

BENTON COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET



GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 7, 2006

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Dear Fellow Benton County Voter:

On November 7, 2006, a General Election will be held in Benton County. As a voter, you will have an opportunity to exercise your right to vote on important issues within the County and State of Oregon. This is also an election in which we decide who will represent us at the national, state, and local levels.

For this election, the Board of Commissioners has published this **Benton County Voters' Pamphlet**. Our goal is to provide our fellow voters with helpful information about their choices concerning county-wide and local issues, as well as, candidates for city and county offices.

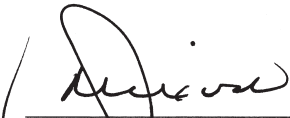
Please remember that all ballots, whether mailed or delivered, **must be received no later than 8:00 PM on November 7, 2006.**

You can drop your ballot at one of the ballot receptacle locations listed on page 4.

This Voters' Pamphlet contains statements submitted by local candidates for city council positions, sheriff, and county commissioner. In addition, this pamphlet contains measure summaries, explanatory statements, and paid arguments favoring or opposing local measures.

You will also find information on voting, registering to vote, applying for absentee ballots, and obtaining a replacement ballot. We hope this Voters' Pamphlet will help you to become better informed about the issues in this election as you prepare to make your decisions.

Sincerely,



Jay Dixon
Commissioner



Linda Modrell
Commissioner



Annabelle Jaramillo
Commissioner

VOTE

Benton County

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Voter Registration and Ballots

In order to receive a ballot, voters must be registered to vote in their county of residence no later than 21 days prior to the election. If a registered voter moves within the State of Oregon, prior to voting, the voter can update his/her registration and receive a ballot for the current election up until **8:00 PM on Election Day, November 7, 2006.**

If your ballot is lost, destroyed, damaged, or you made a mistake in marking your ballot, you may contact the Benton County Elections Office to request a replacement ballot. The replacement ballot will be mailed to you, as long as your request is received no later than the 5th day before Election Day. After the 5th day before the election, you may pick up a ballot by coming to the Benton County Elections Office.

If you have already mailed your original ballot before you realize you made a mistake, your ballot has been cast, and you are not eligible for a replacement ballot.

In order for your ballot to be counted it must be returned to any elections office or official ballot dropsite in the State of Oregon, **no later than 8:00 PM Election Day, November 7, 2006.**

Postmarks **DO NOT** count!

Ballots must be returned in the official ballot return envelope **and signed by the voter** in order to be counted.

Use a **PENCIL** to vote your ballot.

If you have any questions about voter registration, your ballot, and/or voting in Benton County:

Phone: 541 766-6756
 Email: bcelections@co.benton.or.us
 Fax: 541 766-6757
 TTY: 541 766-6080

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BENTON COUNTY ELECTIONS BALLOT DROPSITES

24-HOUR OUTSIDE BALLOT DROP BOXES IN CORVALLIS:

**Wells Fargo Bank in Timberhill Shopping
Center at 2543 Kings Blvd & Across
from the Courthouse at 180 NW 5th St**

CITY LIMITS MARKET

5800 NW Highway 99W - North of Corvallis
Mon thru Fri 6 AM to 10 PM
Sat 8 AM to 10 PM
Sun 8 AM to 9 PM

JOHN BOY'S ALSEA MERCANTILE STORE

186 Main St - Alsea
Mon thru Sat 6 AM to 9 PM
Sun 7 AM to 8 PM

CORVALLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

645 NW Monroe Ave - Corvallis
Mon thru Fri 10 AM to 9 PM
Sat 10 AM to 6 PM
Sun Noon to 6 PM

LBCC – BENTON CENTER

757 NW Polk Ave – Corvallis
Mon thru Thurs 7:30 AM to 9:30 PM
Fri 8 AM to 4 PM

MONROE CITY HALL

664 Commercial St - Monroe
Mon thru Fri 8 AM to 5 PM; Closed Noon to 1 PM*

OSU – VALLEY LIBRARY

OSU Campus
Mon thru Thurs 7:30 AM to 1 AM
Fri 7:30 AM to 10 PM
Sat 10 AM to 10 PM
Sun 10 AM to 1 AM

NORTH ALBANY MIDDLE SCHOOL

1205 NW North Albany Rd - Albany
Mon thru Fri 7 AM to 4 PM*

PHILOMATH PUBLIC LIBRARY

1050 Applegate St - Philomath
Mon, Thurs, Fri, & Sat 10 AM to 5 PM
Tues and Wed 10 AM to 8 PM

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER OF CORVALLIS

2601 NW Tyler Ave - Corvallis
Mon thru Fri 8 AM to 4 PM*

BENTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Main entrance foyer at top of stairs
and in the basement next to Room 13
120 NW 4th St - Corvallis
Mon thru Fri 8 AM to 5 PM*
541 766-6756

***All ballot sites open until 8 PM Election Day**

Benton County Elections Website

The website is an excellent source of information concerning voter registration, absentee voting, frequently asked questions, and links to other local, state, and federal election officials. You will also find election specific information such as election filings, results, voter turnout and this voters' pamphlet on our website www.co.benton.or.us/elections.

Voters with Disabilities

If you need help voting because of a disability, contact the Benton County Elections Office. Deputized elections staff is available to assist you in casting a ballot; or ask about alternate voting formats.

Contact Information

Benton County Elections Office

Phone: 541 766-6756
TTY: 541 766-6080
Fax: 541 766-6757
Website: www.co.benton.or.us/elections
E-mail: bcelections@co.benton.or.us

State of Oregon

Phone: 1 866 673-8683
Website: www.oregonvotes.org
Se Habla Español

Información en Español

Para mas información sobre las elecciones en el condado de Benton

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limitaciones auditivas
o al numero gratis 1 866 673-8683

Condado: www.co.benton.or.us/elections
Estado: www.oregonvotes.org
Se Habla Español

TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

This is **not** a voter registration form.
 You must be a registered voter to request an absentee ballot.
 If you are unsure of your voting status, contact the Benton County Elections Office.

- Fill out and **SIGN** the form below.
- Mail, fax, e-mail, or deliver **SIGNED** completed form to Benton County Elections Office.
- You may deliver an absentee ballot request for someone else, but he/she must sign it.
- Ballots received after 8:00 PM Election Day cannot be counted.
- If mailing your ballot, be sure to allow enough time for it to arrive by the deadline.



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ABSENTEE APPLICATION

Please select the category that applies to you:

- Military Overseas Snowbird Student Other

I am applying for an absentee ballot for:

- This election only _____ (mth/day/yr)
 All future elections until _____ (mth/day/yr)
 I will be away from _____ (mth/day) till _____ (mth/day) yearly
 I will be in Benton County from _____ (mth/day) till _____ (mth/day) yearly
 This will continue to happen until _____ (mth/day/yr)

Name (Last, First, Middle)	Date of Birth (mth/day/yr)
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Absentee Address Line 1

Absentee Address Line 2 (if needed)

City, State, Zip / COUNTRY

Benton County Residential Address

City, State, Zip

E-Mail Address	Telephone
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Signature:	Date:
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Note: Mail, fax, e-mail, or deliver SIGNED completed form
 Mail application to PO Box 888, Corvallis, OR 97339
 Fax application to 541.766.6757
 E-Mail application to bcelections@co.benton.or.us
 Deliver application to Benton County Courthouse, 120 NW 4th St., Room 13, Corvallis, Oregon

Benton County

Measure No. 02-60

BALLOT TITLE

SERVICE CONTINUATION - PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH FIVE-YEAR LEVY

QUESTION: To continue current services, shall Benton County impose 89 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation for five years beginning in 2007?

This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: Decreased revenues, including the potential annual loss of \$2.4 million of federal forest payments, would lead to an estimated \$5.75 million annual reduction in services in the next budget period.

Of property taxes collected in Benton County, about 18 cents of every dollar goes toward county services, and about 73% of it funds public safety and health services. This levy would continue public safety services of the District Attorney, Juvenile, and Law Enforcement department, which use about 52% of property taxes and health services, which use 21% of property taxes.

This measure would fund continuation of services to combat crime related to methamphetamine, alcohol and other drug abuse and addiction. It would also fund public health, prevention services and mental health treatment.

At 89 cents per \$1,000 assessed value, a home with an assessed value of \$150,000 would pay \$11.13 per month or \$133.50 per year in additional taxes as a result of this levy.

The Board of Commissioners would reduce this tax levy in any year in which re-authorized forest payments are received.

At the maximum rate this levy is estimated to impose taxes of \$5,269,000 in 2007, \$5,454,000 in 2008, \$5,645,000 in 2009, \$5,843,000 in 2010, and \$6,047,000 in 2011.

Potential Loss of Federal Forest Payments

Annual payments have been guaranteed by federal appropriation. The law expired this year. It is uncertain if it will be renewed.

The Board of Commissioners would reduce this tax levy in any year in which re-authorized forest revenues are received.

Public Health and Safety Services

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Public safety services funded by property taxes include the sheriff, patrol and investigation, operations of the county jail, and emergency preparedness.

The District Attorney's office provides criminal prosecution, child support enforcement and crime victim assistance. Property taxes allocated to the Juvenile Department support supervision of offenders, cost of detention, and work crew.

Health services funded wholly or partially with property taxes include communicable disease prevention and investigation, health education, primary medical care through the health center, adult and child mental health and developmental disabilities services, and alcohol and drug treatment services. Property taxes also support the ability to provide local match to state and federal grants.

Levy Cost

The levy would cost \$.89 per \$1,000 of assessed value – a home with an assessed value of \$150,000 would pay about \$11.13 per month or approximately \$133.50 per year in additional taxes. The levy would be for five years beginning in 2007.

(Submitted by the Benton County Board of Commissioners)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Continuation of Services

This levy would continue current public safety, health and other services supported wholly or partially with property taxes.

This levy would continue measures to combat crime related to methamphetamine, alcohol and other drug abuse. Examples of these programs include juvenile drug court, and a special unit focusing on drug-related street crime. It would allow the county to avoid reductions in service such as sheriff patrol and investigation, criminal prosecution and juvenile offender supervision and detention.

It would fund public and mental health services including access to primary medical care, health education and disease prevention.

Since 2003, the county has balanced the budget through selective reductions of staff and services, creating efficiencies and planned expenditure of reserves. As a result of increased costs, tax limits enacted in the 1990's, and the potential loss of federal forest payments, the current level of services would not be continued in the future.

Benton County

Measure No. 02-60

ARGUMENT FOR

THE PROBLEM: Benton County is faced with the loss of federal and state revenue that substantially exceeds the annual growth in property taxes.

PRIOR PROGRAM REDUCTIONS HAVE NOT SOLVED THE PROBLEM: The Board of Commissioners has made significant service reductions to offset this unsustainable fiscal trend. Moreover, in the DA's office alone, despite a 35% increase in the number of solved crimes submitted to my office for prosecution over the last seven years, we continue to operate with the same number of attorneys we had in 1991. To manage this increasing caseload, we have been forced to reduce hundreds of provable criminal cases to violations (in essence, this means that misdemeanor crimes are treated like speeding tickets). This fiscally induced caseload reduction practice is bad public policy given the negative impact it has on long-term prevention, which is a function of early detection, enforcement and intervention. Absent additional revenue, the situation will only get worse as the financial picture for my office is projected to become as serious as it was for the Circuit Court in 2003, when the Court was forced to close one day a week due to budget cuts.

THE SOLUTION: The Board of Commissioners, after seeking broad citizen input, including feedback from a committee of community leaders who studied the County's financial situation in detail, proposes this levy in the amount of 89 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. This levy would cost about \$134/year for a \$150,000 home, or about 37 cents per day. I respectfully submit that is a small price to pay to stop the further fiscal compromise of Benton County's criminal justice system.

VOTE "YES" on 02-60: The Benton County Board of Commissioners needs your help to ensure that current services are maintained in our local criminal justice system. Absent this additional revenue source, our criminal justice system will be further compromised, only aggravating an already tenuous situation.

