

OFFICIAL VOTERS' PAMPHLET

General Election November 8, 2022

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Dear Benton County Voter:

Tuesday, November 8, 2022, is General Election day in Oregon. As a registered voter, you have the opportunity to exercise your right to vote on a variety of federal, state, county, and city contests. The contests and measures that appear on your ballot are dependent on the districts in which you reside. If you live in the City of Philomath and/or the Philomath School District, you will have local measures to consider. Additionally, the City of Corvallis has adopted Ranked Choice Voting for Mayor and City Council contests with three or more filed candidates. This is also an election in which voters will elect a County Commissioner and other public officials who will represent us at the national, state and local levels, as well as, statewide measures.

The County publishes voters' pamphlets to provide local candidates with the opportunity to share their message with voters. This pamphlet also provided 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 at <u>www.co.benton.or.us/elections</u>.

Voters have three options for returning their voted ballots. By mail, postmarked no later than Election Day and received by the Elections Office by the seventh day after Election Day. In-person at any Oregon County Elections Office or any Official Ballot Drop Site in the State of Oregon before 8:00 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 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: <u>elections@co.benton.or.us</u>; or in-person at 4500 SW Research Way, 2nd Floor, in Corvallis.

Sincerely,

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Nancy V. Wyse Commission Chair

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Pat Malone Commissioner

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You will not find statements in this voters' pamphlet for the following candidates because they did not submit a statement by the deadline:

City of Adair Village: Bill Currier, Bret Ray, Dawson Officer, Aaron Fuller City of Albany: Dick Olsen, Matthew E Prudell City of Corvallis: Alec Turner City of Monroe: Floyd Billings, Edward A Adair Benton County Soil and Water Conservation District: Kerry Hastings

To view their candidate filing, please go to <u>www.co.benton.or.us/elections</u>

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.



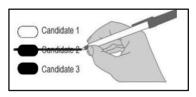


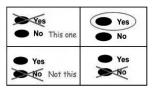




Correcting Your Ballot

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



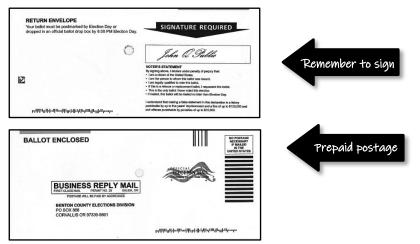


Contact Benton County Elections to request a replacement ballot if:

- 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 November 8, 2022. It must be postmarked by Election Day and received no later than seven days after Election Day.
- Or place the signed return envelope in an Oregon Official Ballot Drop Box by 8:00 PM PST November 8, 2022.



Information on registering to vote can be found in the state section of this Voters' Pamphlet.

Attention!

Selected portions of this county voters' pamphlet are available in Arabic, Simplified Chinese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Thai, and Vietnamese. These translations can be found online at **sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-benton.aspx**.

نتوفر أجزاء مختارة من كتبيات الناخبين لهذه المقاطعة باللغة العربية يمكن العثور على هذه الكتبيات عبر الإنترنت على sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-benton.aspx.

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-benton.aspx,获取译本。

주 유권자 팜플렛의 선택된 부분은 한국어 준비되어 있습니다. 번역은 온라인 sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-benton.aspx 에서 찾아볼 수 있습니다.

Отдельные части брошюр избирателей этого округа доступны на русском языке. С данными переводами можно ознакомиться в Интернете по адресу: sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-benton.aspx.

Algunas secciones de este folleto para votantes del condado están disponibles en español. Estas traducciones están disponibles en línea en sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-benton.aspx.

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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-benton.aspx**.

Returning Your Voted Ballot

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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:

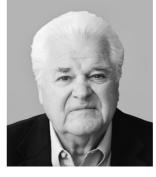
The Corvallis-Albany bike path is progressing as a result of my input. Paths and transit help mitigate income inequality, slow climate change, and improve community health.

We're supporting Pat!

U. S. Senator Jeff Merkley U. S. Senator Ron Wyden Congressman Peter DeFazio Val Hoyle, Labor Commissioner Senator Sara Gelser Blouin State Representative Dan Rayfield John Haroldson, Benton County District Attorney Nancy Wyse, Benton County Commissioner Annabelle Jaramillo, Retired Commissioner Biff Traber, Corvallis Mayor Corvallis City Councilors: Jan Napack, Gabe Shepherd, Andrew Struthers Chas Jones, Philomath Mayor; Daniel Sheets, Monroe Mayor Pro-Choice Oregon PAC Oregon League of Conservation Voters LBL CLC of the Oregon AFL-CIO

"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.votepatmalone.org



Benton County

Commissioner Position 1 Republican

William Kughn

Occupation: Retired General Contractor/Businessman Occupational Background: Residential Construction Manager, General Contracting, Chemical Recycling, Retail Food Service and Industrial Property Management Educational Background: Attended Waynesburg College, Pennsylvania. Earned a Degree from San Diego Mesa college. Instructed building trades at San Diego Mesa College Prior Governmental Experience: United States Navy

Military Service: US Navy Vietnam Veteran

Personal Information: I'm Bill Kughn, Candidate for Benton County Commissioner. I look forward to serving the residents of Benton County as Commissioner. I bring enthusiasm, fresh ideas, conservative and moderate views to the table. I would appreciate your vote.

I am currently retired, but during my career I owned 5 successful businesses that included residential real estate construction, general contracting, chemical recycling, retail food service and industrial property management.

I have been active in hunting and wildlife conservation for many years. I am a traditional archery enthusiast and an active range safety officer at Albany Rifle and Pistol Club.

I have been married to my wife Jean for 53 years. We have a son, Bill, a Daughter-in-law Monica, and a Grandson Will.

My Priorities:

- 1. I believe, "We the People" know what's best for "Us".
- 2. I believe in the Constitution, all the Constitution.
- 3. I believe citizens of our county should get the kind of government that benefits their needs.
- I believe government should run like a business, efficiently and effectively for all residents of Benton County.
- 5. I will bring common-sense government to Benton County. I will be fiscally conservative and watch Benton County purse strings.
- 6. I believe we should reduce taxes and not incur any more county debt.
- I will work with officials to assure that we create and/or fortify programs that provide resources, training, and support for victims of crime.
- 8. I will work to provide law enforcement with tools that enable them to protect and serve all residents of Benton County.

(This information furnished by William Kughn)

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Benton County

Sheriff

Jefri Van Arsdall

Occupation: Benton County Sheriff

Occupational Background: 25+ years in Law Enforcement and Management: Benton County Sheriff's Office 2021-present: Sheriff; Baker County Sheriff's Office 2017-2021: Patrol Lieutenant, Dispatch Supervisor, Parole and Probation Lieutenant, Undersheriff; DPSST 2016-2021: Academy Instructor; Corvallis Police Department 1997-2015: Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant; Washington County Sheriff's Office 1997: Reserve Deputy

Educational Background: BS, Administration of Justice, Portland State University; Executive Certificate DPSST; Oregon Executive Development Institute; Oregon State Sheriffs' Association Command College Prior Governmental Experience: Benton County Sheriff

Family: wife Raeann, daughter Delaney and son Mason

Community Involvement & Outreach: Created charity softball game hosted by Corvallis Knights. Participated in 4 Spirits veteran's charity event, Public Safety Chili Cook Off, and City of Monroe First Responder Park Celebration. Hosted BCSO Citizens' Deputy Sheriff Academy. Years coaching youth sports and volunteering.

The Benton County Board of Commissioners unanimously appointed me to the position of Sheriff on March 15, 2021. As your current sheriff, I bring integrity, accountability, accessibility, experience, and hands-on leadership to the Office of Sheriff.

Accomplishments:

Proudly lead a Benton County Sheriff's Office team that has:

- worked closely with the Benton County Commissioners and other elected officials to ensure public safety and county livability needs are met
- gained trust and open communication with partners in public safety and the community
- reestablished City of Monroe service contract
- partnered with City of Monroe to reopen substation to provide services to south Benton County, and working with Adair Village on a substation in north Benton County
- cosponsored local option levy, passed with 70% approval
- reaccredited through the Oregon Accreditation Alliance
- built cooperative relationships with Police Departments in Corvallis, Philomath, Albany, OSU Police Department, Linn County Sheriff's Office, and the Oregon State Police.

I am honored to serve as your current Benton County Sheriff. Thank you for your vote and continued support.

(This information furnished by Jefri Van Arsdall)

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City of Albany Mayor

Alex Johnson II

Occupation: Mayor, City of Albany; Principal Broker & Founder, TrueLife Financial Solutions, LLC

Occupational Background: United States Navy; Founder, TrueLife Financial Solutions, LLC; Other: Licensed Insurance provider; Hewlett-Packard Company; Agilent Technologies; Trimble Navigation; Fastrack Product Development **Educational Background:** Central Union High School; University of Phoenix

Prior Governmental Experience: Albany City Councilor Ward II-A; served as Member, Housing Affordability Taskforce; Board Member, Willamette Criminal Justice Council; Board Member, Albany Historic Carousel & Museum; Executive Committee Member, Advisory Board Member, Central Albany and Albany Revitalization Agency; City Council Liaison, Albany Visitor's Association Board of Directors; Member of Corvallis/Albany Chapter of the NAACP. Awarded 2019 Dr. Calvin O. Henry Leadership Award

It is an honor to serve as your Mayor and neighbor. I have established excellent relationships with Benton County Commissioners and local leaders built on a solid foundation of clear and concise communication, collaboration, respect and trust.

With your vote this November, I will continue to serve by:

- Listening and being accessible and responsive to our citizens
- Maintaining a collaborative, engaging and transparent City Government
- Focusing on improvement, scalability and sustainability of Albany's infrastructure and vital public services for a safe community
- Engaging with elected officials, business leaders and nongovernmental organizations to ensure the diversity of ideas, culture, and community
- Supporting sustainable and environmentally and fiscally responsible housing solutions.
- Building consensus to ensure Albany continues to progress and recover during and after the COVID-19 pandemic
- Empowering professional staff in their development by welcoming new ideas and methods so we provide city services at the highest level
- Encouraging our youth to be more involved in civic activities and community

My wife and I are proud to have called Albany our home for nearly 30 years - this City means everything to us, and we know you feel the same. With your trust, support, and vote, we can make sure it stays this way. Join us at AlexForAlbanyOR.com.

(This information furnished by Alex Johnson II)



City of Albany Mayor

William Tally

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Chronology; Cupertino Hewlett-Packard facility where I utilized my chemistry knowledge and received an award for an improved product performance and yield of their Saphire-Substrate IC; 15 years at Corvallis HP working in Integrated circuit manufacturing and supply chain engineering; Two years in the United States Marine Corps. **Educational Background:** Graduate of San Jose State University, earning a BS Chemistry with Dean's list award, followed by courses in polymer chemistry **Prior Governmental Experience:** None

Community Service: Advocate for legislative changes over issues hindering the beautification of Albany and countless community volunteer hours.

Greetings Albany voters!

"My family and I have loved the beauty of Albany and that is why we have lived in this area for over 30 years. But sadly, we have seen the community decline this past two years with a rise in homelessness, crime and traffic due to uncontrolled housing growth. That is the reason I have decided to run for office. I will not be in the pockets of the developers and builders. Your vote for me is a to keep Albany livable and affordable!" William (Bill) Tally

"I have known William (Bill) Tally for several years and he is one of Albany's outstanding volunteers. Bill cares about Albany's attractiveness and livability.

