corvallis City Councilor
Andrew Struthers, Corvallis City Councilor
Chas Jones, Philomath Mayor
Catherine Biscoe, Philomath City Councilor
Cliff Trow, Jo Anne Trow, Curtis Wright

"I'll keep listening, building partnerships, creating consensus, and solving problems through community inclusion. I'll use my pragmatism and business acumen to work for and represent all of Benton County. I ask for your vote!" *Pat Malone*

Re-Elect Pat Malone County Commissioner

www.voteatmalone.org

(This information furnished by Friends of Pat Malone)



Benton County Commissioner

Position 1
Republican

Bill Currier

Occupation: Business Owner, Systems Administrator

Occupational Background: Law Enforcement

Educational Background: Southern Oregon University,
Computer Science; Pacific Union College, Business
Administration

Prior Governmental Experience: Adair Village Mayor; Adair
Village Public Safety Commission; Adair Village Budget
Committee; Willamette Criminal Justice Council; Corvallis Area
Metropolitan Planning Organization; Cascades West Area
Commission on Transportation; League of Oregon Cities Board
of Directors

*I believe in the good that local government can do for a
community when its priorities are the community. I will focus on
the things that make Benton County a stronger and better place
to live, work and raise a family:*

- **Public Safety**
- **Infrastructure**
- **County Services**
- **Business Support**
- **Affordable Housing**

Under my leadership as Mayor and with input from our residents, Adair Village has grown as a healthy and vibrant community. We've kept costs down and service levels high, despite a challenging economy. We've made critical updates to our roads, parks, and utilities, ensuring reliability and capacity to serve our community far into the future. We've added a variety of housing options. We've supported our local businesses, ensuring a more self-sufficient and prosperous community, and we are building a brand new town square that will allow for more social interaction and community events.

As your commissioner I will work diligently to apply the same principles of success to all of Benton County.

Elect Bill Currier Commissioner
for
Strong and Effective Leadership

www.CurrierForCommissioner.org

(This information furnished by Bill Currier)

Linn-Benton Community College Measure 22-190

Ballot Title

Caption: Bonds for agricultural job training center, facility and safety improvements

Question: Shall LBCC provide agricultural job training center; improve, update facilities; issue \$16 million in bonds; with citizen oversight, audits required? 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: Bonds would finance following capital costs, including:

- New Agricultural Education Center
 - Classrooms/facilities for training in agriculture, crop and animal sciences.
 - Space for community events and classes.
- Update Career Center at Benton Center in Corvallis
 - Expanded spaces for testing and career counseling.
 - Improve meeting rooms used by community partners.
- Renovate Childcare Center at Albany main campus
 - Improve access to childcare for students and staff.
 - Learning spaces for early childhood education students.
- Update, Repair Aging Facilities
 - Increase accessibility for people with disabilities.
 - Replace outdated boilers, HVAC systems.
- Additional capital costs including site improvements, furnishings, equipment and bond issuance costs.

The Oregon legislature has approved \$8,000,000 grant if District can provide matching funds. Matching funds to be provided by bond proceeds.

Bonds expected to mature within 15 years from issuance. Principal amount of bonds limited to \$16 million. Estimated increase in tax rate is \$0.07 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Actual tax rate may differ due to changes in interest rates and assessed value.

Explanatory Statement

Founded in 1966, Linn-Benton Community College serves campuses in Albany, Corvallis, Lebanon and Sweet Home over a 2,966 square mile area.

Linn Benton Community College facilities face challenges:

- College buildings are aging and in need of repair and require updates and upgrades, including heating, cooling, and lighting.
- The current agriculture, crop, and animal sciences facilities lack space for hands on learning instruction and the flexibility to expand into programs and offerings that would best serve our Willamette Valley community.
- There is lack of access to childcare for our students and staff. LBCC has identified a facility to resume operations but the building needs important updates and upgrades to meet industry standards for operations and safety.