*(This information furnished by District Attorney,
Scott A. Heiser)*

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ARGUMENT FOR

This levy will:

Continue current public safety, health and other services supported with property taxes.

- **Help combat crime** related to methamphetamine, alcohol and other drug abuse.
- **Support juvenile drug court,** and a special drug-related street crime unit.
- **Fund public and mental health services** including access to primary medical care, health education and disease prevention.

Since 2003, we have balanced the budget through reductions of staff and services, creating efficiencies, and planned use of reserve funds.

Current level of services cannot be continued because of tax limits enacted in the 1990's, expiration of a prior levy, increased costs and the potential loss of federal forest payments.

How are your tax dollars spent?

Only 18 cents of every \$1.00 of property taxes collected in Benton County goes to county services. Of 18 cents;

- About 9 cents supports the services of the District Attorney (prosecution, child support, victim assistance), Juvenile (offender supervision, detention, work crews), and Law Enforcement (patrol and investigation, jail, and emergency preparedness);
- About 4 cents supports Health services (disease prevention, health education, medical care, mental health and developmental disabilities services, alcohol and drug treatment).
- All other county services combined are supported by 5 cents.

This levy will:

- Cost 89 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value – a home with an assessed value of \$150,000 would pay about \$11.13 per month or approximately \$133.50 per year.
- Last for five years beginning in 2007.

We urge you to vote yes on 02-60!

We want to continue providing the services you expect. We reduced the tax on the jail bed levy; we pledge that if the federal forest payments are renewed, we will reduce taxes for the years in which payments are received. We look forward to your support!

*Commissioners Jay Dixon, Annabelle Jaramillo &
Linda Modrell*

VOTE YES ON 02-60!

*(This information furnished by Commissioners Jay Dixon,
Annabelle Jaramillo, Linda Modrell)*

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Benton County

Measure No. 02-60

ARGUMENT FOR

Ballot measure 02-60 directly impacts crime in Benton County. A majority of Benton County's property tax revenue is spent on our local criminal justice system. While the State of Oregon pays for court personnel and indigent defense counsel, it is largely county property tax funds that support the sheriff's office, juvenile department, and district attorney's office. A portion of the health department is also supported by property tax funds, some of which pay for mental health treatment, as well as alcohol and drug addiction prevention and treatment. Some of that treatment supports both the adult and juvenile drug treatment courts, which have proved to be a very effective means to combat addiction and the criminal activity that accompanies it.

This ballot measure would maintain, not enhance, the services of these four departments that play a major role in preventing and addressing crime in Benton County. The county has been a good steward of taxpayer dollars. Now it needs our help. By voting for ballot measure 02-60, we can maintain the quality of our criminal justice system and preserve the quality of life in our communities.

Please join us in supporting this measure.

(This information furnished by Circuit Court Judges Locke A. Williams, Janet Schoenhard Holcomb, David B. Connell)

ARGUMENT FOR

Benton County government does an excellent job of delivering a wide range of quality services to those who live, work and visit in the county. Your support of ballot measure 02-60 will enable those services to **continue at the current levels** for the next five years.

County government receives 18 cents of every property tax dollar collected. The balance goes to schools, cities and the special districts. Over half of the County property tax revenues fund public safety/criminal justice services including:

- District Attorneys Office: victim's assistance and prosecution of crimes
- Juvenile Department: Prevention, supervision and rehabilitation services to youth and their families
- Sheriff's Office: patrol & investigations, jail operations, courthouse security, search and rescue operations, emergency management/planning, animal control, forest patrol and courts enforcement services.

Over 70% of the offenders in the local criminal justice system have drug/alcohol addiction problems. Many also have an underlying mental illness. Your support of ballot measure 02-60 will allow county mental health professionals to continue to work in partnership with the criminal justice community to provide treatment, medications, and counseling services to this population.

Please join me in promoting strong public safety programs by supporting ballot measure 02-60.

Sheriff Jim Swinyard

(This information furnished by Jim Swinyard, Benton County Sheriff)

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Benton County

Measure No. 02-60

ARGUMENT AGAINST

Voters last defeated this levy three years ago. Benton county officials threatened major service cutbacks then. What actually happened? The County easily absorbed the defeat of the 2003 levy. In fact, the County recently added a new network of low-cost/free medical clinics. New employees, new services, facilities, and whole new bureaucracy came on line. Current predictions of doom deserve healthy skepticism.

If economies are necessary, the county has a remedy at hand. Excessive growth in employee health and retirement benefits squeeze finances at all levels of government in Oregon. Benton is no exception. It supplements the already generous PERS retirement program, and its health care benefits exceed what private employers in the area provide. Overall, the county spends 50% more on benefits than national averages for employers. Is it fair to ask public servants to accept benefits at levels like the people they serve? Of course!

Another major pitfall in county finances is its overextended resources. The new county health clinics boast they will provide medical service to any resident regardless of ability to pay. Free health care sounds wonderful, but can the county afford this? As the word get out about this program, its cost will surely become a cancer in the budget. The county's unwillingness to control medical benefits for its own employees gives us ample warning about the future costs for this program.

If the levy fails, commissioners threaten to reduce expenditures for the Sheriff's department and public safety. Prudence suggests that it is the newest services, like free health care, rather than the oldest services like the sheriff that should be cut, if cuts must be made. Cut what we are unaccustomed to before cutting what we have always relied upon. That seem like just simple prudence.

Vote NO on this tax.

(This information furnished by David Grappo)

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ARGUMENT AGAINST

Benton County should cut spending; new taxes unnecessary

Comparing budgets from the 93/94 year with 04/05 shows average spending for most County Departments doubled. But **spending for Health and Juvenile Services more than tripled. If these two Departments had managed to stay within the doubling factor of other departments, annual County expenditures would be \$10.7 million less today.**

National statistics show **state and local governments, on average, pay an additional 32% of employee salaries for health, insurance, and retirement benefits.** Benton County employee salaries are similar to national averages, but **Benton County pays 48%** of employee salaries for employees' benefits. **If Benton County paid 32%, benefits spending would be at least \$2.6 million less per year.**

Benton County employees pay an average monthly premium of \$55 for family health care. Private industry employees across America pay an average \$246. This difference costs taxpayers \$600,000 per year.

Benton County can escape the PERS debacle. There are **about 200 government entities in Oregon** including two counties and many cities/towns that have **opted out of PERS.** Benton should do so too. **A 401k plan** with 8% of salary contributed by the employer and 6% by the employee **would produce better returns for employees** than the mismanaged PERS program. Eliminating excessive PERS premiums **would reduce retirement expenditures by about \$1 million per year** in Benton County.

Benton County employees do not pay **the 6% PERS premium** intended for employees; **the County "picks-up" this expense. This costs taxpayers an additional \$1 million per year.**

Total spending by Benton County has boomed in the last decade. Spending increased an average of 7.7% annually during the 11 years ending in 2005. **If spending growth had followed the national average, total annual spending would be over \$21 million less** than the \$70 million it has become. We should be facing tax cuts, not tax increases.

See www.improvingGov.org for expanded discussion.

Vote NO on this unnecessary tax.

(This information furnished by Daniel Ziegler)

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City of Albany

Measure No. 22-68

BALLOT TITLE

RENEWAL OF THE AMBULANCE, FIRE, AND POLICE LOCAL OPTION TAX

QUESTION: Shall Albany renew a tax of \$.95/\$1,000 assessed value for Ambulance, Fire, and Police operations for five more years?

This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: Albany Ambulance, Fire, and Police operations continue to experience a significant increase in the number of calls for service. When the original levy was requested in 2002 the Fire Department was responding to more than 4,900 calls for service, and the Police Department handled more than 62,000 calls. In 2005-2006 the Fire Department responded to 5,996 emergency calls and the Police Department handled 68,159 calls.

The City plans to use tax revenue from this measure to continue funding for six Firefighter/EMTs who staff an additional ambulance; a Deputy Fire Marshal and a Fire Life/Safety Educator who manage fire prevention and public education programs; four Police Officers; three Civilian Community Service Officers, whose duties help make sworn Police Officers available to handle emergencies; a Police Dispatcher; a Crime Analyst; and for equipment and training related to all of those positions. Taxes will also continue to be used to pay inflationary operating costs for the Fire and police Departments, and for enhanced security in City parks.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$2,392,000 in 2008-2009, \$2,512,000 in 2009-2010, \$2,638,000 in 2010-2011, \$2,769,000 in 2011-2012, and \$2,908,000 in 2012-2013, for a total of \$13,219,000.

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessors at the time of the estimate.

Funding to assist with reductions in Medicare reimbursements for the ambulance program;

Money for replacement of aging ambulances, fire engines, and other equipment.

The owner of property assessed at \$200,000 would continue to pay \$190 per year in property taxes, or about \$16 per month.

Today, six police officers are on patrol duty on each shift in Albany. When the public safety levy was first approved in 2002, Albany police were receiving 90-100 calls for service every 24 hours; today, police receive an average of 186 call per day. In emergencies, an officer is able to respond in about four and a half minutes, down from five minutes four years ago. Certified officers are able to respond more quickly because of the community service officers (CSOs), who handle more routine calls, who were added to the department with the levy. Additional certified officers supported by the levy allow officers to be assigned to drug and traffic enforcement, which Albany citizens have identified as their two most important community-safety concerns. The crime analyst assists patrol officers and detectives with investigations of major crimes including cases of homicide, rape, and racketeering; in drug investigations; analyzing statistics, patterns, and trends in criminal activity; and coordination special projects that require complex analysis.

In 2001, Fire personnel responded to 4,895 emergency calls; that number increased by 22 percent to 5,996 for fiscal year 2005-2006. The levy allowed the department to staff an additional dedicated ambulance which provides 24-hour coverage with a fire truck and ambulance at the fire station on 34th Avenue. Before the levy, this station was staffed for a truck or an ambulance, depending on the emergency. This left that station without any staff for long portions of the day due to the number of emergency calls in the area. The North Albany station operates with a truck or ambulance; but with the levy staff, that station does not need to help with calls outside its primary area as often. The department provides fire protection and suppression services in the City and surrounding areas with a population of nearly 51,400 in 81 square miles. It provides emergency medical service to 54,500 people in a 205-square-mile area.

(Submitted by Jim Delapoer, City Attorney, City of Albany)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Renewal of five-year serial levy for ambulance, fire, and police services.

Voters approved the City's first public safety levy in November 2002. That levy raised property taxes by 95 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value beginning in tax year 2003-2004. The renewal levy would remain at 95 cents with all proceeds of the levy being used for specific public safety purposes, including retaining:

- Four certified police officers;
- One communications specialist (dispatcher);
- One civilian employee who analyzes crime data and coordinates required officer training;
- Three community service officers who take reports in instances that do not require a certified officer; and overtime pay when officers are need for special enforcement in City parks.
- Six firefighters/paramedics;
- One deputy fire marshal;
- One fire/life safety educator;

NO ARGUMENTS AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

City of Albany

Measure No. 22-68

ARGUMENT FOR

**Citizens for a Safer Albany
Vote Yes**

for Albany's Ambulance, Fire, & Police Levy

In 2002, the voters of Albany approved a levy to add 18 fire and police positions to improve our level of public safety services.

***This levy on the ballot will not cost
you more money.**

This levy is for a tax renewal.

**This levy is to retain Albany's current
ambulance, fire and police services.**

The approval of this levy is vital to Albany's ambulance, fire and police services.

Without this levy 18 fire and police
positions could be eliminated.

Did you know the cost to replace an ambulance is around \$175,000? A large fire truck is around \$800,000. This levy also includes funds to be set aside for equipment replacement.

Think of your community and home. What, as a citizen who cares about your community, can you do to make it safer? Join us in voting **YES** for Albany's Ambulance, Fire, and Police Levy.