I have great concern since I left the mayor role over the huge amount of housing and population growth. There has been more land annexed in for new development this past year, than I have seen in the past fifteen years. You have not seen the impacts yet and while growth does not pay for itself, we will all be stuck paying higher taxes and fees from the demand of more services. And also, with new school bonds.

Please join me in supporting Bill Tally for Mayor of Albany." Sharon Konopa, Former Mayor of Albany and City Councilor, 1997-2020.

(This information furnished by William Tally)





City of Albany City Council Ward 1-A

Steph Newton

Occupation: Small Business Owner - Marketing and Business Consulting

Occupational Background: Advisor and Consultant specializing in mid-size businesses

Educational Background: University of Utah, BS **Prior Governmental Experience:** Albany Community Development Commission; Linn County Emergency Food and Shelter Board; Albany Human Relations Commission (Chair); Disability Justice Caucus (Chair)

Prior Community Involvement: Albany Public Schools Foundation; Albany Carousel; Midsummer Arts Festival

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE FOR ALBANY

As a mother, wife, small business owner, and avid volunteer in our community — I care deeply about Albany and its future. It's more than a great city — it's my home. If elected, I will bring a much-needed voice for families — from parents to grandparents — and will bring a fresh perspective to the City Council.

"WE NEED COMMUNITY-FOCUSED ELECTED LEADERS:

Steph will bring her passion for inclusive community involvement, transparency in decision-making, and enthusiasm for sound public policy. We need her focus on community impact on the Albany City Council." -Sara Gelser Blouin, State Senator

Priorities:

• Affordable housing for all income levels. We need to consider young adults, families, and seniors on fixed incomes to solve our housing crisis.

• Our parks, libraries, recreational facilities, public services, and public safety are part of what makes Albany a great place to live and grow. I will protect what makes Albany special and work to increase access.

• Transportation, road improvements, safe sidewalks, bridges, and bike lanes. We all benefit from safe, alternative options for getting around town.

"Steph is dedicated to <u>ALL</u> members of our community. She knows how hard families work to provide for today and save for tomorrow. Her experience is critical to our long-term success." -Michael Thomson, GAPS Board Member

Congressman Peter DeFazio, Senator Sara Gelser Blouin, Albany Mayor Alex Johnson II, GAPS Board Member Michael Thomson, Xan Augerot, Benton County Commissioner, and many others urge you to vote for Steph Newton.

E-mail: <u>hello@stephnewton.com</u> Phone: (541)625-0181 https://www.stephnewton.com

(This information furnished by Friends of Stephanie Newton)



City of Albany City Council Ward 1-A

Greg Hamann

Occupation: Retired Occupational Background: Linn-Benton Community College President

Educational Background: University of Minnesota, BS; Trinity Seminary, MS; Gonzaga University, PhD

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission, 2021 – present; Oregon Quality Education Commission, 2013 – 2021; Oregon Reentry Council, 2010 – present

Greg is a Proven Collaborative Leader

As President of LBCC, Greg worked with leaders from business, government, and education to form partnerships that addressed our challenges and took advantage of the opportunities that we shared. He will bring this same collaborative energy and success to the Albany City Council.

Greg's Values Match Albany's Needs and Opportunities

Business and Economic Development

The health of our City is directly tied to the health of our Businesses, and Greg will work with our business community to help them thrive and grow, and create more good paying jobs.

Workforce Development

As our economy changes and grows, our current and future workers will need to gain new knowledge and skills, and Greg will work with our education partners to ensure that the education and training needed is available here in Albany.

Housing and Homelessness

Homelessness is a heartbreaking and complex matter that challenges so many of our communities, including ours. Greg will work to increase housing access and affordability, and he will work with community partners to address some of homelessness's other root causes.

Community Livability

Greg is a lover of Albany, committed to it being a great community for all to live, and thrive. He will work with all of us to ensure community safety, public services, quality parks and recreational facilities, and places for us to gather and enjoy our lives together.

"Greg has a proven record of bringing business, education, and government together to build real opportunities for our community" Will Tucker, Linn County Commissioner

"In guiding LBCC Greg showed impressive leadership skills at bringing diverse interests together to provide superior education."

Pat Malone, Benton County Commissioner

(This information furnished by Greg Hamann)

Ranked Choice Voting for Corvallis Mayor and Corvallis Ward 9 Councilor

The City of Corvallis has adopted the ranked choice voting method in elections for Mayor and City Council and for advisory questions.

Example Ranked Choice Ballot			
Rank candidates in order of preference. Mark only one choice per column.	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice
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Candidate B		\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Candidate C	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	

What is it? Ranked choice voting is a method that gives voters the ability to rank candidates in order of preference – 1st choice, 2nd choice, and 3rd choice.

When does it apply? In the 2022 Corvallis municipal general election, ranked choice voting will apply for the races with three or more candidates. Voters will use ranked choice voting for the Corvallis Mayor and Ward 9 City Councilor races. For all other Corvallis City races, voters will select one candidate.

For more information:

- Visit www.corvallisoregon.gov/elections
- Call 541-766-6900
- Email city.recorder@corvallisoregon.gov

(This information furnished by the City of Corvallis)



City of Corvallis Mayor

Charles Maughan

Occupation: Compliance Analyst, Oregon housing and Community Services

Occupational Background: Affordable Housing; Management; Accounting

Educational Background: Housing Compliance Certified Professional; HOME-ACE; Mental Health First Aid

Prior Governmental Experience: Corvallis City Councilor Ward 2 (2019-2022); Home Opportunity Planning & Equity Advisory Board Executive Committee (2019-Present); 1st Vice-Chair Benton County Democrats (2021-Present); 2nd Vice-Chair Benton County Democrats (2017-2019); South Corvallis Urban Renewal Agency Board Member (2020-2022) & Budget Committee Chair (2022); City Council Liaison to the Kings Legacy Advisory Board; the Sustainability Coalition & Downtown Corvallis Association

Your 1st choice for Mayor

Community

For almost a decade, Charles has worked with the people of Corvallis to bring awareness to issues affecting our community, and to foster civic involvement.

As mayor, he will hold regular neighborhood forums to hear your ideas and concerns.

He will work to ensure that together we build a prosperous Corvallis.

<u>Livability</u>

Charles understands that the needs of business owners, students, and community members must be addressed by providing opportunities for ALL to prosper. He knows that we must provide affordable housing for all people to create a more inclusive Corvallis.

Homelessness is a multifaceted issue. Our community needs not just emergency shelters, but also additional transitional and permanent supportive housing.

<u>Sustainability</u>

Charles led the charge to have the Corvallis city government operate on 100% renewable energy 8 years ahead of its 2030 goal. He knows climate action is urgent and necessary and, as mayor, Charles will ensure Corvallis continues as a statewide leader in combating the climate crisis.

Not Me Us!

Endorsements

Xan Augerot, Benton County Commissioner; Gabe Shepherd, Corvallis City Councilor; Sarah Finger McDonald, Corvallis School Board Chair; Vince Adams, Corvallis School Board; Travis Nelson, State Representative; Jessica Andrade, Philomath City Councilor; James Winther, Monroe City Councilor; Mark Gamba, Mayor of Milwaukie; Benton County Democrats; Oregon League of Conservation Voters; Sunrise Corvallis; Our Revolution - Corvallis Allies

Please visit maughan4mayor.com for policies and more endorsements:

(This information furnished by Maughan for Mayor)





City of Corvallis Mayor

Andrew Struthers

Occupation: Information Technology Consultant, OSU; Corvallis City Councilor and Council Vice-President; Chair, Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board

Occupational Background: N/A

Educational Background: BS in both Finance and Business Information Systems; OSU

Prior Governmental Experience: League of Oregon Cities Policy Committees; Corvallis Legislative Committee; Chair Corvallis Ad-Hoc Committee on Charter Review and Advisory Board Restructuring; City Council Liaison to Corvallis Chamber of Commerce, Corvallis Planning Commission and Economic Development Coalition, Citizen Member of Corvallis Budget Commission, and ASOSU President

Other Activities: SEIU 503 Sub-local 083 Union Member

Elect Andrew Struthers Mayor of Corvallis

As a working parent and Mayor, I will work with our regional and state partners to address major issues facing our community. I will work to maintain what we enjoy about Corvallis, while focusing on the changes that are needed. My priorities are:

Making more housing affordable and available

Working to increase shelter capacity for the most vulnerable in our community and to increase overall housing supply.

Strengthening our local economy

Supporting local businesses and our downtown, increasing shopping opportunities for families, keeping jobs here, and creating new ones.

Ensuring a transportation system that works for all

Working for safer streets for pedestrians and bicyclers, improving our roadways for all users, and addressing significant impact areas.

Doing more, effectively, about climate change

Addressing our environmental impact to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, adding solar to city facilities, and providing resources for improving community impact.

We Support Andrew Struthers for Mayor

Benton County Commissioners: Nancy Wyse and Pat Malone Mayors: Biff Traber, Corvallis; Alex Johnson II, Albany; and Dan Sheets, Monroe Corvallis City Councilors: Jan Napack; Laurie Chaplen; and Tracey Yee Philomath City Councilor, Matt Lehman Corvallis School Board Member, Dr. Sami Al-Abdrabbuh Julie Manning, former Corvallis Mayor Penny York, former Corvallis City Councilor Benton County Democrats Willamette Association of Realtors

Elect Andrew Struthers Mayor of Corvallis

Learn more at: <u>www.struthersforcorvallis.com</u>

(This information furnished by Committee to Elect Struthers)



City of Corvallis Mayor

Roen Hogg

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Project Manager, Oregon Employment Department; Software Release Manager, Hewlett Packard; System Analyst, Oregon State University Educational Background: Montana State University, MS Prior Governmental Experience: Corvallis City Council

I have lived in Corvallis for 29 years and served eight

years on the City Council. To help those experiencing homelessness, I worked with community members to locate the Corvallis Men's Shelter.

As a councilor, I collaborated with Oregon State University to address neighborhood livability issues. I worked with the fire department, 911 dispatch center and police to improve public safety.

I supported the Majestic Theatre, Aquatic Center, library, and city parks.

Good outcomes require different perspectives. I will appoint people with diverse viewpoints. I will start a "Walk with the Mayor" initiative where everyone can meet the mayor and share ideas on a walk around their neighborhood.

The pandemic made us realize our dependency on one another. We need to address climate change, mental health resources, and affordable housing.

This I believe: Overall the city is doing well. Corvallis has sound finances, good infrastructure, and good livability.

But there are land use changes people are unaware of. There is less public input on annexation and zoning. People are losing a say in what happens to their neighborhoods. The issue now is to sustain the livability the community has come to expect.

I'm running for mayor to help keep Corvallis a great place to live, work and raise a family.

We support Roen! Your full-time Mayor.

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(This information furnished by Roen Hogg)



City of Corvallis City Council Ward 1

Jan Napack

Occupation: Retired; current Corvallis City Councilor - Ward 1 **Occupational Background:** Environmental Researcher (Forest Products Industry), Small Business Owner (RedESupply), Engineer (Hewlett-Packard)

Educational Background: BS and MS (Chemistry), Oregon State University

Prior Governmental Experience: Corvallis City Council (2019present); Benton County Environmental Issues Advisory Committee

Committees and Commissions:

- Budget Commission
- Cascades West Advisory Committee on Transportation (CWACT)
- City Charter Review Committee
- Housing, Opportunity, Planning and Equity (HOPE) Executive Board
- Social Services Policy Committee

Past Liaison to:

- Historic Resources Commission
- Housing and Community Development Advisory Board
- Parks, Natural Areas and Recreation Advisory Board
- Watershed Management Advisory Board

Community Service: Neighborhood Preparedness Committee, Benton County Amateur Radio Emergency Services; past member Marys Peak Search and Rescue, past Treasurer of various non-profit boards.