After reviewing these challenges, the LBCC Board of Education voted unanimously to place a bond request on the ballot.

If passed, the bond would finance capital costs, including:

- **Construct a New Agricultural Education Center**
 - Classrooms/facilities for training in agriculture, crop, and animal sciences.
 - Provide a modern arena for equine and livestock classes and events for our students and our community.
 - Include space for a multispecies program with state-of-the-art teaching and safety equipment.
 - Create a central location for our agricultural classes and program which will prepare students to enter the workplace or university for a bachelor's degree.
 - Generate space for community events and classes for our community partners like 4H, FFA, and equine groups.
- **Update Benton Center in Corvallis**
 - Expand spaces for testing, career counseling to better meet the needs of our students without increasing staff.
 - Improve meeting rooms used by community partners per their requests.
 - Conduct needed repairs to the Benton Center such as repairing windows, sidewalks, and entryways.
- **Renovate Childcare Center at Albany Main Campus**
 - Improve access to childcare for students and staff.
 - Bringing the center up to industry standards and providing early childhood education students with learning spaces that better prepare them for the workforce.
- **Update, Repair Aging Facilities**
 - Update the HVAC systems on the main campus for more reliable heating and cooling of the buildings and increase the efficiency of our operations.
 - Continue Takena Hall student services renovation to better serve our students and to create a welcoming space for our very diverse student population.
 - Renovate our central courtyard to remove access barriers, increase safety and create a contemporary place for the students to gather, learn and host events.

Financials:

Bonds are expected to mature within 15 years from issuance. The principal amount of bonds is limited to \$16 million. The estimated increase in tax rate is \$0.07 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The actual tax rate may differ due to changes in interest rates and assessed value.

Bond to leverage state matching funds:

The District will receive \$8 million in state grants if bonds are approved. If bonds are not approved, these funds would not be received.

(Submitted by Linn-Benton Community College)

Linn-Benton Community College Measure 22-190 Argument For:

The LBCC Bond is a sound investment in our community's future. Vote YES.

The Linn-Benton Community College Board voted unanimously to refer a \$16 million bond to voters this spring. **Community leaders agree: this is the right investment in our future economy.**

WHAT WILL IT DO?

This bond will open critical pathways to education for hundreds of people. Through the construction of a new Agricultural Center, students will be able to receive the best instruction available, resulting in good-paying jobs that are vital to local industries, including veterinary technicians, crop production, farm management, horse breeding and livestock production. In addition, LBCC will reopen its childcare center, and repair critically aging facilities.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

In uncertain economic times we have to keep things affordable. At just 7 cents per \$1,000 of assessed tax value, it would cost just \$2 a month for the average taxpayer. In return, all of these projects will be funded – plus **UNLOCK an additional \$8 million investment from the State Budget – ensuring those funds are spent right HERE in our community.**

WHY NOW?

Now more than ever, our community NEEDS more opportunities for all people to have real futures. This is an affordable investment that helps our entire community.

BOTTOM LINE: THIS IS A GOOD VALUE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. Vote YES on Measure 22-190.

Jennifer Boehmer, Executive Director of the LBCC Foundation
Marty Cahill
Simon Date, President/CEO Corvallis Chamber of Commerce
Richard C. (Charlie) Eads, Owner KGAL/KSHO Radio
Carolyn and John Gardner
Nancy Goode
Gregory Hamann, President Emeritus LBCC
Chris Hanson
Celeste Krueger
Julie J. Manning
Rick Petersen
Representative Dan Rayfield – Oregon House of Representatives
Chris Reece, CEO of the Mid-Willamette Family YMCA
Joan Reukauf, Chief Operating Officer, People's Bank and Chair of the Linn-Benton Community College Foundation Board Directors
Alicia A. Ritter
Dan Segel CEO, Knights Baseball Club
Janet Steele, President Albany Area Chamber of Commerce
Stacie Wyss-Schoenborn
Penny York

(This information furnished by Yes for LBCC)

Linn-Benton Community College Measure 22-190 Argument For:

The Agricultural Industry urges a YES vote on the LBCC Bond!