"If the Ambulance, Fire, Police Levy fails, the staffing at Albany's busiest fire station will be cut almost in half. This will put an enormous burden on our ability to protect Albany's citizens. This drop in staffing will put our public safety workers and community at significant risk"

--Jason Katzenstein, President Albany Firefighters Union

"The current Ambulance, Fire, & Police Levy has allowed the police department to increase patrols, investigate crimes more thoroughly, analyze crime patterns, provide dedicated drug and traffic enforcement, and respond to livability issues such as abandoned vehicles, junk and trash complaints. Our police officers and staff are committed to providing the highest level of service to our community".

--Jerry Drum, Albany Police Benevolent Association, President

**Citizens for a Safer Albany was formed by volunteer
community leaders
to campaign for your community's safety.**

* Taxes could increase for new construction/new developments that have not yet been fully assessed.

*(This information furnished by
Citizens for a Safer Albany, PAC)*

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City of Corvallis

Measure No. 02-56

BALLOT TITLE

A MEASURE AMENDING THE CORVALLIS CITY CHARTER

QUESTION: Shall the Corvallis Charter be amended to make it consistent with State law and add provisions supporting diversity?

SUMMARY: The measure amends the City Charter by adding a provision that requires the City to exercise its powers to ensure the equal protection, treatment and representation of all persons without discrimination, including but not limited to age, citizenship status, color, familial status, gender identity or expression, marital status, mental disability, national origin, physical disability, race, religion, religious observance, sex, sexual orientation, and source or level of income. The measure amends the public meeting provision in Section 15 to conform to State law notice requirements and allows for emergency meetings as provided by State law.

The measure also makes two clarifications to the responsibilities of the City Manager.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

A yes vote on this measure will adopt several amendments to the Corvallis City Charter. The amendments include modifying the notice requirements for public meetings, and allowing for emergency Council meetings, all in conformance with State law. The amendments make two clarifications to the responsibilities of the City Manger, by adding two modifying words inadvertently omitted from the original text, the absence of which obscured the meaning. The Measure creates a new section to the City Charter that declares Corvallis to be a community that honors diversity and diverse interests, and aspires to be free of prejudice, bigotry, and hate. This new section requires the City to exercise its power to insure the equal protection, treatment, and representation of all persons without discrimination including, but not limited to: age, citizenship, status, color, familial status, gender identity or expression, marital status, mental disability, national origin, physical disability, race, religion, religious observance, sex, sexual orientation, and source or level of income.

The draft City Charter is available for review at the City Manager's Office, 501 SW Madison and at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 NW Monroe. The draft City Charter may also be downloaded from the City's website at www.ci.corvallis.or.us.

(Submitted by the City of Corvallis)

**NO ARGUMENTS AGAINST
THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

City of Corvallis

Measure No. 02-56

ARGUMENT FOR

Vote Yes on Measure 02-56

Because Community Means EVERYBODY!

All people living, working and contributing to the community in Corvallis ought to be able to do so free from fear and discrimination. That's why we're asking you to join us in supporting Measure 02-56.

- A YES Vote on Measure 02-56 will put clear anti-discrimination language in the Corvallis city charter--our city's foremost governing document.
- A YES Vote on Measure 02-56 ensures that Corvallis will guarantee equal protection and representation of all its citizens
- A YES Vote on Measure 02-56 makes a statement about the kind of community Corvallis is: one that honors diversity and diverse interests and aspires to be free of prejudice, bigotry and hate.

Most Corvallis residents already believe that discrimination has no place in our community. We live by these values and principles. Now we will govern by them.

Vote YES for Fairness. Vote Yes for Equality. Vote Yes on Measure 02-56

State Representative Sara Gelser
 Mayor Helen Berg
 Commissioner Annabelle Jaramillo
 Commissioner Jay Dixon
 Jerry Davis, Corvallis City Council
 Rob Gandara, Corvallis City Council
 George Grosch, Corvallis City Council
 Scott Zimbrick, Corvallis City Council
 Matthew Donohue, Corvallis 509J School Board

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City of Philomath

Measure No. 02-55

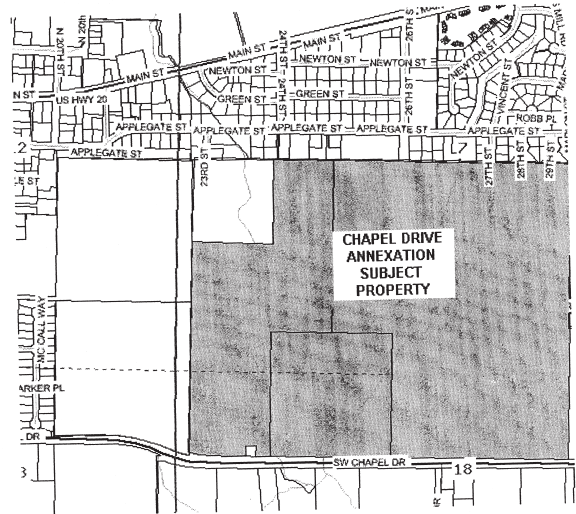
BALLOT TITLE

A MEASURE PROPOSING ANNEXATION OF CHAPEL DRIVE PROPERTY

QUESTION: Shall the Chapel Drive property, 160 acres located north of Chapel Drive between S 23rd and 30th Streets, be annexed?

SUMMARY: Approval of this measure would annex approximately 160 acres of land zoned Low Density Residential to the City of Philomath. The property to be annexed is generally located north of Chapel Drive between S 23rd and 30th Streets. The parcel lies entirely within Benton County. The developer's conceptual plan includes construction of a maximum of 660 single family homes. The subject property contains approximately 5 acres of commercially zoned property which is intended to provide services to residents of the proposed development. The conceptual plan associated with this annexation request may change. Any development proposal on this property shall require review and approval by the Planning Commission at a public hearing. Any future owner of this property who may propose a different development plan must pass through the same plan review process and public hearing. The City is not speaking in favor or against this conceptual plan.

Upon annexation, any development proposal on this property shall require review and approval by the Planning Commission at a public hearing. Any future owner of this property who may propose a different development plan must pass through the same plan review process and public hearing. The City is not speaking favor or against this conceptual plan.



(Submitted by Ruth A. Post, City Recorder)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Chapel Drive Annexation consists of approximately 160 acres generally located north of Chapel Drive between South 23rd and 30th Streets. The property is zoned Urban Residential by Benton County. Upon annexation to the City, it would be zoned Single Family Residential, with 5 acres of commercially zoned property which is intended to provide services to residents of the proposed development.

The applicant has submitted a general development plan accommodating 660 single-family dwellings. Theoretically, the subject property could accommodate approximately 770 single-family lots. However, the 660 homes presented by the applicant is being utilized based on the City's requirements for 26 acres for a community park and the 5 commercial acres. The subject property is constrained with significant natural areas of wetlands and riparian corridors that are protected under the City's Development Code, as well as state and federal regulations.

City streets and water are not located on the subject property and will need to be extended into and throughout the property. City sanitary sewer runs through the subject property and is adequate to handle the loads from the subject property. However, the City's master plan calls for increasing its size to accommodate future development. City water facilities, including treatment and storage, and City wastewater facilities, including collection, pumping and treatment, will need to be upgraded to accommodate the increased demand anticipated to be needed from the added population at build-out. Local streets have adequate capacity to effectively serve the subject property. However, area collectors and arterials will require upgrades, generally in the form of new turn lanes, to efficiently provide for the increased vehicular trips anticipated to be generated by this development.

NO ARGUMENTS FOR THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

City of Philomath

Measure No. 02-55

ARGUMENT AGAINST

Same old, same old...

Last year Philomath soundly defeated the Lowther Annexation request, nearly 4 to 1.

This November, the same oversized annexation (now named "02-55 Chapel Drive Annexation") will reappear. Same 660 houses. The same people who wrote last year's "green washed" publicity. One would think that writing a flyer and newspaper insert pretending to be ecologically sensitive grass-roots citizens, implying that we needed to approve the annexation to prevent those awful developers from ruining the lovely land -- and then getting exposed as being those very developers -- would be enough to disqualify a group from showing their faces here again, but apparently not. Are these the kind of people we want to build a large portion of our town?

One scant "yes" vote can trump many refusals.

The same problems of a fast 50% population increase remain - - water supply, river quality, traffic, school growth, sewage, fire, police, the probable inadequacy of developers' fees, and town livability.

Big picture: the real estate bubble is bursting. Inventories are up, sales down, foreclosures up, prices softening. Funny mortgages drying up. Debt everywhere. The whole party is financed by foreigners. Oil and gas inexorably depleting, despite happy talk on TV.

Houses already built here are selling slowly.

Could you imagine a worse time to start a large housing development?

Worst case scenario -- confused, we approve the Chapel Drive Annexation. They move ahead, carve up the land, start the streets and the water tower (oh, yes, they said they'd only start the water tower part way through the project ...) then the bottom drops right out of the market and the economy. We end up with half-finished roads, incomplete infrastructure, finished but unsold houses, half-finished houses, foreclosed houses, and in general a stinking mess. Nobody makes money, nobody is happy.

Please vote "no" as many times as necessary to stop this ill-advised annexation.

(This information furnished by Susan Kline)

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ARGUMENT AGAINST

Is Philomath leveling with us about the water issue?

Philomath presently obtains nearly all its water from the Marys River, which runs very low during the summer dry season. The City must provide water for any new annexation. However, because the proposed annexation of the Lowther property will result in 660 or more Philomath houses requiring on average 400 gallons per day per household, there is not enough available water in the Marys River during the summer dry season to supply this level of growth.

The City of Philomath has insisted that there is enough water for new development. Nevertheless last year the City investigated possible "alternative" water sources.

First, the City acquired "older" downstream water rights. However they are required to dig a 2-mile pipeline to bring this water to Philomath's treatment plant. If implemented, this will be a considerable expense for Philomath tax payers.

Second, they are negotiating with the City of Corvallis to buy water from Rock Creek. If mutual agreement is reached, it will be for a limited time-period. Philomath had such an agreement several years ago, but terminated it. Why? Was the cost too high?

We applaud Philomath's efforts to find additional water sources before further development occurs. But since the vote is right now, the bottom line is that the City of Philomath presently has only one water right "senior" to Oregon's "instream" water right (designated to protect the health of the Marys River). This means Philomath citizens and agriculture may face water use restrictions during the dry season.

*(This information furnished by
Amy Schoener and Clare Reimers, Philomath)*

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City of Philomath

Measure No. 02-55

ARGUMENT AGAINST

FACTS ABOUT THE CHAPEL DRIVE (LOWTHER) ANNEXATION

DIFFERENCES FROM LAST YEARS REQUEST: None.

GROWTH: 660 houses and about 2000 more people in Philomath.

WATER: There has been no rigorous study to show that the Marys River can provide enough water during low-flow events. Although Corvallis may agree to sell water to Philomath for a few years, this is not a long-term solution. If Philomath grows and Corvallis stops providing water, the city will be faced with water rationing. Money for the developer's proposed water tank will be deducted from Systems Development Charges levied by the City.

SEWAGE: Increased treated sewage returned to the Marys River will affect the quality of water available to downstream users. Increased water removal from the river will affect use of Marys River Park.

TRAFFIC: Residential streets and Main St. will be much busier. According to ODOT, the developer's traffic analysis and mitigation plan is inadequate. Philomath will have to pay for improvements (traffic lights, turn lanes, street widening) outside of the development, including changes likely to be required by the state at the intersection at 26th St. and Philomath Blvd.

SCHOOLS: The Elementary school currently has room, but the Middle and High Schools are full. This means more taxes will be needed for expansion.

JOBS: Annexation will provide few jobs for Philomath residents. No business is proposed other than a new grocery on Chapel Drive and some associated small businesses.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Philomath will pay for increased infrastructure and public safety personnel.

WETLANDS: Wildlife and plants around Newton Creek will be negatively affected.

APPROVED DEVELOPMENTS: Philomath must provide water for 84 homesites at Starlite Village II and future industry at Thompson Timber, Lakeside Industrial Park, Tree Source, and others. These future demands are unknown.