Issues: Corvallis is facing difficult challenges at this time as a result of housing shortages, global economics, environmental shifts, and social inequities. Despite these disruptions management of municipal services, forging balanced budgets, and supporting commerce remain crucial underlying functions. My aim is to strengthen the City's ability to implement community development, well-managed growth, and operational efficiency. In doing so we must collectively earn and maintain the support of Corvallis citizens. The City and community have responded to these many challenges with innovation and engagement.

Focus On:

- · Affordability, livability, and quality of life
- Business and Enterprise
- Collaboration between government and NGO entities
- · Data driven, sensible, and measurable policies
- Governance of Corvallis as the primary purpose and scope of the Council
- Preservation and protection of parks and natural areas
- Public Safety and Disaster Resilience
- Respect for all ideas, concerns, lifestyles and social values

My Pledge to You: I will work with my fellow Councilors to understand the facts, to seek defined and measurable outcomes, to think critically and creatively, and advocate for the course of action that addresses our best interests, vision and goals.

I ASK FOR YOUR VOTE AND YOUR TRUST

For more information visit jannapack.com; email jannapackforward1@gmail.com



City of Corvallis City Council Ward 2

Christina Jancila

Occupation: Business owner, Property owner **Occupational Background:** Business, Social Work specializing in homelessness, New Home Construction

Educational Background: Phoenix College AAS degree in Evidence Technology; Arizona State University BS degree in Justice Studies; Arizona State University MSW degree in Social Work

Prior Governmental Experience: H.O.P.E. Executive Committee - Business Representative 2019-2021 (term limits)

Ward 2 continues to sustain collateral damage from the Covid-19 pandemic. The permanent closure of businesses, the collapse of the Downtown Corvallis Association, and the Downtown Advisory Board, pop-up encampments, sluggish economic vitality, livability concerns, more importantly the decline in representation/leadership in **Ward 2**.

Over the past few years, I have seen the undesirable effects to our community with concerns about livability and vitality for everyone who live, work, and play in **Ward 2**. Like many of you, I love the beauty and the close-knit community of Corvallis, however, it breaks my heart to see our concerns go down the drain.

What I will do for you

As your City Councilor, I will re-energize **Ward 2** to be a community where **WE** can all thrive. Encourage and collaborate with innovative local entrepreneurs to strengthen/enhance downtown with support from Corvallis Chamber of Commerce. Support fiscal responsibility. Solidly represent all residents and businesses so we do not get stuck footing the bill for policies that do nothing to contribute to the livability of our neighborhood. I will support social programs with **PROVEN** results in the spirit of cooperation and collaboration instead of toxic narratives that only divide communities.

Ineffective programs, wasting of tax dollars, absent leadership are examples of how policies are failing **Ward 2**. As your City Councilor, I will tackle all the issues that plague Corvallis. **WE** will do better.

A thriving downtown is a thriving Corvallis. As your newly appointed interim City Councilor, my aim is to champion diversity, revive livability, and reinvigorate affordable living options.

Everybody Matters!

Endorsement: City Councilor Jan Napack Ward 1

(This information furnished by Christina Jancila)

(This information furnished by Jan Napack)



City of Corvallis City Council Ward 2

Briae Lewis

Occupation: aHope, Inc Residential Support Professional **Occupational Background:** Preschool Teacher: The Robin's Nest, OR; Daycare Professional: Child Development Center, Fort Meade Base, MD

Educational Background: Studied Child Psychology, Social Work, Criminal Justice/ Psychology at Mount Saint Mary's University, Montgomery County Community College, Colorado Technical University

Prior Governmental Experience: Co-Chair: Home, Opportunity, Planning and Equity (HOPE) Advisory Board of Benton County/ Corvallis; Precinct Committee Person: Benton County Democrats

After losing her mother to cancer in 2008, Briae discovered how thin the line is between stability and homelessness. She worked to regain her footing while studying pediatric nursing, moving from Maryland to Corvallis in 2019. The next year, COVID hit. She knew then she wanted to run for public office, where she could work for structural solutions.

<u>Economic Development</u> - Urban renewal is a crucial tool for any growing community. Revisiting the Refinement Plan, reviewing its policies and projects, and updating the issues of today will ensure the healthy growth of the city's heart and soul.

<u>Housing</u> - We need short- and long-term solutions to meet the needs of our entire community, providing cleanliness, safety, essentials and opportunities for people experiencing homelessness. She has the insight to make real change.

<u>Transportation</u> - Public Transit is a crucial service for hardworking people throughout Corvallis. Let's collaborate to add driver capacity, especially lines 1, 7 and 9—currently running only once an hour—can better serve our growing community.

<u>Climate Change</u> - We need leadership, and Corvallis can set that example. Briae will work to level-up our use of renewable resources, further incentivize recycling, improve home energy efficiency, and strengthen the green grants program.

She has the grit, experience, and perspective to lead and support our community on these issues and more. <u>We need her on City Council.</u>

Endorsements

Xan Augerot, Benton County Commissioner Charles Maughan, Former Ward 2 Corvallis City Councilor Gabriel Shepherd, Corvallis City Councilor Vincent Adams, Corvallis School Board Oregon League of Conservation Voters Benton County Democrats

(This information furnished by Briae Lewis)



City of Corvallis City Council Ward 3

Hyatt Lytle

Occupation: CASA-Voices for Children Support Specialist Occupational Background: Research; Mental Health Counseling; Criminal Justice Practitioner; Business Management Educational Background: Walden, M.S. Mental Health Counseling; WOU, M.A. & B.S. Criminal Justice; Linn-Benton A.A.O.T, A.A.S. Criminal Justice; Corvallis Highschool Prior Governmental Experience: Ward 3 Councilor 2017-Current; Council President 2019-Current; Council VP 2019

Boards/Committees service during current term: 911 Executive; Budget; City Legislative; Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Task Force (Chair); Police-Review; Imagine Corvallis Action Network; ODOT 99W South Corvallis Facility Planning; South Corvallis Houselessness; South Corvallis Urban-Renewal Agency (Chair); South Corvallis Specific Area Plan; Willamette Criminal Justice (Lay-Committee Chair); WCJC Mental Health Subcommittee

Re-Electing Councilor Lytle: Leadership, Inclusion & Transparency

As Corvallis proceeds into the 2023-24 Council term, our city will continue to face challenges through these unprecedented times. Continuing to strengthen the connection between government and community is integral. Citizens have reasonable expectations of safety and wellbeing and awareness to upcoming issues. As your Councilor, my duty is to guide that awareness and foster inclusion and transparency in our community.

Citizen Engagement- The pandemic has been difficult for many. I commit to regular Councilor Reports; providing position pieces of controversial decisions to Ward 3; ward meetings & an open-door policy for <u>all</u> constituents.

Community Health, Resiliency & Public Safety- Access to Social Services for all; Community Policing; Emergency Planning/ Resiliency

Housing for All- Long-term planning and proactive solutions for Affordable-Housing & Houselessness

Vision- Implementing Corvallis's 2040 Vision; Climate Action & <u>access</u> to sustainability; Economic vitality; & long-range planning

South Corvallis- Promoting vitality of our unique South Corvallis culture. As Urban-Renewal Agency Chair, I will advocate for what **WE** envision: Affordable-Housing, commercial, mixed-use neighborhoods, beautification, a safe 99corridor, our Mill Race/Greenways & protecting existing businesses.

Endorsements:

Xan Augerot, Benton County Commissioner Nancy Wyse, Benton County Commissioner Jan Napack, Corvallis City Council, Ward 1 Laurie Chaplen, Ward 6 Councilor Tracey Yee, Corvallis City Council, Ward 8 Oregon League of Conservation Voters

(This information furnished by Lytle Forward3)



City of Corvallis City Council

Ward 4

Gabe Shepherd

Occupation: Deputy City Clerk, City of Albany **Occupational Background:** Industrial Engineering; Data Management

Educational Background: HBS Industrial Engineering (2018), Oregon State University

Prior Governmental Experience: Corvallis City Councilor, Ward 4; Corvallis Budget Commissioner; Volunteer Aide for the Corvallis City Legislative Committee; Minutes Recorder for Corvallis, Albany, and Newport

I have served as Ward 4 City Councilor for two years now and have accomplished much in that time:

- I proposed the City of Corvallis use rank choice voting to conduct its elections. This passed and has been implemented for this November's elections.
- I voted to implement a Green Grant program, usher the municipal government towards 100% renewable energy, expand the Climate Action Revolving Loan Fund, and develop a Home Energy Score program.
- I voted to annex land that will be used to ease the housing shortage and to change the development code to allow for a more efficient use of Corvallis' buildable lands.

In a second term, I would continue to focus on <u>Social Justice</u> and Inclusion, <u>Climate Action</u>, and <u>Housing and</u> <u>Planning</u>.

- I will continue to push for increased mental health services, support a regional bias response initiative, and work to lower the social and economic barriers to serving Corvallis on boards, commissions, and council.
- I will continue to be a voice for practical and immediate climate action, encourage investments in green energy and technology, work to implement a stop on polystyrene containers, and advocate for our city's greenspaces.
- I will continue to support housing initiatives for the unhoused, increase bicycle and pedestrian road safety, and encourage increased housing density while preserving existing neighborhoods.

Once more, I intend to work hard for the residents of Ward 4 and all of Corvallis. I will continue to serve in this office with integrity.

Endorsements

Oregon League of Conservation Voters Benton County Democrats

(This information furnished by Friends of Gabe Shepherd)



City of Corvallis City Council Ward 5

Charlyn Ellis

Occupation: High School English teacher Occupational Background: Twenty five years with 509j Educational Background: BA in English and history, University of New Hampshire; MA in American history, University of New Hampshire; MAT, Lewis and Clark College Prior Governmental Experience: Community Relations Advisory Group, Neighborhood Livability Workgroup for the Corvallis/OSU Collaboration, City Council 2016-22, Climate Action Advisory Board (chair), liaison to Bike/Ped Board, Mixed Use Departmental Advisory Board

Birthplace: Haverhill, MA

Other Experience: Citizens for Livable Corvallis; Building Rep, Corvallis Education Association; League of Women Voters; Corvallis resident since 1996

Charlyn Ellis for City Council Ward 5

As your city councilor, I will work for change based upon the following principles:

Everyone deserves a **safe place to sleep**. No one's economic status or location in town should alter this fact. This includes long-term residents just looking for a quiet night's rest, renters searching for affordable housing that's not dangerous to live in, and the homeless who need a place out of the rain.

Corvallis is a **city with a university**, not the other way around. Our choices must benefit and support **all** the residents of Corvallis.

Climate Change is having a profound impact on our lives. We need to work as a community to make significant changes to our lifestyles and our infrastructure to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

We need to be proactive, not reactive, in our decisions. This means having the complex and difficult conversations about what we want our community to look like, and how to adjust our ordinances, land use code, and finances to support this vision.

As Ward 5 councilor, I will strive to represent the diverse voices and opinions reflected in our neighborhoods. I will listen to concerns, help residents locate resources within the city, foster open communication, and advocate for our ward.