Thousands of people rely on LBCC to train future workers in the industries that matter most to Oregon and especially the Willamette Valley. **Here in the heart of the Valley, that means meeting the area's agriculture needs.**

We urgently need skilled, trained workers in our agriculture!

LBCC offers top-notch instruction in Agriculture and Animal Science but **does not** have a central place for students to train, and therefore no way to grow programs and adapt to changing agriculture needs. Our area's farms need more technical workers NOW.

A YES vote means creating DIRECT pathways to JOBS in our vital industry

This bond would build a new Agriculture Center, expanding Animal & Agricultural Science, Crop & Soil science, and more. This is our opportunity to create a central powerhouse in Linn and Benton County with the best instruction and equipment, and get people working fast. It also opens new pathways to OSU and other institutions.

A YES vote means meeting the unique needs of RURAL families

This investment will help LBCC offer the kind of instruction that keeps family farms and companies flourishing and contributing to our local economy. Plus it allows youth in 4-H, FFA and OHSET programs to finally have a central location for camps and competitions.

Our valley continues to lead the nation in grass seed production and our family farms serve the entire state – **let's create a future for the next generation of farmers, ranchers and technical workers in our region!**

Vote YES on Measure 22-190

Gina Bressler, Gentle Oaks Stable, Owner
Loyal Burns, Chief Operating Office Veterinary Service Inc.
TJ Colson, President of Wilco Stores
Brad Gohr, President and CEO of Veterinary Service Inc
Sera Moran, DVM, Cascadia Equine Veterinary Clinic
Kelsey Palsgaard, DVM, Cascadia Equine Veterinary Clinic
George Pugh
Reid Veterinary Hospital
Christopher L. Wickliffe, DVM, Cascadia Equine Veterinary Clinic

(This information furnished by Yes for LBCC)

Linn-Benton Community College Measure 22-190 Argument For:

No Arguments Against
This Measure Were Filed

Vote YES for Measure 22-190

LBCC works hard to meet evolving employer needs and provide quality education to ALL students – and now we can help it meet today's most critical gaps right here in our community by voting **YES** for the Linn-Benton Community College bond.

A YES vote will:

Build a new Agricultural Center

Right now LBCC is forced to turn students away from its successful Agriculture Programs due to limited space. A new agriculture center will not only allow programs to expand, but also meet the demands of local employers in critical need of technical farm workers.

Reopen a Childcare Center

This bond will allow LBCC to re-open its childcare center – helping to improve early learning opportunities for kids and help parents get back to work. It will also create hands-on learning spaces for early childhood education students—workers we urgently need in the community.

Repair Aging Buildings

This bond will allow LBCC to make critical repairs including addressing accessibility for people with disabilities, and upgrades to boilers and HVAC systems. With these repairs, our community's college will be able to educate future generations for decades to come.

The LBCC Bond Keeps Funding in OUR Community

The LBCC bond will also unlock a matching appropriation from the State of Oregon for \$8 million, and make the college eligible for future grants. Passing this bond ensures this money is spent right here in our community.

Please join us in voting YES for our community and YES on Measure 22-190.