If approved, this annexation will permanently change Philomath, increase your taxes, and destroy water quality in the Marys River. The developers will profit. What will you gain?

Vote No!

(This information furnished by Philomath First PAC)

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ARGUMENT AGAINST

2006 "CHAPEL DRIVE" ANNEXATION = 2005 "LOWTHER FAMILY" ANNEXATION!

So what's new about the large annexation once again proposed for Philomath? Nothing, except for a name change promoted by the Portland developers!

Unchanged are: the size (160 acres); the number of houses (660); and, most importantly, the lack of a reliable, permanent water supply to meet the needs of a 40% or more increase in Philomath's population. In 2005, Philomath relied solely on the Marys River (94%) and the poor-quality 11th Street well for water. Philomath currently is seeking additional sources:

Marys River Philomath continues to acquire additional water rights. **Problem--** During the summer/fall months in a dry year, the flow of the Marys River often drops well below the State's minimum. Water rights, which give a landowner the legal use of a specific water source, are oversubscribed for the Marys. Thus, if all legitimate users drew on the river, it would run dry.

Rock Creek Philomath is negotiating a contract to buy Rock Creek water from Corvallis. **Problem--** Rock Creek, too, runs low in the summer. Any contract with Corvallis undoubtedly will be time-limited, since drought and/or an expanding population eventually may increase that city's water demands.

Additional Concerns

- Because Philomath must provide water for all approved annexations, the City's supply will be further impacted when significant build-out occurs on land already annexed, particularly hundreds of acres of undeveloped industrial property.
- Lengthy drought conditions, exacerbated by excessive development, will lead to water rationing and increased water rates.
- The Marys River is out of compliance with State law regarding several water quality requirements-- a reflection of low flow.
- In buying additional water rights for new development, Philomath will limit agricultural, recreational, wildlife habitat, and other uses.
- The proposed water tank ("reservoir") has limited capacity and, during a drought, may not be refillable.

Concerned about Philomath's long-term water supply? Then, please vote NO.

(This information furnished by May D. Dasch)

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Lane Community College

Measure No. 20-120

BALLOT TITLE

FIVE YEAR LOCAL OPTION INSTRUCTIONAL LEVY

QUESTION: Shall Lane Community College District levy \$1,366,372 annually for five years beginning July 1, 2007 to provide for instructional services? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: Lane Community College District would use levy proceeds to fund instructional programs and services. Adoption of this levy would minimize additional budget impacts, such as program eliminations and lay-offs. Passage requires a majority of votes cast, with no turnout requirement.

Passage of the levy would impose, over five years, a total of \$6,831,860, levied in five equal annual amounts of \$1,336,372 for tax years 2007-08 through 2011-12.

It is estimated that the proposed tax would result in a rate of \$.06 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or \$9.00 a year in additional property taxes for a home whose assessed value is \$150,000 in tax year 2007-08. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Lane Community College Board of Education has referred to the voters of the Lane Community College District a five-year local option instructional levy.

The LCC electoral district includes portions of Linn, Benton and Douglas Counties and most of Lane County.

If passed, Lane Community College would levy \$1,366,372 annually for five years beginning July 1, 2007, for a total of \$6,831,860 for tax years 2007/08 through 2011/12. This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent. Passage requires a majority of votes cast, with no turnout requirement.

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Adoption of this levy would reduce additional budget impacts such as program eliminations and lay-offs necessitated by reductions in state funding. Funding from state sources has declined 20.3 percent, from \$30.9 million in 2001/02, to \$24.6 million in 2006/07. In the same time period, the cost of tuition to student's has increased 83 percent, from \$38 per credit hour for resident students in 2001/02, to \$69.50 in 2006/07.

If Measure 20-120 passes, the college would use levy proceeds to support funding for instructional programs and services including certificates and degrees that prepare students for professional technical careers; lower division college classes that students may transfer for credit towards a higher degree; skills-based classes that improve employee productivity; business development and management classes that assist owners of small businesses; and foundational academic, language and life skills classes that prepare students for college-level courses and/or entry into the workplace.

*(Submitted by Mary Spide,
President, Lane Community College)*

**NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST
THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

Central School District No. 13J

Measure No. 27-82

BALLOT TITLE

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13J GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AUTHORIZATION

QUESTION: Shall Central School District No. 13J be authorized to issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$13,500,000? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: If approved, this measure provides funds to finance capital construction and improvements, and pay bond costs. Specifically, this measure would:

- Provide funds for seismic upgrades to Independence Elementary School
- Address health and safety, renovation and construction projects District wide including equipping and furnishing.
- Purchase structures and acquire land, if needed, to address current and future capacity needs.
- Pay associated bond issuance costs.

The Bonds would mature in twenty-one (21) years or less from issuance date and may be issued in one or more series.

quake would cause catastrophic damage to the building and pose a life-threatening hazard to students and adults. If approved, this bond would fund upgrades to meet today's standards for seismic resistance and educational space for students and staff. Approximately \$300,000 of the \$13,500,000 would be used for this purpose.

2. The district has identified a list of projects for improvements in its report called Health, Safety, Renovation, and Major Projects Plan. This plan lists what areas in each school require repair or renovation. Student management and safety is a high priority with Central School District and this bond would finance these capital improvements at all school facilities. A listing of these projects can be obtained at the District Office or at each school. Approximately \$5,000,000 of the \$13,500,000 would be used for this purpose.
3. Central School District 13J is a growing school district. It is anticipated by the year 2015 nearly 3,500 students will be in attendance. This year, 2006-2007, it is anticipated over 2,800 students will be in attendance. As a result of this growth in student population the school district has capacity issues now. Some of the buildings are over capacity now, and all of them will be in the near future. Educational space is needed to provide for current and future student growth. Approximately \$5,500,000 of the \$13,500,000 would be used for this purpose.

(Submitted by Joseph E. Hunter, Superintendent)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This bond measure would fund educational facilities at Central School District by providing for 1) earthquake (seismic) upgrades to Independence Elementary School, 2) health, fire and life safety upgrades, renovations, and other major improvements to all schools. This includes addressing issues related to the Americans with Disabilities Act, and 3) funds to address enrollment capacity based on recent and increased projected growth in student population.

Over the past several years Central School District has conducted public meetings with Monmouth and Independence citizens and community leaders to identify capital improvement projects. These small groups, town hall meetings, and committees, made recommendations to the Board of Directors. After reviewing input from the committees and various community forums the Board unanimously approved the 2005-2006 Facility Committee's recommendation to seek a capital improvement bond in November 2006.

It is anticipated that this bond issue would not increase the current tax rate for bonded indebtedness. The district will be making the final payment on previous bonds next year. Additionally, the recent Monmouth-Independence population growth, and resulting new construction has added to the tax base: it is expected that there would be no increase in the property tax rate over the current rate.

This is a summary of what the bond money would provide:

1. Independence Elementary School was constructed in 1925. This two story building is primarily constructed of un-reinforced masonry. It is a simple but, well maintained historic building that is on the National Historic Register. Community leaders, district officials, and the district's, structural engineering consultant are all very concerned that an earth-

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

Corvallis School District 509J

Measure No. 02-58

BALLOT TITLE

FIVE-YEAR OPERATING LOCAL OPTION TAX FOR CORVALLIS SCHOOLS

QUESTION: Shall the District annually levy \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value to support instruction for five years beginning in 2007-08? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: Corvallis School District would use local option taxes to support the academic achievement, music skills/appreciation, and the health and physical fitness of all students. The additional revenue would be used to enhance reading and math instruction for kindergarten through fifth grade; to strengthen middle and high school academic instruction in literature, math, science, and social studies; to improve vocational and technical education; to promote wellness and physical fitness for all students; to enhance music instruction for elementary students; and to sustain current classroom academic programs.

This measure authorizes the District to levy \$1.50 per \$1,000 assessed value each year beginning July 1, 2007 for five consecutive years. The District estimates that this would raise approximately \$3,200,000 a year, or \$16,000,000 over five years. This estimate is based on information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate.

The total education tax rate, including this special levy, would not exceed the Measure 5 limitation of \$5.00 per \$1,000 of real market value for the operation of schools

- Opportunities for health, wellness and the arts for all students. Increase music and physical education time for elementary students. Support opportunities for students to be active and involved through sports and other activities.
- Current classroom programs. Provide the financial stability to maintain current programs for students. Maintain current class sizes for elementary students.

The school district budget committee would review proposed spending each year to determine that it matched the intent behind the local option levy.

How will my property taxes change if I vote yes?

Since the passage of Ballot Measure 50 in 1997, the amount each property owner would pay for local option tax levies varies. The maximum tax rate would be \$1.50 per thousand of assessed value. The owner of a house with an assessed value of \$170,000 and a market value of \$210,000 would pay \$12.83 per month or \$154 per year for the school district local option levy. To estimate your tax, check the school district web site—www.csd509j.net— and click on Local Option.

What is a local option levy?

The Oregon Legislature provided local communities a funding option that allows voters to make some funding decisions for their schools.

The local option, a taxing formula based on Oregon's two property tax limitation laws, is calculated differently from other school taxes and bonds. The maximum amount requested is \$1.50 per \$1,000 assessed value. However, the total education tax rate, including this special levy, would not exceed the Measure 5 limitation of \$5.00 per \$1,000 of real market value for the operation of schools.

*(Submitted by Kathy Rodeman,
Director of Business Services, Corvallis School District)*

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

A Corvallis School District five-year local option operating levy beginning in 2007-08 would cost homeowners a maximum of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value per year. The local option levy would provide the Corvallis School District with about \$3,200,000 per year to support and improve the development of all students including academic achievement, music skills appreciation, and health and physical fitness.

How would this money be used?

The school board identified four major program areas that would be funded with the additional revenues:

- Reading and math for student academic success in kindergarten through grade five. This could include updating learning materials that teachers and students need in the classroom, increasing time to learn reading and math skills, and training teachers in best instructional practices to use with all students.
- Middle and high school academic and vocational/technical instruction. Additional revenues would provide more class sections and opportunities in math, science, language arts, and humanities for middle and high school students. These additional sections would reduce class sizes and improve core academic instruction. This could include additional vocational and technical instruction or equipment that would help prepare students for careers.

Corvallis School District 509J

Measure No. 02-58

ARGUMENT FOR

Passage of this levy will provide the revenue needed to hire more teachers and thus enhance the learning opportunities for educational experiences of Corvallis students. Specifically, teachers will be added in science, math and humanities at the middle and high schools. With more sections of classes being offered, class sizes and scheduling conflicts will be reduced. Students will have more opportunities to take the classes they need.

In addition, money generated by this levy will help support students wishing to participate in sports by reducing reliance on fund-raising to pay for coaches and transportation. The levy will also allow the District to offer additional vocational and technical training for students at the high school.

In the elementary schools, the emphasis will be on hiring staff to provide more reading and writing help for those children who need concentrated instruction. Further, the passage of this levy will give elementary students the opportunity to have PE and Music instruction twice each week—doubling what the District is able to offer currently.

Corvallis has a strong history of supporting education. However, money that is generated by a bond, like the one passed to fund the construction of Linus Pauling Middle School and the new Corvallis High, cannot be used for hiring teachers. The money generated by this levy gives our community the rare opportunity to restore some of the teaching positions lost during the past fifteen years of budget reductions.

All the money collected by this levy will stay local and thus directly support our schools.

Please join the teachers of Corvallis in supporting the learning opportunities for our students.

Signed:

Eneke Warnke

Peg Cornell

Co-Presidents, Corvallis Education Association

*(This information furnished by
the Corvallis Education Association)*

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ARGUMENT FOR

Corvallis has great schools. Still, program reductions, forced by 15 years of inadequate state funding, have eroded learning opportunities and driven up class sizes. That's why this levy is so important: It will restore some of what our schools have lost, while preserving programs we've worked hard to maintain.

Here is what your yes vote will accomplish.