(This information furnished by Charlyn Ellis)



City of Corvallis City Council Ward 6

Laurie Chaplen

Occupation: Data Analyst, Community Services Consortium **Occupational Background:** Systems Analyst for Samaritan, 14 years

Educational Background: University of Oregon, Bachelor Science

Prior Governmental Experience: Current Corvallis City Councilor Ward 6, January 2020-Present

Other Activities – County Certified Emergency Response Team & Linn Benton Beekeeper's Association; raised 2 children in Corvallis

Why am I running again?

I'd be honored to continue to serve Corvallis as your Council representative. In my first term on the Council, I have gained valuable experience that will assist the community and City as we head into the next two years. I'm engaged in City issues and processes and with elected officials and staff on the current and future important decisions on a myriad of topics. Among them are homelessness, city wide facilities, transportation and state mandates and economic pressures and adjustments for climate.

• Employment: Increase the diversity of our economy and foster new business.

• Homelessness: Homelessness is a challenging issue. I view as an opportunity for current stakeholders and new stakeholders for creative and sustaining solutions to enhance the safety of those unhoused and the community.

• Safety: A diversity of safe transportation modes (roads, walking and bike paths). I support balanced fire and safety services and the expansion of the Police crisis team (CORE) to 24x7. I support bolstering emergency preparedness plans city-wide.

• Environmental Responsibility: Conserve resources, minimize waste and further improve the air/water and environment in the city. I am a certified Master Recycler and a member and prior board member of the Linn Benton Beekeeper's association. From these experiences I see opportunities to improve our environment.

As a City Councilor, my only desire is to continue to serve you the citizens of Ward 6 the City of Corvallis. My commitment to maintaining effective communication with Ward 6 and ensure my voice speaks for YOU by electing me for the 2023-2025 term. LaurieChaplenforcitycouncil@gmail.com

Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/lauriechaplen.corvalliswardsix.1

Endorsed by Nancy Wyse, Benton County Commissioner

(This information furnished by Laurie Chaplen)



City of Corvallis City Council Ward 7

Paul W Shaffer

Occupation: Retired, State of Oregon **Occupational Background:** Corvallis City Councilor; technical/policy analyst, Oregon Department of Energy; research scientist, Dynamac Corporation (US EPA contractor); high school and USSF soccer referee; Robotics Coach at Corvallis HS

Educational Background: Michigan State University - BS (Biology), MS (Fisheries and Wildlife); University of Virginia - graduate research, Environmental Sciences; Western Oregon University - Teacher Education Program

Prior Governmental Experience: Corvallis City Councilor, Ward 7; Corvallis Budget Commission; Oregon Dept of Energy (technical/policy analyst); Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board (staff support); State of Oregon representative (and chair) of Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council

Corvallis faces challenges on many issues such as tight budgets, lack of (affordable) housing, homelessness, growth and livability, aging infrastructure, and protecting the environment. As your City Councilor, I work to maintain our strengths (such as our library, parks, city services, exceptional police and fire departments) while addressing the challenges. If re-elected, I will continue that work. I have broad experience that supports my work as a Councilor:

- As an incumbent Councilor, I am intimately familiar with the issues, processes and personalities of Corvallis government. I communicate routinely with ward residents and work hard to help resolve resident questions and concerns.
- I am experienced in working with and understanding complex information, understanding the socio-political implications of information, and in communicating in a way the public can understand.
- I have experience working on contentious issues, often with individuals and/or groups that have widely divergent, sometimes incompatible values and positions, striving to find common ground and build consensus.

My only ambition as a councilor is to continue to serve the citizens of the 7th Ward and the City of Corvallis.

Endorsed by: Oregon League of Conservation Voters; Benton County Democrats

Thank you for your support. Please vote.

(This information furnished by Paul W Shaffer)



City of Corvallis City Council Ward 8

Tracey Yee

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Human Resources Administration, 12.5 years at OSU; Manufacturing Operations, 15 years at HP; Social Service, 5 years at Community Services Consortium and Community Outreach, Inc.

Educational Background: Michigan State University, BA Social Science

Prior Governmental Experience: Corvallis City Council Ward 8, 2021-Present; Benton County Democrats Precinct Committee Person Precinct 8, 2012-Present, Treasurer – 2016-2017; City of Corvallis – Member, Community

Relations Advisory Group – 2014-2015; Chair, Community Involvement and Diversity Advisory Board – 2016-2019

Candidate Statement:

As a long-term resident of Corvallis and Ward 8, I am deeply invested in our city and our community. This is a time when we face many critical issues that require hard work such as addressing affordable housing; improving transportation safety for cyclists, pedestrians, and cars; and encouraging economic development in our downtown area. There must be collaboration between the city, other public and private entities, community members, and organized groups to create lasting solutions. I will work hard to develop these partnerships that lead to success while representing the voices of Ward 8 residents as 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 learned we must increase community involvement in city strategies and processes. All sides of an issue must be considered and supported with data to create good government policy. It is critically important to remove barriers to public participation in city initiatives that will increase community involvement. This is how diverse voices will be heard.

As Ward 8's City Councilor, I will listen to your concerns and make informed decisions that promote a vital future for this city. I am excited to put my administrative skills and experience to work, with the context and knowledge that will serve the people of Ward 8 well if I am fortunate enough to be re-elected. Thank you for your vote!

(This information furnished by Tracey Yee)



City of Corvallis

City Council Ward 9

Cliff Feldman

Occupation: Retired Occupational Background: Advertising Agency owner Educational Background: University of Arizona Prior Governmental Experience: None

Since there were no candidates running for Council from our Ward, I was concerned. I'm now one of three candidates who qualified. Let me explain why I'm the best one.

My wife and I have lived in Ward 9 for over 8 years. We walk our dog every morning and witness drivers speeding to the hospital, speeding past Wilson school, speeding up and down Walnut. Where's the traffic enforcement?

We observe kids going to school, bike riders, neighbors strolling, parents taking children to the parks, and watch cars speed by and run red lights every day.

The city can do a better job ensuring our safety.

With a daughter and grandson in town, affordable housing is an issue for our family too. Local government must look for housing solutions for all income levels, including safe, stable shelter for homeless persons.

OSU, Corvallis Schools, and the County added renewable energy sources over the past few years. The City has not. I'm keenly aware that everyone in **every** city needs to think and act with sustainability in mind, including City government.

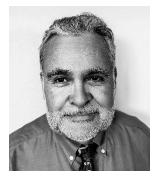
Corvallis needs affordable, clean energy solutions.

I owned an advertising agency for 36 years. I had to collaborate with many players to find creative solutions for a variety of clientele and their goals. Collaboration during five years on the Board of Timberhill Tennis Club resulted in saving tens of thousands of dollars in annual energy costs.

I volunteer for the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, public radio KORC, the Majestic Theater and I served four years as the chair of a non-profit. Being a team player is what I do best. I strive to be better at everything I do. I'd like Corvallis to be better at everything it does.

We can do better. Elect me to City Council and we will be.

(This information furnished by Cliff Feldman)



City of Corvallis City Council

Tony Cadena

Ward 9

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Contributing Associate Professor, Willamette University, Atkinson Graduate School of Management; Management Consultant, TC Consulting, LLC;

Chief Financial Officer, ViewPlus Technologies, Inc.; Finance and Operations Senior Executive, Hewlett-Packard

Educational Background: Stanford University, MBA; Stanford University, BA Economics and Psychology

Prior Governmental Experience: NW (Portland) District Neighborhood Association, (Treasurer); Mayor's NW District Parking Stakeholder Advisory Committee (Portland); Palo Verde School Site Council (Palo Alto, CA). Nonprofits with Government engagement: The Arts Center (Treasurer), The Children's Book Bank (Board Chair)

A Corvallis resident since 1995 (with two work-related relocations to Portland, totaling 9 years), I have strong ties to our community. My two daughters attended Corvallis Public Schools.

Leaving HP in 2007, I worked with small businesses and was also a Management Professor at Willamette University for 12 years, retiring in December 2021. I have extensive nonprofit experience, serving on multiple boards.

I want to represent and serve both Ward 9 and the people of Corvallis. I will listen well, work cooperatively, learn more about our diverse community, and make well-reasoned informed decisions, grounded in attaining our desired outcomes. Areas of focus include, but are not limited to:

- Affordable housing. Increase housing for those who live, work, or do business in Corvallis.
- Economic vitality and sustainability. Enable new and existing business growth for long-term sustainable vibrancy.
- Livability. Strengthen Corvallis as an attractive place to live, addressing issues of parking, responsible development, noise, etc., while honoring our past and planning for our future.

With a long successful career in business, higher education, and nonprofits, I will apply my extensive experience for the continued improvement of our city. I bring attentive listening, seasoned diverse experience, and a collaborative pragmatic approach.

Endorsements

Sam Stern, Professor and Dean Emeritus, College of Education, OSU

Beth Rietveld, OSU (retired)

(This information furnished by Tony Cadena)



City of Corvallis City Council Ward 9

Nyssa Towsley

Occupation: Research Administrator **Occupational Background:** Research Administration; Political Activism

Educational Background: Johns Hopkins University, MS -Research Administration; University of Minnesota, BA - Political Science

Prior Governmental Experience: None

There are many challenges and opportunities facing Corvallis. My top priorities as City Councilor would include:

- Compassionate solutions for the unhoused
- Affordable housing for both renters and home-buyers
- Expanding public transportation infrastructure and service
- Doing our part to fight climate change through solutions that involve individuals, businesses, and local government
- Ensuring diversity, equity, and inclusion are at the forefront of the council's actions and decision-making processes

As Councilor, my approach to governance would include:

Bringing together key stakeholders to solve the complex problems facing our communities. This means looking at the table and seeing who's not present who should be present. This means being proactive in seeking out and involving members of our most underserved communities in our decision-making processes. Failure to consult relevant affected communities in decision-making processes results in disparate impacts on our most vulnerable community members.

Building relationships with internal and external partners to find creative solutions for our communities' needs. Addressing our community's challenges will require partnerships with experts, business owners, local government, and the community at large. I believe it is important for elected officials to have the humility to know when they do not have the expertise or experience to solve a problem on their own, and to be willing to invite experts to fill in our knowledge gaps.

Ensuring transparency and accountability in government and business decisions made locally. When there is a lack of transparency in decision-making processes, there can be no accountability for the decisions made. As Councilor, I would commit to making government processes as transparent and accessible as possible.

Endorsed by: Oregon League of Conservation Voters

(This information furnished by Nyssa Towsley)



City of Monroe Mayor

Daniel Sheets

Occupation: Information Technology Manager, Consultant **Occupational Background:** Over 20 years of high-tech industry experience

Educational Background: Ashford University, Bachelor of Arts, Journalism & Mass Communication

Prior Governmental Experience: City of Monroe, Mayor, 2021-Present; City of Monroe, Chair, Economic Development Committee, 2021-Present; City of Monroe, Chair, Monroe Festival Committee, 2019-Present; City of Monroe, Vice Chair, Planning Commission, 2018-2020; City of Monroe, Commissioner, Planning Commission, 2013-2020; City of Monroe, Secretary, Budget Committee, 2018-2020

Volunteer Activities: Business Association of Monroe, Executive Director, 2019-Present; Tri-County Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors, 2019-Present.

Awards & Honors: Tri-County Chamber of Commerce, Monroe's 2021 & 2019 Outstanding Service Award; Ashford University, 2012 Graduate with Summa Cum Laude Honors.