LBCC Board of Education

Kristin Adams, High School Success Coordinator, Sweet Home High School
Sherlyn Dahl, LBCC Board of Education
Jeannie Davis, EdD LBCC Board of Education, Vice Chair Linn Benton Community College
Tony Lapiz, LBCC Board of Education Director
James Merryman, Retired CEO of Oregon Freeze Dry and current LBCC Board Member
Dick Running, LBCC Board of Education
Dr. John Sarna, LBCC Board of Education Director

(This information furnished by Yes for LBCC)

Corvallis School District 509J Measure 2-136

Ballot Title

Caption: Renewal of current five-year local option tax for school operations

Question: Shall district impose \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years beginning in 2022-23 for school operations? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: The Corvallis School District will use the tax revenue from this measure to continue to operate the district at its present level of service. The tax revenue from this measure will be used to fund teachers at all schools to sustain or reduce class sizes; music, physical education and art teachers at all elementary schools; vocational and technical education opportunities for students; school counselors; instructional coaches to improve teaching and learning; and extracurricular athletics and activities. Without this additional revenue, the district would have to reduce its annual operating budget by approximately 10%, which is the equivalent of about 90 full-time teaching positions.

This measure would renew current local option taxes originally approved by voters in 2006 and renewed by voters in 2010 and 2016. The current tax expires June 30, 2022. If renewed, the current tax rate will not increase. The proposed rate will raise approximately \$8.6 million in 2022-23, \$8.9 million in 2023-24, \$9.2 million in 2024-25, \$9.5 million in 2025-26, and \$9.8 million in 2026-27, for a total of \$46.0 million.

Explanatory Statement

Under Oregon's property tax law, a local option tax gives individual communities the ability to supplement state funding for their local schools. The Corvallis School District local option tax was first approved by voters in 2006 and then renewed by voters in 2010 and 2016. The current tax expires June 30, 2022. The current local option tax represents approximately 10% of the district's general fund operating budget, and funds about 75 full-time teaching positions. The current tax expires June 30, 2022.

This measure would renew the local option tax at the current rate for another five years, beginning in 2022-23 and ending in 2026-27. The current tax rate will not increase if this measure is approved.

How will these additional tax dollars be spent?

The tax revenue from this measure will be used to continue to operate the district at its present level of service. More specifically, the additional tax revenue from this measure will be used to fund:

- Classroom teachers at all schools to sustain or reduce class sizes
- Music, physical education and art teachers at all elementary schools
- Vocational and technical education opportunities for students
- School counselors and social workers
- Instructional coaches to improve teaching and learning
- Extracurricular athletics and activities

Is this measure within the limits established by Ballot Measure 5?

Yes, and all taxes collected will remain in the district. The local option tax rate is calculated individually for each property so that the total rate paid for education stays within the Measure 5 limits.

How much would this cost?

This measure would renew the current local option tax rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for another five years, starting in 2022 and ending in 2027. The current tax rate will not increase if this measure is approved. This is not a new or additional tax.

What if this measure doesn't pass?

If this measure fails, the district would have to reduce its annual operating budget by approximately 10% beginning in the 2022-23 school year, which is equivalent to about 90 full-time teaching positions.

(Submitted by Corvallis School District 509J)

Corvallis School District 509J Measure 2-136 Argument For:

Corvallis Education Matters Supports Renewing the Corvallis School District Local Option Levy!

What is Measure 2-136?

The current local option levy has been approved by voters three times beginning in 2006. The current levy will expire in June, and renewing the levy would extend the existing levy for another five years. Local option levy funds made up about 10% of the district's operating funds in 2021-22 and paid for the equivalent of 90 teaching positions, which is 22% of the licensed teaching staff.

What is funded by the levy?

The revenue from this measure will continue to provide stability for our students by funding

- teacher positions at all schools to sustain or reduce class sizes;
- art, music, and physical education teachers at all elementary schools;
- vocational and technical education opportunities at our secondary schools;
- school counseling support positions at all levels;
- instructional coaches and mentors to improve teaching and learning at all levels; and
- high school athletics and activities.

The levy has truly supported ALL our students.

Our students benefit from consistency and they need the enhanced educational opportunities the levy provides. Moving forward we want to ensure that our students continue to have access to all the educational experiences and supports provided by the levy funds.

A "YES" vote will renew the levy for an additional five years.

THE MEASURE WILL NOT RAISE TAX RATES - it will simply extend the existing levy through the 2026-2027 school year.