Vote Yes to reduce class size. Many Corvallis secondary classrooms are packed with 40 students or more. That's too many for effective learning. A yes vote will enable schools to hire more teachers and cut class sizes for the first time in years.

Vote Yes to provide a well-rounded education for all Corvallis students. The local option levy will provide valuable classroom options that state budget cuts have curtailed or eliminated. The levy will:

- ◆ Increase elementary music and PE.
- ◆ Restore secondary math, science and humanities classes.
- ◆ Boost funding for high school athletics and activities.
- ◆ Pay for career and technical education in our high schools.

Vote Yes to target adequate resources for literacy instruction.

Reading and writing competencies are essential for every school subject, yet for many kids these skills don't come easily. The levy will provide enough staff and resources to ensure that all elementary students acquire the literacy skills needed to succeed in school and life.

Vote Yes to keep our children active and healthy. We know that physical activity is key to our kids' well being, yet dwindling state support has led to cuts in physical education and athletics. This levy will increase PE instruction in the elementary grades and restore money for secondary athletics.

Under Oregon law, this local option levy is the only way we can dedicate Corvallis money for Corvallis schools. Every dollar raised will stay in Corvallis, with every dime spent in our classrooms. **It's an investment opportunity we can't afford to miss.**

*(This information furnished by Corvallis Kids Count, a coalition
of parents, educators, and business leaders.)*

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Corvallis School District 509J

Measure No. 02-58

ARGUMENT FOR

We are local business people (as well as community members) who urge your "yes" vote on Measure 02-58, the Corvallis School District's five-year local option levy.

Corvallis voters first passed a local option levy in 1999, making it the first Oregon city to do so after voters approved a series of statewide property tax limitation measures that seriously eroded the quality of Corvallis schools after generations of local support. A number of business organizations also supported the 1999 local option levy, which expired in 2004. Since that time, state lawmakers have been unable to reach agreement on a means of providing stable funding to all Oregon schools, and Corvallis has continued to lose ground.

Businesses support efforts to strengthen education at all levels because strong schools are vital to developing the workforce we need to maintain economic health and remain competitive in the future. In addition to supporting funding measures such as this one, local businesses partner with schools in providing job shadowships, internships, employee mentors, and financial sponsorships for a variety of school activities throughout the year.

We are particularly encouraged by how the funds raised through the local option levy, estimated at approximately \$3 million annually, will be used. This includes funding additional science, math and humanities teachers at the middle and high schools, supporting new options for professional/technical training at the high schools, and additional investment in literacy coaches and extended learning opportunities to help younger students strengthen their math and reading skills.

We are also pleased that levy funds will be used to help support athletics and activities. These co-curricular activities help develop vital skills such as teamwork, personal responsibility, a positive work ethic, and leadership skills that will serve these students (and our communities) well beyond their school years.

Please join us in voting "yes" on Measure 02-58.

Rich Carone
 Marcy Eastham
 Bill Hubel
 Julie Manning
 Jim Sheldon
 Carol Lee Woodstock

(This information furnished by Corvallis business leaders.)

ARGUMENT FOR

The Executive Board of Corvallis Chapter 2 of the Oregon School Employees Association (OSEA) voted to support Measure 02-58, the Corvallis School District's five-year levy. We strongly support this measure to help restore some of the funding for teaching positions and to enhance programs that have been eroded over the past sixteen years.

We believe that our students deserve to have the best possible academic and vocational education to enhance their competitiveness in our global society. Students need skills in a wide range or areas to enable them to seek employment in industries including high tech, health, science, and education, among many others. Oregon needs auto industry workers as well as physicians and health care providers for a growing elderly population; scientists to discover new cures and teachers to guide the next generation. Our students need and deserve to have class sizes and labs of fewer than 40 students.

Support for athletics and activities has also been drastically reduced. Renewing support for these programs, also, will be an investment in our students' health and well-being. Passing this levy will demonstrate that we value our next generation and believe in their future, as past generations believed in, and financially supported, ours.

Please join us in voting YES for Measure 02-58.

Nancy Shaffer, Vice President
 Chapter 2, OSEA

*(This information furnished by
 Oregon School Employees Executive Committee)*

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Corvallis School District 509J

Measure No. 02-58

ARGUMENT AGAINST

509J can have more teachers by cutting excess spending on overhead and benefits

509J experienced excessive growth in overhead employees and employee benefits since 1990. Except for this growth, **existing revenue would be sufficient to deliver the same excellent education service** that was delivered in golden Camelot years prior to 1990. Instead, 509J paid for these excesses by cannibalizing the core of education, its classroom teachers.

509J benefits per employee cost 60% more than the national average for K-12 public schools. This **excess costs \$5.5 million annually**.

If expenses are outrunning revenue, **509J should have pursued expense reductions with near-term payoff** in recent negotiations with school unions. Instead, they negotiated two long-term reductions. Gradual phase-out of Early Retirement, will reduce the \$5.5 million excess by \$2 million, but not until 2018. Capping employer health insurance premium growth at 5% does nothing to reduce the \$5.5 million; it simply keeps the health care part of this excess from increasing faster than it otherwise would.

509J employees paid only \$26 to \$61 monthly for health insurance in 05-06 compared to the national average for private industry of \$273.03 for families and \$68.96 for singles. **This consumes \$1.2 million annually** that should be spent in classrooms.

509J has almost twice as many non-teaching overhead employees supporting each classroom teacher as other school districts of comparable size and configuration (Lake Oswego, Redmond, Roseburg). If 509J staffed like these other districts, there would be **47 additional classroom teacher positions without a new tax**.

Cutting just 30% of the \$5.5 million of excess benefits would add another 12 classroom teachers plus overhead staff to support them. This reduction, plus staffing like three comparison districts, would result in **a total of 59 additional classroom teachers without new taxes**.

Vote NO on 02-58; reallocate misspent millions...

Visit www.reform509J.com for expanded discussion and analysis.

*(This information furnished by
Citizens for Responsible School Funding)*

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ARGUMENT AGAINST

Many reasons why Local Option Levy 02-58 is unnecessary

Despite receiving windfall funding from Oregon lottery revenues, despite another windfall from **unspent bond construction funds**, despite prospects next year of increased State funding due to **income tax revenue increases**, despite continuing **decline in student enrollment**, and despite projecting the **largest budget in district history** for the 2006-2007 school year, the Corvallis **school district wants more tax money**.

Between 1993 and 2006, Corvallis School District 509J enrollment fell from 7769 to 6659, a **loss of 1110 students**. Enrollment forecasts predict continued decline. The 509J Program Resource Review effort (PR2) identified excess school capacity that should be closed. Although this could **save over \$1 million annually; 509J, has not acted**. 509J management is slow to cut expenses, but quick to go for more taxes.

Depending on assumptions, PR2 shows **Corvallis high schools at only 53% to 65% capacity five years hence**. Over half of the **\$86 million school bond** was for demolition of operational CHS buildings and replacement with huge, expensive new buildings. But, we don't really need a large, second high school anymore. Corvallis will soon be a one high school town. A smaller, less costly expansion of CVHS would have been an appropriate replacement for CHS. The \$86 million bond is a **stinging example of 509J fiscal mismanagement**.

Ever greater funding per student has not brought improved academic performance promised by educational tax-and-spend advocates. Comparing nations, or comparing U.S. states shows that those with the best academic performance do not spend most per student. **U.S. real spending per student quadrupled** in the past 50 years after correcting for inflation, **yet academic scores are flat** or decreasing.

Only 10% of Oregon school districts currently have local option levy taxes. Responsible fiscal management in the other 90% shows local option levies are unnecessary.

Vote NO on Local Option Levy 02-58.

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Greater Albany Public School District No. 8J

Measure No. 22-62

BALLOT TITLE

GREATER ALBANY SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AUTHORIZATION

QUESTION: Shall Greater Albany School District issue general obligation bonds totaling \$55,000,000 to renovate schools and expand and improve its facilities? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of Section 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: This measure provides funds to improve the District's schools which average 50 years old, some nearing 100 years old.

Fiscal Accountability and Independent Audits

An independent fiscal oversight and accountability committee will oversee expenditures to ensure that bond funds are used as authorized by voters. All funds will be used to renovate, build and improve classrooms and buildings – not teacher or administrator salaries.

Bond proceeds would be used to:

1. Renovate and modernize classrooms, school buildings and related facilities;
2. Build additional classrooms, acquire land, construct and furnish a new school;
3. Upgrade electrical equipment and improve access to technology in the classrooms, science labs, and libraries;
4. Upgrade heating equipment so all classrooms have working heating and ventilation systems;
5. Replace aging water pipes to improve drinking water;
6. Improve fire alarms to work at every school even if there is a power failure; and
7. Make schools more accessible for disabled and special needs children.

Bonds will mature in not more than 11 years from issuance date.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Board of Directors of the Greater Albany Public School District wants to provide Albany area kids with safe and healthy classrooms and learning environments that will prepare them for the careers of the 21st century. After two years of planning, community meetings, recommendations from a 30-member citizen committee, numerous School Board work sessions, and professional research, the school board voted to place this bond on the ballot. Four goals guided us:

1. Making sure our schools are safe and healthy,
2. Making sure students and teachers have the tools they need so kids can compete for college or for the careers of the 21st century,
3. Providing additional classrooms so that all students have space in which to learn,
4. Making sure taxpayer dollars will be spent wisely, on our classrooms and facilities, not on administrative overhead.

This \$55 million bond will pay for the most critical needs in all our schools throughout the district.

The bond is estimated to cost \$1.74 per thousand for ten years (an increase from the \$.32 currently being paid by Greater Albany Public School District patrons).

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Most of Albany's schools are more than half a century old. Every school needs equipment replaced or updated including:

- Replace pipes to improve our kids' drinking water.
- Fix heating and ventilation systems (some boilers are so old you can't get parts anymore!)
- Replace roofs.
- Update fire equipment and emergency exits, fix hazardous pavement, replace deteriorating gym floors, and renovate unsafe high school track.
- Make schools more accessible for disabled students, parents and staff.

TOOLS FOR SUCCESS

Many classrooms were designed and built before World War II. No one knew then how technology would affect our lives and the future of our children. Today's students depend on schools as the learning centers for the 21st century.

That means:

- Upgrading electrical capacity and wiring to accommodate computers and the other technology kids need (some classrooms have only two electrical outlets);
- Upgrading science labs (some don't even have sinks);
- Modernizing libraries; and
- Providing new technology centers at our high schools

GROWTH- The Board feels Albany's rapidly increasing student population needs more space.

Classroom overcrowding is a fact: This bond would:

- Add classrooms at Takena, Tangent, Oak, North Albany Middle School, South Albany High School and West Albany High School; and
- Build a new school east of I-5.

TAXPAYER SAFEGUARDS

An independent community accountability committee will guarantee Bond funds go directly where they are needed most - to the classrooms, to the school buildings, and to the most critically needed renovation and improvements.

- Money cannot be spent on administrative overhead.
- The committee includes community leaders, a parent, a teacher, a builder, and an accountant – they'll make sure YOUR MONEY IS SPENT WISELY, and only on what you voted for!

We need safe schools for our kids, but we also need safeguards for the taxpayers.

(Submitted by Liisa Reid, School Board Chair)

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

North Albany Rural Fire District

Measure No. 02-59

BALLOT TITLE

MEASURE PROPOSING A FIVE-YEAR OPERATING LOCAL OPTION TAX LEVY

QUESTION: Shall North Albany Rural Fire Protection District impose \$.91 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years beginning in 2007-2008? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: The North Albany Rural Fire Protection District's financial resources have been rapidly depleting in the last three (3) years due to an increase in the cost of the fire protection services. Therefore, it is necessary to request a five-year operating local option tax levy of \$.91 per \$1,000 of assessed value for \$111,500 to finance the operations of the District beginning in 2007-2008, \$115,960 for 2008-2009, \$120,599 for 2009-2010, \$125,420 for 2010-2011, and \$130,439 for 2011-2012. The measure will establish a temporary operating tax to help finance the operations of North Albany Rural Fire Protection District. The operating tax rate will be in addition to the permanent rate limit of \$1.4071 of assessed value. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an estimate only based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

"This measure will establish a temporary operating tax to continue to finance the operations of the North Albany Rural Fire District. If this measure passes, the District will impose a tax of \$.91 per \$1,000 of assessed value within the District for the next five years beginning in 2007-2008. The operating tax will be in addition to the permanent rate limit of \$1.4071 per \$1,000 of assessed value."