Accomplishments:

- Approved and signed new law enforcement agreement with Benton County Sheriff's Office.
- Achieved completion of Safe Routes to School crosswalk and path to Monroe Grade School.
- Implemented plan to make \$300,000 in immediate repairs to the water plant.
- Completed Monroe's first economic development plan.
- Maintained conversations with federal and state legislators on funding for long-term infrastructure projects.
- Prioritized fiscal accountability by establishing a balanced budget and streamlining the City's accounting process.
- Maximized transparency and opportunities for public input with meetings available in-person and via Zoom.

Goals:

- Plan, Fund & Maintain Infrastructure
- Foster Economic Development & Growth
- Emergency Preparedness, Disaster Recovery & Resilience
- Be Stewards of Good Financial Planning & Spending
- Engage & Celebrate Our Community

Vision: As Mayor, I will continue our progress made over the past two years. Re-election will enable me to continue leading Monroe's development into the great place our community wants to raise a family, enjoy a safe, relaxing walk with our kids, develop businesses for locals and visitors to shop and gather. Re-elect me as Mayor, so we can continue to build a better Monroe together!

More information about my campaign and endorsements can be found here: <u>www.danieljsheets.com</u>

Vote to Re-elect Daniel Sheets for Mayor of Monroe

(This information furnished by Daniel Sheets)



City of Monroe City Council

Jeanni Cuthbertson

Occupation: Business Owner, Floral Designer, and Aspiring Flower Farmer

Occupational Background: Over 20 years of experience in floral design for weddings and special events

Educational Background: High School Graduate; North Idaho College, 1 Year of General Studies

Prior Governmental Experience: City of Monroe, Council President, 2021-Present; City of Monroe, City Councilor, 2016-Present; Chair, Parks Committee, 2021-Present; Member, Budget Committee 2016-Present; Member, Ordinance Committee, 2018-Present; Chair, Public Works Committee, 2018-2020

Volunteer Activities: Chair, Business Association of Monroe, 2021-Present; Board Member, Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments, 2018-2020. Past Day Camp Director OTC BSA, Past Scouting for food Chair OTC BSA. Past Trailblazers assistant for special needs teens.

Important Areas of Focus:

- Plan, Fund & Maintain Infrastructure: Plan to fund and fix drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater for long-term growth.
- Foster Economic Development & Growth: Work to attract new and support existing businesses.
- Emergency Preparedness, Disaster Recovery & Resilience: Create disaster recovery and resilience plan.
- Be Stewards of Good Financial Planning & Spending: Be fiscally responsible; plan and spend public funds with maximize transparency.
- Engage & Celebrate Our Community: Ongoing community engagement; celebrate our community with events.

I have enjoyed serving Monroe for the past few years. We have a wonderful community with amazing neighbors. We have great businesses, artists, and entrepreneurs.

We have challenges with our water and infrastructure and have had some growing pains. We are learning as we grow.

I look forward to staying focused on the basic needs of our community and am excited to see us all move forward in a positive way.

Additional information www.jeannicuthbertson.com

Vote to Re-elect Jeanni Cuthbertson for City Councilor of Monroe

(This information furnished by Jeanni Cuthbertson)



City of Monroe City Council

Nicole Knott

Occupation: Project Manager, Electrical & Plumbing Construction

Occupational Background: 8 years of construction industry experience

Educational Background: Oregon State University, Bachelor of Science, Construction Engineering Management

Prior Governmental Experience: City of Monroe, Councilor, 2021-Present; City of Monroe, Chair, Community Engagement, 2021-Present; City of Monroe, Chair, Beautification Committee, 2021-Present

Volunteer Activities: City of Monroe, Community Garden Project, 2021-Present; City of Monroe, Community Clean-up Day, 2022; City of Monroe, Monroe Festival Trolley Tour Guide, 2022; Foster Parent, Heartland Humane Society, 2020

Awards & Honors: Oregon State University, Honor Roll, 2014-2018.

Accomplishments:

- Collaborated on the construction of the new City Park's Community Garden with the Community Engagement Subcommittee.
- Partnered with South Benton Food Pantry to organize and collect Monroe Food Drive in the month of November.
- Adopted balanced budgets in fiscal years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 with no utility increases as recommended by the Budget Committee.
- Organized and hosted the second city-sponsored outdoor event, the Halloween Spooktacular, since the pandemic began.
- Approved a new law enforcement agreement with Benton County's Office to provide community policing, a consistent law enforcement presence, responsiveness, communication, and consistent reporting.

Goals:

- Plan, Fund & Maintain Infrastructure
- Foster Economic Development & Growth
- Be Stewards of Good Financial Planning & Spending
- Engage & Celebrate Our Community
- Be Proactive in Planning & Managing for Growth

Vision: As Councilor, I will continue working towards improving food security for all residents of this community. Re-election will allow me to pursue fresh ways to engage with the community and improve the town we have all come to love as a place to raise children and get away from the noise of the cities. Re-elect me as City Councilor and allow me the privilege to serve you.

More information about my campaign and endorsements can be found here: www.nicoleknott.com

Vote to Re-elect Nicole Knott for City Councilor of Monroe

(This information furnished by Nicole Knott)



City of Monroe City Council

Tony Baker

Occupation: Retired; Business Owner, Victorian Pantry **Occupational Background:** 30 years of law enforcement experience, City of Eugene; 10 years of security experience, U.S. Marshals Service

Educational Background: Northwest Christian College, Bachelor of Arts, Management

Prior Governmental Experience: City of Monroe, City Councilor, 1997-2000 and 2020-Present; City of Monroe, Chair, Public Works Committee, 2021-Present

Volunteer Activities: Fern Ridge Community Dinner, 2022-Present; Executive Pastor, Encounter Church, Elmira, OR, 2022-Present; Encounter Church, Develop & Teach Disciple Training Class, 2021-Present.

Awards & Honors: Benton County, Cultural Preservation Service Award, 1999; City of Eugene, Distinguished Service Award, 2006; City of Eugene, Class 2 Accommodation, 1995; City of Eugene, Class 3 Accommodation, 2004.

Accomplishments:

- Approved new law enforcement agreement with Benton County Sheriff's Office.
- Awarded \$20,000 SIPP grant to develop plan to assist in remediating City water's DBP issue.
- Initiated engineering study to identify solutions and costs to eliminate DBPs in water system.
- Implemented plan to make \$300,000 in immediate repairs to the water plant.
- Approved Monroe's Riverside District Master plan.
- Completed Monroe's first economic development plan.
- Prioritized fiscal accountability by establishing a balanced budget and streamlining the City's accounting process.
- Maximized transparency and opportunities for public input with meetings available in-person and via Zoom.

Goals:

- Plan, Fund & Maintain Infrastructure
- Foster Economic Development & Growth
- Emergency Preparedness, Disaster Recovery & Resilience
- Be Stewards of Good Financial Planning & Spending
- Engage & Celebrate Our Community
- Develop Opportunities for Commercial Businesses

Vision: As City Councilor, I will continue to promote the momentum made over the last two years and accomplish more goals that serve both residents of Monroe and businesses that provide livability to our community. Re-elect me as City Councilor, I'll also promote a healthier and cleaner City of Monroe that enhances our small town atmosphere.

More information about my campaign and endorsements can be found here: <u>www.tonybaker.com</u>

Vote to Re-elect Tony Baker for City Councilor of Monroe

(This information furnished by Tony Baker)



City of Philomath

Mayor

Chas Jones

Occupation: Climate Resilience Program Director, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

Occupational Background: Research; Environmental consultant; Tribal Liaison

Educational Background: Hydrology, PhD; Environmental Science & Policy, MS; Biology, BS; Tribal Relations

Prior Governmental Experience: Liaison between federal, state, and tribal governments; Philomath Mayor & City Councilor (Finance-Administration, Public Works, Budget, and Inclusivity Committees); Oregon Cascade West Council of Governments (Executive and Finance Committees; Board of Directors); Benton County Budget Committee

MY VISION

As a community-minded scientist, I strategically use planning to encourage a vibrant Philomath, with a bustling local economy and welcoming downtown gathering places for everyone. Future developments and growth should make Philomath stronger & more prosperous, without sacrificing long-term liabilities for short-term growth.

MY PRIORITIES

- Affordable housing & building community: Promoting a sense of community and a high quality of life for all.
- Economic development & local businesses: Using strategic innovation to strengthen Philomath's local economy.
- Celebrating our history, culture, & diversity: Promoting Philomath as a rural, vibrant timber town that celebrates diversity and is safe for everyone.
- Public health & environment: Balancing growth with a focus on public health, open space, and a healthy environment.
- Fiscal responsibility: Moving important projects forward, while balancing the City's needs and financial obligations with an adaptive governance.
- Prosperity & security: Ensuring Philomath residents feel welcome, safe, valued, and dignified, while connecting underserved populations to essential services.
- Inclusive governance: Maximizing government transparency and accessibility to elected officials
- *Public safety:* Providing a safe, fair, and equitable space for Philomath residents.

LET'S BUILD UNITY THROUGH COMMUNITY: WORKING TOWARDS A MORE PROSPEROUS PHILOMATH. RE-ELECT CHAS JONES FOR MAYOR

Visit <u>chasjones.com</u> to read more about me, my endorsements, and candidates that I believe can best work in partnership in serving Philomath. <u>www.facebook.com/ElectChasJones</u>

ENDORSEMENTS

Dan Rayfield, Oregon House of Representatives Speaker Pat Malone, Benton County Commissioner Nancy Wyse, Benton County Commissioner Xan Augerot, Benton County Commissioner



City of Philomath Mayor

Lawrence E Johnson

Occupation: Lawyer Occupational Background: Lawyer; CPA; Small Farm owner; Adjunct professor at OSU, EOSU, SWCC Educational Background: JD; Loyola Law School CA; BBA

Loyola University CA

Prior Governmental Experience: US. Naval Reserve; Imbler, OR Budget committee person; former Deputy District Attorney

The City Council is elected by Philomath voters to represent the interest of all the voters. As mayor, I intend to focus on the needs of all the voters by providing a responsive, transparent style of government. I believe in the stewardship of the City's resources for the benefit of the public not selected groups.

As mayor I will listen to all the voters. I believe that every vote counts. Every voter should demand that the City deliver the best services, best value, while conserving the precious tax dollars collected. I want every tax dollar collected spent for the greater good of all voters.

As mayor I will prioritize all options for renewable energy within the City, moving towards cost efficiency for long term anticipated increasing energy costs.

The City receives 97% of its water from Marys River, a finite resource for water. The City must find ways of providing incentives for water use reduction. Water rates need to be reviewed and revised so that the City has enough water to meet the needs of the increased housing demands that have been approved in the past 5+ years.

As mayor I will work to make sure that pending and planned decisions are explained with clarity and transparency, including budget concerns, water, sewer, environmental and traffic issues as priorities.

As mayor I will improve the process of citizen involvement as required by Goal I of the Statewide planning goals.

I have lived in Oregon over 48 years with the last 24 in Benton County, in the city of Philomath since 2016.

(This information furnished by Lawrence E Johnson)



Peggy Yoder

Occupation: Philomath Planning Commissioner (2018-present) **Occupational Background:** Hewlett-Packard (personnel); Wee Tree Farm Bonsai Nursery

Educational Background: West Albany High School; Teaching Certificate from Institute for Humane Education, Surry, Maine **Prior Governmental Experience:** Philomath Public Art Ad Hoc; Main Street Plan Project; Comprehensive Plan Project Advisory Committee

The Planning Commission advises the "City Council and city staff on a variety of subjects by making recommendations on important policy matters affecting the livability of Philomath" <u>www.ci.philomath.or.us</u> 9/8/2022.

I care about this town where I have lived for 30+ years, and I am ready to be a part of the Council that actually makes the decisions.