Passage of the levy will help provide vitally important financial stability to the district. A "YES" vote guarantees that our children will have much needed consistency.

We believe that our local schools are the foundation of our community, today and in the future.

The levy is great for teachers, for parents, for businesses, and for the health of the community we all love.

We urge a "YES" on Measure 2-136. We believe that Corvallis Education Matters!

(This information furnished by Corvallis Education Matters)

Corvallis School District 509J Measure 2-136 Argument Against:

As a past Corvallis School Board director, I **absolutely** support funding public education! But is the proposed \$46M levy justified? Is it mindful of taxpayers?

Enrollment numbers fall, employee numbers rise

The levy was last renewed for the 2017-18 school year. Since then:

- Latest October enrollment (6,404) has dropped by 444 students (-6%).
- The number of budgeted full-time employees (897) has increased by 144 (+19%).
- CSD expects enrollment to decline further.

Taxpayers already enthusiastically fund local education

Local property taxes are projected to contribute \$34M to the 2023 CSD budget (and to increase by \$1M every year going forward).

In 2018, Corvallis voters approved a school construction bond that will cost \$330M.

Year 2023 bond payments will cost taxpayers \$15M. The amount will increase annually until reaching \$22M in 2037. (A final payment of \$18M is due in 2038.)

Levy may duplicate new state funding

In 2022, CSD is receiving \$6.7M in supplemental state education grants. These grants (expected to continue into the future) are designed to support art, music, PE, science, libraries, and technical education programs. Also, improved student health & safety, smaller class sizes and increased instructional time. Are taxpayers paying twice?

CSD has significant reserve funds

CSD ended each of the last 4 years with average reserve funds exceeding \$14M.

CSD expects to end 2022 with reserves exceeding \$13M.

Taxes should reflect the times

Situations change. Enrollment is falling. Taxpayers are paying off \$330M in school construction payments. The State of Oregon is providing millions in new funding that did not exist 5 years ago. It seems CSD can provide students a well-rounded education with a lower levy rate. Maybe CSD could dip into reserves next school year, and return to voters this November or next May with a levy proposal reflecting the times, mindful of taxpayers wallets and community needs beyond education, and worthy of broad community support?

(This information furnished by Scott Newsham)

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 www.oregonvotes.gov 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 print out a registration form online at: www.oregonvotes.gov.

You can also fill the form out in person or send it in by US mail.

What information is required to register?

To complete your registration you will provide your:

- full legal name
- home address and mailing address (if different)
- date of birth
- signature
- valid identification (DMV or last four of Social Security Number, if you do not have an Oregon DMV license or ID)

Updating your voter registration

Once you have registered, you are responsible for keeping your information up to date.

You can do this online at www.oregonvotes.gov or by completing and returning a voter registration form 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

Oregon Voter Registration Form

- 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.



If you have an Oregon driver's license or ID issued by the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles, you may use online voter resources to register to vote or update your information by going to **My Vote** at **oregonvotes.gov**

qualifications	
Are you a citizen of the United States of America?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Are you at least 16 years of age?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
! If you mark no in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form.	
personal information *required information	
last name*	first* middle
Oregon residence address, city and zip code (include apt. or space number)*	
date of birth (month/day/year)*	county of residence
phone	email
mailing address, including city, state and zip code (required if different than residence)	
Oregon Driver's License/ID number	political party
Provide a valid Oregon Driver's License, Permit or ID :	<input type="checkbox"/> Not a member of a party
<input type="checkbox"/> I do not have a valid Oregon Driver's License/Permit/ID . The last 4 digits of my Social Security Number (SSN) are:	<input type="checkbox"/> Constitution
x x x - x x - <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Democratic
<input type="checkbox"/> I do not have a valid Oregon Driver's License/Permit/ID or a SSN. I have attached a copy of acceptable identification .	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent
	<input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian
	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Green
	<input type="checkbox"/> Progressive
	<input type="checkbox"/> Republican
	<input type="checkbox"/> Working Families
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
signature I swear or affirm that I am qualified to be an elector and I have told the truth on this registration.	
sign here _____	date today _____
! If you sign this card and know it to be false, you can be fined up to \$125,000 and/or imprisoned for up to 5 years.	
registration updates Complete this section if you are updating your information.	
previous registration name _____	previous county and state _____
home address on previous registration _____	date of birth (month/day/year) _____