Board Members:
Burke Hales
Weldon McKinney
Mike McLain
Wes Price
Lee Swanson

(Submitted by Karen McLain, North Albany Rural Fire District)

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST
THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

CHINOOK ROAD DISTRICT

Measure No. 02-61

BALLOT TITLE

REQUEST TO ASSESS A FIVE YEAR OPERATIONS LOCAL OPTIONS TAX

QUESTION: Do you want a five year district local options tax at \$0.85 per thousand assessed value in 2007-2008 for operations?

This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: The Chinook Special Road District's operations local options tax will be a change from the existing local options tax of \$0.50 to \$0.85 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The existing local options tax will expire after 2006-2007. The total tax for the road district would then be the permanent rate of \$0.9533, plus local options \$0.85 = \$1.833 per thousand. This local options tax will be first assessed in November 2007 for 2007-2008, and be last assessed in November 2011.

The reason for the request is to minimally help offset the recent increase in cost of petroleum products and services used by the road district. Maintaining Chinook, the 1/2 mile road itself is budgeted at approximately 1/3 of the overall budget and has a petroleum based road surface, chip seal. Dust control, another approximate 1/3 of the budget increased 30% from 2005 to 2006.

It is estimated that the proposed rate will raise \$13,650 in 2007-2008, \$14,060 in 2008-2009, \$14,482 in 2009-2010, \$14,916 in 2010-2011, and \$15,364 in 2011-2012 for a total of \$72,474.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Chinook Special Road District commissioners are asking the district members to approve via ballot a local options tax for operations to help maintain roads in the district. The intent is to be able to maintain the roads in a condition similar to the current state.

This operations local options tax will be a change from our current local options tax of \$0.50 to \$0.85 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The existing local options tax will expire after 2006-2007. The total tax for the road district would then be the permanent rate of \$0.9533, plus local options \$0.85 = \$1.833 per thousand. This local options tax will be first assessed in November 2007 for 2007-2008, and be last assessed in November 2011.

The reason for the request is to minimally help offset the recent increase in cost of petroleum products and services used by the road district. Maintaining Chinook, the 1/2 mile road itself is budgeted at approximately 1/3 of the overall budget and has a petroleum based road surface, chip seal. Dust control, another approximate 1/3 of the budget increased 30% from 2005 to 2006.

The vote to continue a local options tax was approved by majority vote of attendees at the annual road district meeting budget meeting July 11th 2006. Thus this item is brought to public vote of district members.

(Submitted by John L. Taylor, President, Chinook Road Dist.)

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST
THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

Ridgewood Road District

Measure No. 02-57

BALLOT TITLE

RIDGEWOOD ROAD DISTRICT ONE YEAR LOCAL OPTION TAX

QUESTION: Shall the District impose a tax of \$3.37 per \$1,000 of assessed value for road maintenance 2007-2008 for a period of a single year? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: The Ridgewood Drive Road District will use the tax revenue from this measure to slurry or chip seal the road. Without this additional revenue, the district will not be able to perform this required maintenance for an estimated additional eight years. The proposed rate will be in effect for only the 2007—2008 tax year. After the 2007—2008 tax year the money the District will receive will revert to the current rate. The road is expected to be sealed in the summer of 2008.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Ridgewood Road District is comprised of 53 households located on Ridgewood Drive, Ridgewood Place, Heather Drive, Fuchsia Drive, and Magnolia Drive in Corvallis. The District annually assesses property tax at a rate of \$0.6435 per \$1,000 of assessed property value to fund road maintenance and repairs.

Proper maintenance of the road requires period chip or slurry sealing. Current reserve funds are not sufficient to complete the sealing in addition to other maintenance needed. The purpose of this ballot measure is to increase the property tax assessment for Road District residents for the 2007-2008 year only to \$3.37 per \$1,000 of assessed value to cover the sealing costs. Thereafter, the property tax rate will revert to the usual rate.

For this measure to take effect, a majority of votes cast in the election by Ridgewood Road District residents must be "Yes".

Should the measure fail to pass, the road will not be sealed. Failure to seal the road will accelerate deterioration of the road, and making repaving of the road necessary sooner. Repaving the road is costlier than slurry sealing.

(Submitted by Thomas Schuerlein, President, Ridgewood RD)

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST
THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

Benton County

Commissioner, Position 1



**LINDA
MODRELL**

DEMOCRAT

OCCUPATION: Benton County Commissioner.
OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Policy Developer, Oregon Health Plan; Manager, Business Services & Computer System, OSU Agricultural Sciences & Extension; Oregon Community Partnership Team; small business owner.
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Oregon State University: MBA, B.S.; Linn-Benton Community College: A.A.
PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Chair, Benton County Commission; Chair, Area Commission on Transportation; Linn-Benton-Lincoln-Lane Regional Investment Board; Chair, Local Government Advisory Committee, Oregon Department of Human Services.

Benton County is a great place to live. We can make it better by turning challenges into opportunities.

Global influences and national and state policy choices affect our community everyday. They also affect you and me in the real terms of financial resources, the availability of good jobs, efficient transportation, access to health care, and a healthy environment. The well-being of our community **depends on each of us.**

My **experienced leadership** has helped meet these challenges through a two-term **record of investment** in our community.

I am proud of our committed Benton County staff. With their help, I have worked to **enhance livability** and to **improve the efficiency** of our government.

Together, we have:

- Opened healthcare clinics,
- Improved the budget process,
- Provided a forest education center,
- Replaced stream culverts for improved roads and water quality,
- Invested in treatment for addictions, and
- Contributed to a regional plan for healthy well-water.

I continue to work with our local and regional partners to promote **economic development** and **improve transportation**. I work with legislators to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of services delivered through our county/state partnerships.

You elected me to do this job on your behalf and it has been my pleasure and honor to serve. I am asking for your continued confidence by returning me to office.

Sincerely,
Linda Modrell

www.lindamodrell.com

(This information furnished by Modrell for Commissioner)

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Commissioner, Position 1



**RON
WRIGHT**

REPUBLICAN

OCCUPATION: Education; Entrepreneur.
OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Law Enforcement; Surveillance; Business; Teacher; Theatre Director.
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: BS Speech 1973; Northwestern College, Iowa MS English, Theatre, Education 1980; U of O.
PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Coalition for Sheltering the Homeless; USAF; Town Constable.

FAMILY: Married; 4 children

In preparing to serve as county commissioner, I've been talking and listening with people throughout Benton County. Here is what they've said:

"We can't find a job here that pays a decent wage." Over the past 25 years many bright and talented young adults in Benton County have graduated and left. There aren't enough skilled, sustainable jobs for new graduates nor is there a vigorous, growing local economy recruiting them to stay. We need to offer economic incentives for stable businesses to grow and new businesses to invest locally. When will the governor's 2003 order for "shovel-ready land" be realized in this county?

"We can't afford to live here." Nearly half the people who work in Benton County live elsewhere. How do we keep them here? Benton County needs to be proactive by encouraging and promoting economic development in the private sector. We need responsible growth and the expansion of urban growth boundaries in order to provide affordable homes. The benefits will be reductions in traffic congestion, gasoline consumption, air pollution, and commuting time.

"We aren't allowed to build a home for our children on our own property." Benton County needs to loosen its restrictive policies in planning and building, and return to the original intent of using the State Land Use Codes as a guideline rather than a directive. Smart land use planning considers the public good but respects private ownership rights. This is just plain common sense. Let's honor Governor McCall's vision of *helping to conserve rather than hindering to preserve.*

VOTE WRIGHT

Authorized and Paid for by The Committee to Elect Ron Wright
3205 NW Huckleberry Place, Corvallis, OR 97330

*(This information furnished by
the Committee to Elect Ron Wright)*

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Benton County

Sheriff



**DIANA
SIMPSON**

OCCUPATION: Benton County Undersheriff.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Adjunct Instructor, Criminal Justice Department, Linn Benton County Community College; Parole and Probation, Benton County.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: BA, Criminal Justice, Boise State University; Executive Certification, Law Enforcement and Parole and Probation; Pacific Program; Oregon Executive Development Institute; Jail Command College, Oregon State Sheriffs' Association.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Oregon Department of Corrections: Parole and Probation Officer-Albany, Sergeant and statewide trainer, Manager Day Reporting Center; Sheriff's Office Citizen's Academy

Family: Husband Bret Godfrey; sons- Mickey and Kipp

Vote Diana Simpson for Sheriff

Diana Simpson has the **Experience, Integrity and Knowledge to lead** the multi-division Sheriff's Department. As Undersheriff, Diana has shown leadership and vision, effectively managing the Department.

Dear Citizen,

With 24 years of experience as a public safety professional, including executive and management, I have what it takes to run a complex, professional law enforcement organization dedicated to meet the community's needs. I invite you to browse simpsonforsheriff.net and read for yourself why I am the best candidate for Benton County Sheriff. I look forward to working with you to keep Benton County a safe and wonderful place to live. I would be honored to have your vote for Benton County Sheriff.

Diana Simpson

Diana Simpson will:

- Fight substance abuse, especially methamphetamine, that is causing a ripple effect on children, families, schools, and crimes in our neighborhoods.
- Build strong, positive community relationships.
- Communicate directly with residents.
- Work with mental health professionals to find safe alternatives to jail for mentally ill offenders.
- Work to provide adequate jail facilities.

Diana Simpson recognizes that the Sheriff's Department must meet the highest professional standards and will seek accreditation for the Department.

Join Sheriff Jim Swinyard, Former Sheriffs Dave Cook and Stan Robson, Former Senator Cliff Trow, JoAnne Trow, Commissioners Jay Dixon and Annabelle Jaramillo, Albany City Councilor Doug Killin, Retired Police Lieutenant Mike Russell and many more . . .

Vote Diana Simpson for Sheriff

(This information furnished by Simpson for Sheriff Committee)

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City of Adair Village

Mayor

Councilor



DEBRA HUNTSMAN

OCCUPATION: Office Assistant, Benton County Natural Areas & Parks Department.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Elections Department, Pierce County - Assistant Office Manager, FPC Technology - Idaho State Senate - Banking - Retail.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Graduate of Fruitland High School.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Adair Planning Commission Chair - Pierce County Elections - Idaho Senate - Campaign Worker.

Community Service: Past President of Youth & Children's Organizations - President of Parent Teacher Association

When I moved to Adair a little over 4 years ago, I fell in love with the community. Wanting to make a difference and contribute to our small town, I volunteered to serve on the Planning Commission. I was later elected Chair of the commission. Seeing the future possibilities of our small community, I have worked in partnership with local and state officials to create a long-term plan and vision for our community.

I wish to continue to be an active participant. As the mayor of Adair Village, I will continue to keep alive our vision to develop a vibrant and safe community for our citizens. My experience on the Planning Commission has given me the necessary insight to understand the issues and challenges we face as a small town. In working with the citizens of Adair, I have gained a thorough knowledge of their concerns. I feel I offer the skills and abilities to help us move forward in a positive manner. I am excited about the possibilities for Adair.

(This information furnished by Debra Huntsman)

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CHARLINE KING

OCCUPATION: Retired.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Owner and Administrative Manager; Arby's, Corvallis; 13 years; Benton County Commissioner; 8 years; Accounting; 10 years; Office Manager; 5 years.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Linn-Benton Community College; 2 years; Clackamas Community College; 2 terms; Walla Walla High School; diploma, 4 years.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Mayor, City of Adair Village; approximately 7 years; Commissioner, Benton County; 8 years; Budget Committee, City of Adair Village; Budget Committee, Benton County; Planning Commission, Adair Village; currently serving; Treasurer, Adair Homeowners Association.