I believe in encouraging citizen-led solutions:

- Community members should be empowered to form advisory committees that are not heavily influenced by city staff, Mayor, or City Council.
- Advisory committees, such as a neighborhood speed watch program, can offer workable, low-cost solutions.
- With approval by City Council, temporary actions would test the feasibility of ideas before making large financial commitments.

Example: The city-owned lot on 14th & Main is being considered as a gathering place. This suggestion could be tested by setting up inexpensive tables and seating, adding potted plants, and cleaning up the historical saw-toothed roof shelter to be used as a covered seating area. Food carts can be invited.

Traffic should be *seriously* addressed by the City

Council. Citizens are concerned with the traffic speeds on the main roads and their neighborhood. It's now time to implement the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program and test the use of the many varieties of inexpensive, temporary traffic calming measures. Input from neighborhood watches, school crossing guards, and individuals can lead to citizen-led solutions.

Accountability of Council-appointed staff. Allegations of inappropriate, misleading, or incompetent dealings by council-appointed city staff must be seriously reviewed and addressed as they arise.

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(This information furnished by Peggy Yoder)



City of Philomath City Council

Diane L Crocker

Occupation: Retired teacher- Philomath School District **Occupational Background:** Band Teacher PHS- 1981/82; Band/Music Teacher PMS- 1981-2019; Substitute Teacher-2019-2022; Music Teacher- Job Share- Blodgett, Clemens Primary, PMS- 2021-2022

Educational Background: Bachelor of Science: Music Education- Oregon State University- 1981; Masters of Music Education- Western Oregon- 1988

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I have been a teacher in Philomath for 40 years. Over those years I have taught thousands of Philomath residents and many 2nd and 3rd generations of families. I feel like I have a learned and experienced concept of the values of the people of Philomath. While I acknowledge that in any city, there are diverse thoughts and values, I am speaking to the common values found in the vast majority of Philomath. These values include a strong sense of **family**, we value our children and elders, we value hard work and honesty, we support schools, sports, arts, technology, forestry as well as our Police and Fire Departments. I will keep those values in mind each time I vote to make decisions for Philomath. I do not want to make Philomath into something other than the wonderful town that I choose to live, work, raise my family and invest time volunteering in.

I would be honored to serve as a City Councilor. Change is inevitable, but we need to be thoughtful in bringing change to our town. I will research the issues and bring a reasonable, caring and thoughtful mind to the table. We do have areas of needed improvement, but only to enhance the community that we love. Please consider voting for Diane L Crocker for City Council.

Endorsed by:

Gary Conner, Julie Conner, Nancy Currans, Elaine Hall, Doris Ann Harvey, Rodney Craig Harvey, John J Mergl, Lou Ann Mergl, Eric Niemann, Shelley Niemann, Diane Priewe, Janet Selby, Karen Skinkis, Dena Smith, Larry E Smith

(This information furnished by Diane L Crocker)

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November 8, 2022



City of Philomath City Council

Ruth Causey

Occupation: Incumbent

Occupational Background: Benefits Consultant **Educational Background:** Stanford University MBA; Oregon State University MSc; University of Alberta, Canada, BSc; South Salem High School

Prior Governmental Experience: Philomath Budget Committee 2019; Philomath City Council, October 2019-present, current Council President; past member Police and Ad Hoc Inclusivity Committees; current Chair Public Works Committee and member Finance & Administration and Downtown Streetscape Ad Hoc Public Art Committees

As Philomath begins working on the largest projects the City has undertaken in decades, we must have a strong and effective City Council. The new water treatment plant and reservoir will safeguard the City's water supply, while the Streetscape project will revitalize the look and feel of our downtown corridor. All of these require a City Council that can work together to ensure their successful completion while responding to the ongoing needs of our residents and businesses: businesses impacted by these projects, housing issues and aging infrastructure also need our attention. This is why I support six candidates with whom I know I can work collaboratively to serve the best interests of Philomath: Mayor Chas Jones, Diane Crocker, Councilors Teresa Nielson, Matt Lehman and David Low, and Christopher McMorran.

Over the past three years I have gained a broad understanding of Philomath's government and operations by serving on each of the Council's active committees: Police, Public Works, and Finance & Administration. I have also served on the Ad Hoc Inclusivity and Streetscape Public Art Committees, and as a liaison to the Planning Commission, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Philomath Frolic & Rodeo. In short, I am well prepared for a seamless transition to the next Council. I appreciate your vote and would be honored to continue to serve on your behalf.

Endorsements:

Xan Augerot, Benton County Commissioner Nancy Wyse, Benton County Commissioner Eric Niemann, former Philomath Mayor Van O Hunsaker, former Philomath Mayor Gary F Conner, Chair Philomath Planning Commission

(This information furnished by Ruth Causey)



City of Philomath City Council

Christopher McMorran

Occupation: Legislative Staffer **Occupational Background:** Filmmaking & Communications, Legislative Staff

Educational Background: Philomath High School Class of 2017; University of Southern California: BA Political Science and BFA Film & Television Production

Prior Governmental Experience: Philomath School Board; Philomath Budget Committee; Philomath Inclusivity Committee; Philomath Public Art Committee; Philomath School District Budget Committee; Philomath Fire & Rescue Budget Committee; Corvallis-Benton County Public Library Advisory Board

I love my hometown with everything I've got. This town raised me, and I want to make sure every kid who grows up in Philomath feels the same love & community support that I received. Philomath is a great place, but there's always more we can do to build community:

- Invest in public gathering places and opportunities for recreation and celebration
- Build strong regional partnerships with our schools, the County, and our businesses & nonprofits
- Pursue robust public outreach and engagement for City decisions, ensuring that your government acts in your interests
- Manage growth by welcoming new neighbors and bringing down the cost of living while prioritizing our small-town feel

To make this a reality, we need to ensure that we are **getting the basics right:**

- Solid public infrastructure, including water, sewer, parks, and streets (no one likes potholes!)
- Adequate staffing levels in police & public works
- Disaster preparedness (if the last few years have taught us anything, it's that we need to prepare for the worst)

Regardless of politics, partisanship, or personal differences, we all want Philomath to be the best little town it can possibly be for every single member of our community. **That's why I'm running for Council.**

I'm honored to have the support of many of our neighbors, including:

Chas Jones, Philomath Mayor Eric Niemann, Former Philomath Mayor Van O Hunsaker, Former Philomath Mayor Nancy Wyse, Benton County Commissioner Xan Augerot, Benton County Commissioner Pat Malone, Benton County Commissioner

Learn more at christophermcmorran.com

(This information furnished by Christopher McMorran)



Catherine Biscoe

Occupation: Business Owner, ODOT Office of Civil Rights **Occupational Background:** Business Owner, Agriculture, Trucking, Non-profit management, Consulting, Contract Administration

Educational Background: LBCC: AS Political Science, Sociology, and Communications, Honors Program; U of MN, MNLA Certification

Prior Governmental Experience: Philomath City Council, Budget Committee, Public Works Committee, Police Committee, Citizens Academy; Willamette Criminal Justice Council; League of Oregon Cities Board; LOC Women's Caucus President; DLCD Local Officials Advisory Committee; HOPE Advisory Board of Benton County / Corvallis; 2020 Census and Complete Count Committee; We Count Oregon; 2021 Land Use Leadership Initiative; PSU Center for Women's Leadership; Benton County Public Safety and Health Measure 2-130

Community Experience: 18-year resident of Philomath; 12-year volunteer, 2-year Gleaner Program Manager and Board Member at Philomath Community Services; Emergency Operations Center for Benton County; Philomath Lions Club; Benton County 4H; Mary's River Grange; Philomath Farmer's Market; Corvallis Night to Shine; Philomath Chamber of Commerce, Corvallis Leadership 21-22

Strong Leadership

As your City Councilor, I have advocated for transparency and accountability in local government, increasing public engagement, natural resource conservation and sustainability, rebuilding infrastructure, youth services, accessibility, and inclusivity.

Planning for the Future

Philomath's future concerns include: health and safety of our neighborhoods, traffic, housing and homelessness, youth services, thriving small businesses, protecting our parks, emergency planning, water source constraints, environmental change and balancing growth.

Community First

Listening to the community, being informed with facts before decision-making, building regional partnerships and making hard choices is vital to protecting Philomath's quality of living

I remain committed to tackling tough local issues and helping develop a sustainable vision for Philomath that reflects all community values

www.biscoeforphilomath.com

Endorsements:

Nancy Wyse, Benton County Commissioner Pat Malone, Benton County Commissioner Xan Augerot, Benton County Commissioner Biff Traber, Mayor, City of Corvallis Gabe Shepherd, Corvallis City Council George Grosch, Corvallis City Councilor 2000-09 Dale Collins, Former Philomath Mayor and City Councilor Mark Knutson, Business Owner, Retired Philomath Teacher and Coach



City of Philomath City Council

Teresa Nielson

Occupation: Retired teacher from Philomath School District **Occupational Background:** Language Arts Teacher at Philomath Middle School, Elementary School Teacher at Philomath Elementary School

Educational Background: Oregon State University Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies with a Spanish Minor, and Bachelor of Science in Education. Master of Science in Education from Western Oregon University

Prior Governmental Experience: Current Philomath City Councilor

Community Volunteer Experience: "Let's Eat" Community Dinner volunteer, June's Kid Kloset-Philomath Community Services, Cub Scout Den leader and Committee Chairman, Mary's River Gleaner, AYSO Soccer Coach and Volunteer, Parent Volunteer for Philomath Elementary, Middle, and High School, American Red Cross Volunteer.

I support and honor Philomath's deep-seated community values partnered with its heritage of small town hospitality and volunteerism. As a twenty-five year resident of Philomath, I have an abiding love and respect for this community and its citizens and will do my best to represent them with honesty, integrity, and empathy.

There are numerous issues to address:

- A vibrant downtown that encourages economic vitality, nurtures a culture of entrepreneurship and small business development, and addresses the need for public parking.
- The concept of a community center, focusing specifically on the needs of senior citizens, youth, and children.
- Affordable housing, including responsible density and growth management.
- A grocery store within walking distance of downtown.
- The aging infrastructure.
- Environmental sustainability.
- Positive, fair, and sustainable opportunities and training that incorporate effective diversity, equity, and inclusion practices.
- Public parks and gathering spaces.

I reverence the responsibility to learn from and regard our city's culture and history, to integrate beneficial opportunities afforded us presently, and to optimistically anticipate and prepare for great things in our future. It would be my pleasure and privilege to continue serving in the Philomath City Council.

Endorsements:

Chas Jones, Philomath Mayor Eric Niemann, former Philomath Mayor Van Hunsaker, former Philomath Mayor

(This information furnished by Teresa Nielson)

(This information furnished by Catherine Biscoe)



Jessica Andrade

Occupation: Fisheries laboratory technician Occupational Background: Marine science Educational Background: MS, Fisheries Science, Oregon State University; BA, Marine Science, University of San Diego Prior Governmental Experience: Philomath City Councilor; Philomath Inclusivity Committee Cochair; League of Oregon Cities People of Color Caucus and Women's Caucuses

Philomath's decisions must come from its people. Community members should provide priorities, and city council should act on those priorities to support our entire community. This belief has guided me since I first ran for office two years ago.

Since then, a fellow city councilor and I have tabled at our local farmers' market, allowing us to meet our wonderful community members and learn what they need from our local government. I've also tried to bridge community to council by periodically emailing updates to residents, including opportunities for city feedback, upcoming community events, and my personal reflections as city councilor. Finally, I've worked with fellow members of Philomath's Inclusivity Committee to build more empathy and community guidance into city decisions.