- You may use this form to apply for an absentee ballot.
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Absentee Application Form



Benton County

RECORDS & ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Elections & Passports Division

Office: (541) 766-6756
Fax: (541) 766-6757

4500 SW Research Way
Corvallis, OR 97333

co.benton.or.us/elections
elections@co.benton.or.us

ABSENTEE APPLICATION

This is not a voter registration form. You must be a registered voter to request an absentee ballot. If you are unsure of your status, you can contact our office or check online at www.oregonvotes.gov. If you have a Drivers' License or ID with the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles, you may apply electronically for an absentee ballot, update your voting information or register at www.oregonvotes.gov.

Completed and signed absentee application may be submitted by e-mail, fax, mail or deliver in person.

Please select **only one** category:

- Military
 Out of Country Permanently
 Student
 Snowbird
 Out of Country Temporarily
 Other: _____

Please select **only one** of the three options below:

1. All future elections until further notice.
 2. All future elections until the following day: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)
 3. Every year, I will be away from _____ (month) _____ (day) till _____ (month) _____ (day)
 This will continue to happen until further notice.

Name (Last, First, Middle)	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
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Absentee Address Line 1

Absentee Address Line 2 (if applicable)

Absentee Address Line 3 (if applicable)

COUNTRY (For United States address: City, State, Zip Code)

Benton County Residential Address

City, State, Zip Code

E-Mail	Telephone
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Signature	Date
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BENTON COUNTY OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP SITES

Benton County Elections & Passports Office

Kalapuya Building
4500 SW Research Way, 2nd Floor, Corvallis OR 97333
541-766-6756
Mon thru Fri 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Election Day 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

24-HOUR OUTDOOR BALLOT DROP BOXES

Kalapuya Building

Drop box in parking lot
4500 SW Research Way, Corvallis OR 97333

OSU Gill Coliseum

Corner of Ralph Miller Ln and 26th St
660 SW 26th St, Corvallis OR 97331

Lincoln Health Center

Drop box at center of parking lot
121 SE Viewmont Ave, Corvallis OR 97333

Corvallis Public Library

Drop box next to bike rack at corner of
6th St and Monroe Ave
645 NW Monroe Ave, Corvallis OR 97330

Benton County Courthouse

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

Law Enforcement Building

Near entrance on 5th St
180 NW 5th St, Corvallis OR 97330

LBCC Benton Center

Drop box near main entrance
757 NW Polk Ave, Corvallis OR 97330

Corvallis Community Center (C3)

Drop box near main entrance
2601 NW Tyler Ave, Corvallis OR 97330

Wells Fargo Bank

Timberhill Shopping Center
2543 NW Kings Blvd, Corvallis OR 97330

City Limits Market

Drop box near main entrance
5800 NW Hwy 99W, Corvallis OR 97330

Adair Village City Hall

Drop box at City Hall parking lot entrance
6030 NE William R Carr Ave
Adair Village OR 97330

North Albany Shopping Center

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

Philomath Community Library

Drop box near main entrance
1050 Applegate St, Philomath OR 97370

Monroe Community Library

Drop box at the entrance to the drive up
book drop in parking lot
380 N 5th St, Monroe OR 97456

Alsea Community Library

Drop box on parking lot sidewalk
19192 Alsea Hwy, Alsea OR 97324

THIS CONCLUDES THE BENTON COUNTY PORTION OF THE VOTERS' PAMPHLET