I had the privilege of serving as the first mayor of Adair Village following the city's incorporation in 1976. Those were exciting days as we worked to establish a new city! As a 33 year resident and homeowner of Adair Village I have seen, in recent years, some development of the infant city of 30 years ago. The future may bring additional homes and families as well as a possible business district. Adair Village could be a city with a library, a restaurant or two, a larger grocery market, a gas station and other shopping opportunities. Some businesses could offer jobs for our citizens. If any of this does occur we will face some new challenges in our city such as a safer access onto Highway 99, public transportation and enhanced police and fire protection. I was involved in the formation and history of Adair Village. I would like the opportunity to work with you to meet the challenges of the future of our city. Together we can do it. Exciting days are ahead!

(This information furnished by Charline King)

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City of Albany

Mayor



**DOUG
KILLIN**

OCCUPATION: Rental property owner.
OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Cannery Worker; High School English Teacher; Disciplinary Vice Principal.
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: BS Ed. Western Oregon University; M.Ed. University of Oregon.
PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Teacher, Cascade Union High 1963-65; Teacher, Greater Albany Public Schools 1966-1975; North Albany School Board 1991; Vice Principal, GAPS 1975-1994; Albany Planning Commission 1994-96; Albany City Council 1997-2006.

**Doug is concerned about
Railroad Gridlock**

The Queen Street railroad crossing is extremely dangerous and is a severe block to Albany traffic. We must find a permanent solution.

Business and Jobs

Business and industry are our lifeblood. The Albany unemployment rate continues to soar. Doug will lead in enhancing the local business climate to attract and retain good family-wage jobs.

Crime

Every citizen has the right to walk freely and without fear on Albany's streets. It is important to provide the police with the resources to stop the thefts and assaults that plague Albany.

Historic Preservation

Albany has a rare treasure: more historic houses in one area than any city between San Francisco and Seattle. These homes give us identity, preserve our past, and attract tourist dollars. We must see that these treasures are preserved.

TREES

Homes, businesses, and trees can coexist and be of mutual benefit! With careful planning, it is not necessary to clear-cut a lot before it is sold for development. Trees provide beauty, oxygen, and texture to the Albany landscape.

While Doug has been on the Council, he has been a leader in

Rebuilding seven major streets: Salem, Santiam, Elm, 34th, 5th, N. Albany Rd., and Hill

Reversing a city staff decision to abandon the airport

Building a water plan which will serve Albany for many, many years

Building Cool! Swanson Pool

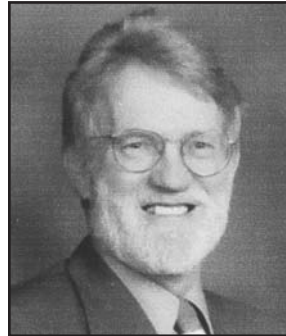
Creating a downtown urban renewal program with no increase in property taxes

As a candidate for Mayor of Albany, I appreciate your trust.

(This information furnished by Doug Killin)

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Mayor



**LOYD
HENION**

OCCUPATION: President/Consultant, Integrated Transportation Solutions (Consulting Business); Manager, family farm in Jefferson.
OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Manager, Financial Planning and Economics at Oregon Dept. of Transportation; Transportation Consultant, World Bank; Policy Coordinator, Heavy-vehicle Electronic License Plate (multistate-project).
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland State University, BS, Economics; Washington State University, 3 years PhD coursework, Transportation Economics; Graduate Oregon Leadership Institute.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Chairman, Transportation Task Force, Oregon Senate Transportation Committee; Chairman, City Planning Commission, Jefferson; President PTA, Jefferson; President American Field Service, Jefferson; Advisor to Oregon Legislators on Transportation.

Elect Loyd Henion as mayor.

I will do my best to listen to, learn from and serve the community of my ancestors.

I have deep roots in Albany. Five generations of my family have lived here. It's a wonderful place to raise a family and we must maintain high livability standards for everyone. These quality-of-life issues impact all of us: drugs and crime; police/fire departments; parks/recreation; schools and senior services.

I will promote balance and ease of flow in the lives of Albany's residents. This includes traffic, new development, city services, revitalizing the downtown area and convenient access to amenities. As an economist I know this involves both businesses and residents. The economic health of each is dependent on the other.

State, national and international experience has provided me with the skills and knowledge to be an effective leader and ambassador for this, the city of my ancestors. As mayor, I will achieve these goals.

"Loyd is one of those people that you can tell what you want done and he does it....His experience with ODOT economics makes him an excellent team player, both for short-term solutions and long-term goals." **Glen Tilley, Tilley Nursery Co.**

"Loyd has a national reputation in Transportation. His background and experience will serve Albany well in addressing its traffic challenges"

James A. Smith, Ph.D.

"Loyd cares about everybody—the rich and the poor and everybody in between."

Dan Wilson, Pastor, Crabtree Christian Church

(This information furnished by Loyd Henion)

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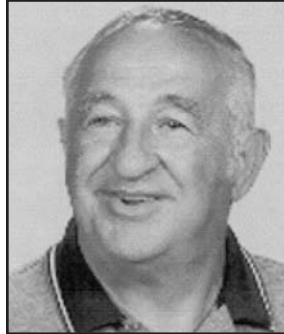
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City Council, Ward 1

City Council, Ward 1

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DICK
OLSEN



RAY
E.
HILTS

OCCUPATION: Retired.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Chemical Engineer at Albany Research Center, U.S. Bureau of Mines 1966 to 1996.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: BA, Physics, Pacific Lutheran University, 1959; PhD., Chemical Engineering, Oregon State University, 1966.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Elected, Albany City Council Ward I, 1972; Reelected, Albany City Council Ward I, 1976; Elected, Albany Mayor, 1978; Elected, Albany City Council Ward I, 1998; Reelected, Albany City Council Ward I, 2002.

Family Wife Clintena and grown children

Accomplishments

- Neighborhood rezoned from apartment to single family 1971
- Carnegie Library kept open 1974
- Prevented urban renewal that would have demolished downtown business and residential neighborhoods 1976
- Historic Monteith house purchased and preserved 1976
- Ambulance services returned to its rightful place in Albany Fire Department 1979
- Central School preserved from demolition 1980
- Three downtown historic districts formed 1980
- Albany Airport kept open 1998
- Swanson Pool reopened as Cool Water Park 2005
- Central School **again** saved from condemnation 2005

My thoughts

The above accomplishments show my concerns for and stewardship of our city. If reelected, I will continue to advocate for the livability and safety of our neighborhoods. **Albany residents should have the opportunity to help make their neighborhoods as great as they can be.**

We are paying too much for water and sewer. Although the majority of the present City Council opposes it, I will continue to push for reevaluation of our Systems Development Charges. **This reevaluation will allow speculators and developers to pay their fair share of the costs of growth they cause.** Hopefully, new membership on the council will allow such a reevaluation.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "I love to pay my taxes because they bring me civilization". You and I may not love paying taxes as much as Ralph Waldo did, but I know that our health and safety depend on your **yes vote to renew the Albany Ambulance Fire and Police Levy.**

If you would like to help me get reelected, or have questions call **Dick Olsen at 926-7348**

(This information furnished by Committee to Reelect Dick Olsen)

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OCCUPATION: Retired.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: RETIRED. Former employment: Retail Sales, Bus & Truck Driver, Restaurant Work, Retired Insurance Agency owner. As a business owner Ray learned to stay within a budget, handle personnel issues and serve his clientele.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Northwest Radio & TV 2-yr. Associate Degree, Central Washington College 3 yrs.; Linn Benton Community College business courses; Insurance School (leadership, insurance and financial studies), receiving LUTC designation; Optimist International leadership training.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:

Military: 6 yrs. in U.S. Army, Honorable Discharge.

Community Volunteer: Crime Victim Advocate; Chair, Linn County Tax Appeal Board; Chair, Jobs Plus Advisory Group; Cook & Mentor for Salvation Army Teen Center; Spokesperson for Linn County Smoke-Free Coalition; Past Governor of PNW Optimist Clubs; Trustee, Administrative Board Member, and Delegate to Annual Conference United Methodist Church; CARA Advisory Board Member. Ray was honored with the 2004 Albany Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award.

Major Concerns: Ray believes strongly in free enterprise. He feels we must have a strong workforce, that is well educated and trained in technology, to attract new businesses to Albany that would provide good wages. Other issues involve safety, roads, growth and our civic identity.

Pledge: Before making a decision, Ray will research issues and strive to base decisions on facts, not emotions. He feels it's very important to go to council meetings prepared, and he has the time and interest to do so.

Paid for by Committee to Elect Ray E. Hilts
David Schnebly Treasurer

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City of Albany

City Council, Ward 1

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DAN
BEDORE

OCCUPATION: Retired.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: 28 years as an executive in the recreational vehicle industry.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Jackson Community College, Jackson, Michigan, Associates Degree; Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, Junior year completed; Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Oregon, Bachelor of Arts, Management.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Budget Committee, Junction City, Oregon; City Council, Junction City, Oregon; Mayor, Junction City, Oregon (2 terms); Planning Commission, Springfield, Oregon; Planning Commission, Albany, Oregon (current); Planning Commission, Junction City, OR.

Veteran, United States Army, 1971-72

Member, Rotary Club of Albany

(Past) Member, Professional/Technical Education Coordinating Committee, Lane Community College

(Past) Member, Recreational Vehicle Technician Advisory Committee, Lane Community College

(Past) Board Member, Lane Workforce Partnership Board Associate, Central Willamette Community Credit Union, Albany, OR.

*(This information furnished by
Dan Bedore for Albany City Council)*

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City of Corvallis

Mayor

Mayor



**CHARLES
C.
TOMLINSON**

OCCUPATION: Co-Owner, White Oak Partnership.
OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Harrison House Bed & Breakfast; Unisys and Sperry Corporations.
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Alma College, B.S.; University of Hartford, M.B.A.; Hartford Seminary.
PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: City Council President (2005-Present), (2001-2002); City Councilor (1999-2002, 2005-Present).

Dear Citizens,

I ask for your vote for me as Mayor.

My promise to you is straightforward: I will work hard in office, respect citizen opinion, listen to concerns and issues, be visible in the community and collaborate with you to make Corvallis a great community in which to live, to work and to play.

What guides my efforts?

Our community. Reaching out to all members of the community, respecting their points of view and valuing their contributions are fundamental principles of my public service. I respect diversity of people and diversity of opinion.

Our economy, education and affordable housing. These inter-related forces impact our community: jobs at our major employers are disappearing, schools are closing due to lower enrollment, higher education funding is declining and housing is expensive in Corvallis. These four forces must be overcome.

The environment. Citizens repeatedly tell me that environmental protection is important to them. It's important to me, too. During this Council term, I am proud to be a part of our city government taking significant steps in reducing our environmental impact and Corvallis being named the first EPA Green Power Partner in the Northwest.

Effective and efficient government. You can expect a continued commitment from me and City staff to deliver services effectively and efficiently while keeping the cost of government as low as possible.

What are my specific goals?

The *Corvallis 2020 Vision Statement* serves as a roadmap for our community's future. My mayoral platform focuses on furthering this community vision by working with you, Council and staff for a better Corvallis. Please visit Charlie4Mayor.com to read my Mayoral Platform.

Again I ask for your support this election and the opportunity to make a difference for our community.