Work remains to make Philomath equitable for everyone who calls here home. Shortcuts and inadequate dialogue have burdened Millpond Crossing homeowners with safety and financial concerns through no fault of their own. Residents of North 11th Street were threatened for months with bearing the enormous cost of street construction. Beloved natural areas like Marys River Park have been threatened with city projects that need much more consideration.

These problems came from rushing decisions to meet procedural timelines. Sometimes these processes weren't communicated at all, making it unclear whether community members' opinions matter to the city. I believe the best answers involve giving people the time and information to consider big decisions together.

Two years ago, I said we all have the right to be listened to in city decisions, as real people with real needs. I hope to continue fighting for this conviction in a second term.

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(This information furnished by Jessica Andrade)



City of Philomath City Council

David M Low

Occupation: Retired Auditor/Compliance Officer **Occupational Background:** Financial Institutions **Educational Background:** North Adams State College, BS; OSU, graduate study in counseling

Prior Governmental Experience: City councilor 2017–present and Council President 2019-2020; Chair Finance and Administration Committee; Philomath Budget Committee 2010–2016; Corvallis Benton County Public Library Advisory Board 2010–2013 and 2018–present and Board Chair 2019-2022

STATEMENT

Philomath operates under the City Council/City Manager form of government. Both must work cooperatively to give taxpayers the best possible value. The Council makes governing decisions affecting the community with <u>citizen input encouraged and valued</u>. Since the adoption of the Inclusivity Resolution in 2020, Council has explicitly stated its commitment to honoring the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Philomath is on a roll. Financially, city accounts are strong with the General Fund Fee sunsetting as promised. The new reservoir and water treatment plant will break ground soon. The long-awaited Streetscapes project generates excitement about Philomath improving its Main Street appeal. Business and housing opportunities continue to present themselves. Conscientious planning anticipates future needs.

All this involves the City Council and its decision making. <u>The</u> <u>Council must function well as a body.</u> Deliberations often reflect opposing points of view sometimes with intensity. <u>Such</u> <u>discussions are at their best when they are focused, respectful,</u> <u>non-repetitious, proportionate to the importance of the issue,</u> <u>and mindful of other agenda items to be covered during a</u> <u>limited time.</u>

A VOTE FOR ME GETS YOU A COUNCILOR WHO:

- Ensures the city is financially strong
- Appreciates the City Manager's operational leadership and recommendations while working collaboratively for the community
- Regards the city's Strategic Plan as an adaptable plan for near-term priorities
- Respectfully listens and responds to citizen concerns
- Considers all sides of an issue before voting
- Acts in the best interests of the city as a whole
- Comes prepared to meetings and works to reach consensus in a professional way

aimhighvotelow@g-mail.com for additional information.

(This information furnished by David M Low)



Matt Lehman

Occupation: Regional Sales Manager Occupational Background: Technical sales in the Surveying, Construction and Forestry industries Educational Background: BA Political Science, BA Economics – OSU Prior Governmental Experience: Philomath City Council (2019-Present), Philomath Budget Committee (2017-Present)

I have lived in Philomath for over 20 years, and I am grateful for the impact that this community has had on my family. Both of my children attended Philomath schools K-12 and my wife Lauri has worked for a local non-profit for most of that time. I would like to ensure that future generations will also benefit from being a part of this special community.

I believe in transparency and that every citizen should be allowed to express their opinion; and have those opinions heard. There are projects underway that will have a major impact on Philomath during the next two years: the downtown Streetscapes project, constructing a new water treatment facility and ongoing residential and commercial development. I believe that it is important to make sure these projects are completed efficiently and economically.

I believe that effective transportation and housing policies will be critical to Philomath moving forward. I have been serving as Philomath's representative to the Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and the Cascades West Area Committee on Transportation (CWACT). I have made every effort to represent Philomath and affect positive change in cooperation with our neighbors in Benton County, the mid-Valley and western Oregon as our region prepares for the future.

I believe that the interests of the State and those of Philomath do not always align, which is why I am a strong advocate for Home Rule. I believe that Philomath needs to create policies that reflect the best outcomes for Philomath first and foremost.

I have very much enjoyed my time serving on the City Council and would be grateful for the opportunity to continue in that role.

(This information furnished by Matthew Lehman)



Benton County Soil and Water Conservation District Director Zone 1

David Keith Barron

Occupation: Homesteader & Fire Fighter Occupational Background: Professional Firefighter Officer Educational Background: High School Prior Governmental Experience: Portland Fire & Rescue

Hello my name is David Barron a I'm forty five year old, and I reside in Summit BSWCD zone 1. My family and I homestead in Summit where we keep livestock chicken's, Dexter cattle, goats and sheep. I have four student athletes in the Philomath school district. Over the last few year's I've participated as an associate director with the BSWCD. I've also participated in a successful new national seed Cooperative. Serving in various rolls to help us reach our 2021/2022 goal of collecting and launching the website. We where tasked with saving seeds from the different USDA regions of the U.S.A.

Professionally, I've worked as a Firefighter/Officer for 24 years. During my time I've had the opportunity to promote to fire officer, hazardous materials fire officer, and Lt. Fire inspector. I've had the opportunity to gain experience from the many classes, mentors, and thousands of emergency/non emergency call's for service. As a BSWCD zone director I will be able to help our community and BSWCD drawing from my professional and personal experience's. Specifically some of the skill's that I will be able to implement are serving effectively on committees, creating and managing community programs, and managing personnel.

My partner is the strength of our family and also serves Benton County as a health care worker. We are involved with Philomath schools and programs. Having the support of my family, friends, and community has affirmed that together anything can be accomplished.

During my time as an associate director of BSWCD I have learned the inner workings that have been established since 1956. I will bring my personal knowledge, skills, and abilities as well my 24 years of Professional experience serving the community.

Thank you and have a nice day.

(This information furnished by David Keith Barron)

BENTON COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

November 8, 2022



Benton County Soil and Water Conservation District Director Zone 2 Marcella Henkels

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Research Scientist, including 23 years at United States Department of Agriculture, Horticultural Crops Research Unit, Corvallis, OR

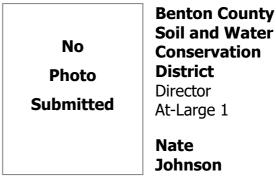
Educational Background: Utah State University, BS, Biology; Colorado State University, MS, Plant Pathology **Prior Governmental Experience:** Benton Soil and Water Conservation District Associate Director, January 2021 – present

I am running for the position, Director, Zone 2, of the Benton County Soil and Water Conservation District because, as a longterm resident of Benton County, I enthusiastically support the District's efforts to improve water quality, crop lands, pastures, forests, and wildlife habitats. Furthermore, I seek to reinforce the District's commitment to education and outreach to connect all people with this place. I have been an Associate Director for the District for the past year and a half and have participated in monthly board meetings, attended district sponsored programs, provided input on the website, and volunteered at the annual native plant sale.

For the past 34 years, my family has lived on acreage in Benton County, consisting of pasture and mature Oregon white oak forest. Our family was involved with Benton County 4-H for 10 years, where our son raised market lambs and dairy goats. Over the years we have raised cattle, dairy goats, market lambs, meat and egg-laying chickens, and turkeys, as well as a growing a large garden. This experience has led me to a deep appreciation for what it takes to produce food in a way that respects both the land and the animals.

My goals as Director, Zone 2, would be to actively support the District's programs and encourage fiscal responsibility to maximize the District's impact in the most equitable, creative and responsible ways. Thank you for your vote!

(This information furnished by Marcella Henkels)



Occupation: Farmer

Occupational Background: Agriculture, Public Service Educational Background: The Evergreen State College, BA Prior Governmental Experience: Benton Soil and Water Conservation District, Associate Director, 2021; Currently Director At-Large, Zone No. 1 and Board Chair

I'm honored to be a part of the Benton Soil and Water Conservation District, and I hope to continue working to improve the health of our soils, streams, and habitats. They are essential to life, and shouldn't be neglected or treated as secondary concerns.

Our District includes everyone in Benton County, and we aim to engage as many people as possible in our efforts. To learn more about what we do and what you can do along with us, visit <u>bentonswcd.org</u>.

I thank you for your consideration, and hope to see you at the Native Plant Sale.

(This information furnished by Nate Johnson)

City of Philomath Measure 2-138

Ballot Title

Caption: Moratorium on psilocybin manufacturing and service facilities in Philomath

Question: Should Philomath place a two-year moratorium on facilities that manufacture or administer Psilocybin product within City limits?

Summary: State law allows for the operation of licensed Psilocybin service centers and manufacturing facilities. State law provides that a city council may adopt an ordinance to be referred to the voters to prohibit the establishment of any of those registered or licensed facilities within the area subject to the jurisdiction of the city for a two-year period.

Approval of this measure would prohibit the establishment of facilities that manufacture Psilocybin product or service centers that supervise Psilocybin administration and delivery to clients of the service centers within area subject to the jurisdiction of the City of Philomath until after December 31, 2024.

Regardless of whether this measure passes or fails, Measure 109 prohibits the City from imposing a local tax or fee on the manufacturing or sale of psilocybin products.

Approval of this measure would prohibit the establishment of certain Psilocybin activities within the City of Philomath until after December 31, 2024.

Explanatory Statement

Oregon Ballot Measure 109, approved Nov. 3, 2020, effective Dec. 3, 2020, (codified as ORS 475A) created a state program for administering psilocybin products, such as psilocybinproducing mushrooms and fungi, to individuals aged 21 years or older. Measure 109 also provides that the Oregon Health Authority will register and license Psilocybin manufacturing sites, Psilocybin service centers, and entities that are any combination of the two. Psilocybin product manufacturers grow, harvest, and manufacture Psilocybin fungi into products intended for human consumption and use. Psilocybin service centers facilitate the transfer and administration of Psilocybin between a licensee or licensee agent and the client of the service center.

Measure 109 allowed cities and counties to place referendums on local ballots to place a two-year moratorium on the ability of licensed psilocybin product manufacturers or licensed psilocybin service centers to be located or to operate in areas within their jurisdictions. Approval of this measure will prohibit any form of psilocybin service centers or manufacturer facilities within the limits of Philomath for two years. During this time, the City Council has the discretion to adopt time, place, and manner restrictions on psilocybin manufacturing entities and service centers. At the end of the moratorium, the City Council can decide to submit the question of a permanent ban to the voters, or it can allow Measure 109 to take effect within the city limits.

Approval of this measure may have revenue impacts. Currently, a state tax of fifteen percent will be added to all transactions relating to Psilocybin, but no distribution schedule to local entities has been created by the Department of Revenue. The state prohibits all cities and counties from imposing any additional taxes on the sale of Psilocybin items by a Psilocybin product manufacturer or service center in the area subject to the jurisdiction of the city or county.

City of Philomath Measure 2-138 Argument in Favor

YES on Measure 2-138

A YES vote will stop, for two years, facilities that manufacture or administer Psilocybin products in Philomath.

Psilocybin = Psychedelic Mushroom-Hallucinogenic

The US Government has categorized Psilocybin as a Schedule 1 drug; having a high potential for abuse and no currently accepted medical use in the United States. Oregon's passage of Measure 109 in 2020 allows the operation of Psilocybin service centers and manufacturing facilities, in violation of Federal Law.

Psilocybin may be a useful mental health medical treatment option; **Oregon has chosen to go the non-medical route to dispense Psilocybin.** The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will license and regulate the manufacturing, transportation, delivery, sale and purchase of Psilocybin products and the provision of Psilocybin services. The first subset of rules OHA adopted provide that a licensed facilitator need only be 21 years of age with 120 hours of training to be eligible to administer this Schedule 1 drug. Other than a high school degree, no additional degrees or certifications are required. (NO MEDICAL DEGREE – only a high school diploma.) **There is no medical component in the rules/regulations governing Psilocybin.**

OHA has until 12/31/2022 to finalize all Psilocybin regulations. **Until we know the actual rules and regulations, we cannot make an educated choice.** WHEN we have the facts, we can decide whether or not to support the manufacturing and sale of Psilocybin in our community. Anything else is irresponsible.

A YES vote gives us two years to evaluate Psilocybin services.

A NO vote brings Psilocybin to the City of Philomath as early as January 2023.

Endorsed by:

Chas Jones, Mayor of Philomath

Eric Niemann, former Mayor of Philomath

Van O Hunsaker, former Mayor of Philomath

(This information furnished by Teresa Nielson, Ruth Causey, Diane Crocker)

NO ARGUMENTS AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED

(Submitted by City of Philomath)

Philomath School District 17J Measure 2-137

Ballot Title

Caption: Renewal of five-year local operating levy for K-12 education

Question: Shall district renew K-12 operating levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years beginning 2023-2024? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: This measure would continue the local option levy approved by voters in 2013 and renewed in 2018. If renewed, the current levy rate would not increase from the originally approved 2013 rate.

The Philomath School District will use revenue to enact its vision "to graduate every student and transition each into a job, training, or college" by prioritizing small class sizes, full school days, instructional time, and programs such as performing and visual arts, forestry and manufacturing technology, foreign languages, advanced courses, athletics and activities, and the community pool. The district's four-year cohort graduation rate is currently 90%.

Since passing the current levy, the district has maintained all licensed staff, current program offerings, and all school days, despite decreased enrollment. If funding is not renewed, the district would need to make staffing and program cuts.

The proposed levy will raise approximately 1.12 million in 2023-2024, 1.15 million in 2024-2025, 1.19 million in 2025-2026, 1.23 million in 2026-2027, and 1.26 million in 2027-2028 for a total of 5.95 million.

Explanatory Statement

The Philomath School District (PSD) provides education, activities, and athletics services to roughly 1,600 students throughout western Benton County, including the communities of Philomath, Blodgett, Wren, and Kings Valley.

The district is seeking to renew the current operating levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years, beginning in 2023-2024. Renewal would keep taxes at the same rate originally approved in 2013. Voters in the district originally approved this levy in 2013 to fund robust staffing levels and program offerings for students, and renewed it in 2018 to continue providing these services. In the time since passage, the revenue from the levy has allowed the Philomath School District to maintain staffing levels and provide a wide array of athletic, arts, science, career readiness, training, and citizenship programs in addition to core academic subjects.

Without continued funding from the local operating levy, the Philomath School District would likely need to cut school days, school hours, teaching staff, classified staff, and/or vocational programs, arts, sports, or other co-curricular activities. Approving this renewal would not raise tax rates.

The Philomath School District uses levy funds to provide a holistic and engaging academic and extracurricular program to students from kindergarten to high school graduation. This includes daily music or PE programs that benefit all elementarylevel students, a weeklong outdoor school program for all 6th graders, and middle school band and choir programs that see high engagement levels. At Philomath High School (PHS), students have the opportunity to participate in strong, awardwinning forestry, manufacturing technology, culinary arts, health occupations, and other career-readiness classes that prepare students for life after graduation.

Philomath High School's academic programs, athletic teams, and performing arts programs consistently perform at high levels, with graduation rates at 90% and recent state championships in Girls Basketball (2022), Girls Track and Field (2022), Boys Soccer (2021) and Band (2019). In addition, PHS won the 2021-2022 Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) Cup, which "recognizes overall school excellence in academics, activities, athletics and sportsmanship."

The Philomath School District finances and manages the Clemens Community Pool and many athletic fields and facilities which are available for use by the public as well as students.

As part of the Philomath School District, Kings Valley Charter School (KVCS) provides a rural, community-based education tailored to the individual needs and interests of each child, emphasizing the involvement of parents and the community. KVCS educates nearly 200 students from kindergarten through high school.

Unlike one-time grants, the local option levy provides consistent operating funds which can be spent on staff and faculty salaries and ongoing core expenses. 100% of revenue raised by the local option levy stays under local control, overseen by the district's citizen budget committee and/or the KVCS board.

(Submitted by Philomath School District 17J)

Philomath School District 17J Measure 2-137 Argument in Favor

Philomath School District teachers support Ballot Measure 2-137

We are proud and honored to teach, guide, and inspire the students of Philomath, and we urge you to support our schools by renewing our operating levy. Each day, the children of Philomath walk into our classrooms, and we work tirelessly to ensure every one of them feels valued and included. We understand the transformative power of a great education, and we are proud to work in Philomath, where our fellow citizens understand and share this vision.

With the generous commitment of our community, Philomath schools have been able to maintain exemplary programs in academics, arts, citizenship, and athletics, and we encourage the people of Philomath to continue this tradition of excellence by renewing our operating levy. Children are Philomath's most precious and irreplaceable resource, and we, the educators in Philomath schools, implore you to join us in ensuring their education is as strong as Philomath.

Please vote YES on 2-137. Our children need your support.

(This information furnished by Len Cerny, President, Philomath Education Association)

Philomath School District 17J Measure 2-137 Argument in Favor

We, your neighbors and community members, urge you to vote YES on Measure 2-137 to support our incredible Philomath schools.

We know that the programs supported by the levy - forestry, manufacturing tech, athletics, performing and visual arts, advanced placement classes, music and PE, and so much more - are the programs that keep students engaged and on track to graduate. We know that they benefit our entire community, not just our students. We know that supporting our schools is the right thing to do. **We hope you'll join us in voting YES to support our schools - without raising taxes.**

Sincerely,

Rick Wells, Philomath School Board Chair Joe Dealy, Philomath School Board Vice-Chair Karen Skinkis, Philomath School Board Director Erin Gudge, Philomath School Board Director Christopher McMorran, Philomath School Board Director Shelley Niemann, Former Philomath School Board Chair Nancy Wyse, Benton County Commissioner Xan Augerot, Benton County Commissioner Pat Malone, Benton County Commissioner Chas Jones, Philomath Mayor Eric Niemann, Former Philomath Mayor Teresa Nielson, Philomath City Councilor Jessica Andrade, Philomath City Councilor Ruth Causey, Philomath City Councilor David M Low, Philomath City Councilor Catherine Biscoe, Philomath City Councilor Matt Lehman, Philomath City Councilor Rod Harvey, Retired School Administrator Doris Ann Harvey, Retired Teacher Kay Glathar, Retired Teacher LouAnn Mergl, Retired Classified Staff John J Meral Diane Crocker Mike Crocker Mark Koeppe Charla M Koeppe Kristina Koeppe **Colleen Schulze** Rob Schulze **Dena Smith** Larry Smith Jeana Ecker

(This information furnished by Friends of Philomath Schools)

Philomath School District 17J Measure 2-137 Argument in Favor

Strengthening Rural Families urges a YES vote on Measure 2-137.

As a local nonprofit working to improve educational and developmental outcomes for children and parents in rural communities, we know the importance of adequate funding for public education. We are proud to partner with the Philomath School District to offer parenting classes, kindergarten readiness classes, self-regulation skills building programs, childcare, and other activities all at low or no cost to our community. As a partner, we have the perspective of seeing the many benefits that occur due to the levy's investment into the schools and our children.

We are focused on addressing social determinants of health external conditions in the places where we learn, play, live, and work that affect a wide range of health and quality-of-life outcomes. Rural communities such as the ones we serve often have lower income levels, education levels, and access to resources for health and wellbeing than their nonrural counterparts. These factors make robust support in free, accessible, public education and programming even more crucial. By renewing the Philomath School District's local option levy, we can help ensure that our neighbors and community members in western Benton County have increased access to these services – and we can do it all without adding additional tax burden to the residents of the district.

We are grateful to be located in a community that promotes the importance of public education and shows so much care for one another. We ask that you vote yes for Measure 2-137, because our public schools make a real, positive difference for so many lives in our community and they deserve our continued support.

Paul Smith, Executive Director

(This information furnished by Strengthening Rural Families)

Philomath School District 17J Measure 2-137 Argument in Favor

OSEA Chapter 64 endorses the renewal of a five-year local option operating levy for Philomath Schools K-12 education.

As classified employees of the Philomath School District, we are urging members of the community to renew the five-year operating levy. Passage of the levy will help provide vitally important financial stability for the Philomath School District to continue its vision "to graduate every student and transition each of them into a job, training, or college".

The school district can only attain this goal by continuing to fund the student and staff support services classified employees provide. We are the instructional assistants, playground and lunchroom assistants, custodians, administrative assistants, food servers, facilities and landscape maintenance workers, crossing guards, interpreters, pool supervisors, job coaches, technology specialists, and speech and language instructional assistants.

While supporting our school's teaching staff, administrators, facilities, and, most importantly, families and students, we have a personal stake in the investment of our future community and our students. Renewing levy funds will help to not only maintain the programs and courses, but also the ability to retain the needed support services.

It is our belief that money spent on educational support services for the children of our community benefits us in many ways, making our schools and community stronger. It is our hope the renewal of this levy will help retain valued education time and support services for Philomath students as we weather the state and federal budget shortfalls.

OSEA Chapter 64 urges you to vote Yes on Measure 2-137 and keep our schools and community strong by keeping our children's education and support services a priority.

Laura Schunn & Amber French Co-Presidents, OSEA Chapter 64

(This information furnished by Oregon School Employees Association Chapter 64)

Philomath School District 17J Measure 2-137 Argument in Favor

I love Philomath and as a first generation college graduate, a community minded PhD scientist, and Philomath Mayor, public schools are incredibly important to me. Families are drawn to Philomath to start a family, raise kids, and take advantage of our incredible school system. Once here, they often stay for generations. "Philomath" literally means *lover of learning*, and now, Philomath voters can live up to that name by supporting our schools.

By voting yes on Measure 2-137, we can support the things that our community loves most about our schools: athletics, performing and visual arts, career and technical education programs like forestry and natural resources, manufacturing technology, culinary arts, health occupations, business, and more, as well as supportive programming like kindergarten readiness, music, and physical education.

These programs make a huge difference for Philomath students, while providing considerable benefits to the community. Facilities such as the pool, soccer, baseball, softball, and football fields, tennis courts, and lawns are used frequently by community groups. School facilities such as gyms and auditoriums also play host to church groups, city meetings, and community gatherings. Our schools also provide important local traditions that strengthen our community bonds (Friday football games, high school musicals, Safety Town graduations).

In this election, we have an opportunity to continue supporting our schools WITHOUT raising our tax rate. With Philomath graduation rates exceeding 90%, robust support for early learners, multiple state championships, and Philomath High School winning the 2022 OSAA Cup (best Oregon 4A school for academics, activities, and sportsmanship – quite an accomplishment!), it is clear that the funding from the levy has been put to good use.

Join me in voting "Yes" on Measure 2-137, to keep Philomath's schools – crown jewels of our community – strong for years to come. Visit <u>www.chasjones.com</u> to learn more about initiatives that I support.

(This information furnished by Chas Jones, Philomath Mayor)

NO ARGUMENTS AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED

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

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