(This information furnished by Charles C. Tomlinson)

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**ROB
GÁNDARA**

OCCUPATION: Pipe Makers Union, LLC - President, Chief Technical Officer, 2005 - present; Ordinance Celtic Music Ensemble - Director, Musician 2004 to present; Opera Theater Corvallis - Past President, Board Member 2003 to present; Benton Furniture Share - Board Member 2006; Corvallis Sister Cities Association - Board Member 2003 to present; Community Alliance for Diversity - Board Member 2003 to present; Dr. Martin Luther King Commission - 2003 to present; Downtown Corvallis Association - Board Member 2003 to present; Economic Vitality Partnership - 2003 to present.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Hewlett Packard Corporation - Senior Member of Technical Staff, 1995 to 2005; First Alternative Cooperative - Owner/Worker Delicatessen Service, 2003 to 2005; Irish Moonshine Celtic Music Ensemble - Director, Musician 1998 to 2002; Mid-Valley Bicycle Club - Board Member, Tour Captain 1998 to 2000; Digital Equipment Corporation - Principal Engineer, 1984 to 1995, Hudson Massachusetts; Marlborough Symphony Orchestra - Board Member, Musician 1988 to 1989, Marlborough, Massachusetts.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Georgia Institute of Technology - Masters of Science in Electrical Engineering with Certificate in Computer Integrated Manufacturing Systems, 1991; Massachusetts Institute of Technology - Bachelors of Science in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science with a Humanities Concentration in Music, 1985.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: President Corvallis City Council 2003 to 2004; Corvallis City Council 2001 to present; Budget Commission 2001 to present; Corvallis Human Services Committee 2001 to 2002; Corvallis Urban Services Committee 2003 to present.

During the last six years on the Corvallis City Council, I have made a priority of ensuring the integrity of our city government. I seek your support in continuing this effort to improve the openness and efficiency of its operation. As Mayor, I will work toward our vision of a community inclusive of all cultures and lifestyles. I will hold true to my conviction that decisions should be based on information, not confusion or fear. We can become a community of possibility, where dreams are prevalent and achievable for all.

Let's grow up, not out.

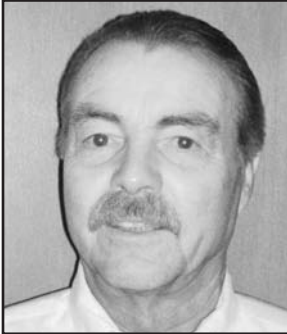
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City of Corvallis

City Council, Ward 1



**BILL
YORK**

OCCUPATION: Retired.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: For 21 years, managed planning, design and construction of facilities projects for Caltech's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, CA. Previously was with Sargent Industries and Rockwell International.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: B.A., Business Administration, California State University – Long Beach; A.A.; Business Management, Cerritos College.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Corvallis Planning Commission; Corvallis Capital Improvement Program Commission; Corvallis Historic Preservation Advisory Board.

During my six years on the Planning Commission, I worked hard to maintain a balance between the needs of development and protections for those things that make Corvallis special. I want to continue that effort on the City Council.

I believe Corvallis must continue to grow at a modest rate to remain vibrant. We need more family wage jobs, more shopping opportunities, and more housing – particularly at the entry level. I am convinced we can accommodate this growth without sacrificing our prized open spaces, our beautiful downtown, and our historic neighborhoods.

The 2020 Vision Statement describes a Corvallis that has successfully balanced these widely divergent needs. It would serve as a foundation for my decision making.

Another key element of my decision making process is listening. I found that the public, City staff, and my colleagues on the Planning Commission had a wealth of good ideas. I know that the same will be true on the City Council, and promise to encourage active and open discussion before making important decisions.

I am looking forward to representing the residents of Ward 1 on the City Council.

(This information furnished by Bill York for City Council)

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City Council, Ward 2



**PATRICIA
DANIELS**

OCCUPATION: Retired editor.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Production Editor, *Comparative Literature*; Field Representative, Senator Ron Wyden; Communications Specialist, Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development; school administrator; teacher; Peace Corps Volunteer.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: B.A., UC Berkeley; M.A., University of Oregon.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Corvallis City Council; Corvallis Planning Commission (Chair, 1996, 2000); Willamette Criminal Justice Council (Chair, Lay Committee); Corvallis Open Space Commission.

As your city councilor, I've worked hard to keep my promises:

Livability

- Persuaded the city to fund a part-time position to respond to concerns about trash, illegal parking, noise, vandalism, overcrowding, and public health.
- Worked with city and OSU staff, students, neighbors, and businesses to develop Monroe St. pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly plan.
- Participated on the Alcohol/Livability Task Force with law enforcement, student groups, vendors, OSU administration, and others to reduce alcohol-related crime in the downtown and in neighborhoods.

Citizen Participation

- Supported council efforts to strengthen citizen involvement and celebrate diversity.
- Worked to restore staffing for the Committee for Citizen Involvement.
- Built support for the citizen-based Neighborhood Empowerment Program.

Downtown

- Lobbied for council support to complete the Downtown Master Plan and Downtown Housing Study.
- Worked with downtown business owners and advocates to win funding for additional downtown street trees.

I've also organized two public forums on experiences and needs of, and services for, people with mental illness, sponsored by the Willamette Criminal Justice Council.

If re-elected, I plan to

Broaden city support for livable neighborhoods. I'll work for more collaborative outreach to neighbors, incoming OSU students, and landlords—and tougher code enforcement for those few violators who disregard our laws.

Implement recommendations of Downtown Strategic Plan Task Force. I'm eager to help downtown business and property owners work with the entire city to make this happen.

It's been an honor to represent you for the past two years. I look forward to continuing to serve on your behalf.

Patricia Daniels

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City of Corvallis

City Council, Ward 2



**ROBB
VANCIL**

OCCUPATION: OSU student earning a BA in Political Science with a minor in Economics. I am employed part-time as a Model Technician at O'Brien Dental Lab.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: 1993-2003: Glaze-Making Manager, Pratt and Larson Tile, Portland, OR. 1984-1993: jobs in retail, restaurants, warehouse, production and roofing.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: 1988: graduated from Cleveland High School, Portland, OR. 1988-1991: attended UO and PSU.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None.

Rob Vancil will provide Corvallis with:

BETTER REPRESENTATION

The average age in Corvallis is 27, and younger people are under-represented in local government. As a working student, I will aim to voice the concerns and ideas of this section of citizens.

ALL-AGES ENTERTAINMENT

Corvallis needs a venue where *everyone* can go see local, regional and touring acts of many different genres. (With a beer garden/bar for those over 21.) I will work with local businesses and entrepreneurs to help establish this type of club.

CITIZEN'S REVIEW BOARD

An independent agency to handle complaints about police conduct and work with the CPD to resolve any problems. It should ensure anonymity for both the complainant and the officer.

ECONOMIC DIVERSITY

As we continue to develop and grow, Corvallis should remain accessible to people of all income levels.

REASONABLE DEVELOPMENT

A sense of community should be fostered by building new housing that fits in with existing neighborhoods. A balance should be maintained between infill and overcrowding.

GET INVOLVED!

These are some of my ideas for a better Corvallis, but in our representative system, what matters most is what *you think*. I will be a politician that listens. I want to hear your ideas, thoughts, comments, concerns and observations. If you want to share them with me, get in touch. I am not entrenched in the local political and economic system and I will bring an original outlook and distinct voice to the City Council.

For those about to rock, I'll represent you.

For those about to vote, I salute you.

VOTE ROBB!

VANCIL 4 COUNCIL

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(This information furnished by Vancil 4 Council)

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City Council, Ward 3



**DAN
ALLEN**

OCCUPATION: Dan has been a licensed REALTOR in Corvallis for 5 years; Professional designations: Certified Residential Specialist (CRS); Graduate Realtor Institute (GRI); Accredited Buyer's Representative (ABR).

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Retired United States Air Force Officer. Dan left Oregon at the age of 18 and served 21 years; he and his family have lived in Corvallis for 10 years; Additional Experience: Volunteers time with Corvallis Neighbor Housing Services as an instructor for the 1st Time Home Buyer class.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Master of Science Degree (Aeronautical Engineering-1991), Air Force Institute of Technology; Master of Science Degree (Systems Management-1989), University of Southern California; Bachelor of Science Degree (Aerospace Engineering-1985), San Diego State University.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Dan began his Air Force career working on the flight line in 1979 as an enlisted troop and ended his Career here in Corvallis in 2000. During his tenure, he worked with and supervised numerous enlisted personnel, junior officers, government civilians and contractors on the Space Shuttle, B-2 Bomber (flying wing), and Titan Satellite programs. Areas of supervision included technical and contractual compliance and leadership of junior officers and enlisted personnel.

Dan Allen has Leadership and Management Experience:

Dan currently serves as Finance Committee Chairman for the Agent Leadership Council providing budget oversight and is one of the core group of agents that started Keller Williams Realty Mid-Willamette

Dan worked on an Air Force Inspector General team as a management consultant

Dan managed the Oregon State Air Force ROTC Wing as Commandant of Cadets for 3 years

Dan taught Leadership and Management classes for 4 years at Oregon State University

Dan Allen Listens to Ward 3 Residents and Hears Their Concerns:

- Properly managed business growth along 99W
- Keeping Corvallis a great place to live
- Managing the City budget without raising your taxes

(This information furnished by Dan Allen for City Council)

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City of Corvallis

City Council, Ward 3



GEORGE GROSCH

OCCUPATION: Realtor.
OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Program Manager, OR211; I&R Specialist Benton County Health Department.
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: State University of New York at Brockport, Bachelor of Professional Studies; Jamestown Community College, Associate of Arts.
PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Corvallis City Council 1999 - Present; Corvallis Budget Commission; Housing and Community Development Commission.

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Ward 3 for the past four years. Please reelect me for another term so we can continue making our neighborhood a better place to live.

Under my leadership, we have accomplished all this:

- Made our streets safer by completing the South 3rd Street Median Project;
- Improved transportation by extending the Multi-Modal Path from Willamette Landing to Crystal Lake Sports Fields
- Kept our environment, air, and water clean by implementing a Sustainability Policy.
- Kept our neighborhoods safe by organizing a Citizen Review Board to oversee the Corvallis Police Department.
- Improved pedestrian and bike safety by striping Goodnight and Rivergreen.
- Increased transit service from 60 to 30 minute service.
- Provided free health care to families and children by working with our Health Department to open the Lincoln School Community Health Clinic.

When re-elected, we'll do this, too:

- Increase retail shopping opportunities in our neighborhood.
- Improve traffic safety between the Co-op and Crystal Lake Dr;
- Assist the Boys and Girls Club to provide after school activities at Lincoln School
- Extend the multi-model path to connect with downtown.
- Begin public improvements to Herbert and Caldwell Open Space properties.
- Submit the Willamette Greenway Permit Application to improve Willamette Park.

Together we can keep South Corvallis a great place to work, play, raise a family, and live. I have a proven record of listening and working to be your voice at the City Council.

I would appreciate your vote.

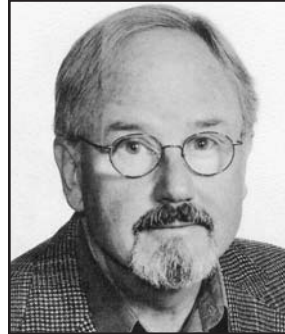
Let's keep the good "neighbor" in neighborhood.

George Grosch

(This information furnished by George Grosch for Ward 3)

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City Council, Ward 4



DAN BROWN

OCCUPATION: Retired.
OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: 25 years on OSU College of Business faculty.
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: University of Iowa, Ph.D., Business Administration.
PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: President, College Hill Neighborhood Association (elected); Co-Chair, OSU/Neighborhood Traffic and Parking Committee (appointed); Member, 509J Continuous Improvement Program Committee (appointed).

I have made my home in Corvallis for over thirty years. During that time, I've seen changes for the better and I've seen our community lose some good things as well. By becoming a candidate for office, I would welcome the chance to help the City remain on a positive course.

I have worked with City departments, particularly land use planning, and have held positions on boards of local organizations. As a parent, I have volunteered in the schools and been active in 509J activities. As a business school professor, I have advised many local businesses and nonprofits.

As a candidate for City Council, I recognize the challenge of matching scarce City resources to services needed by the residents. But, my aspiration is to help create a future of **livability and economic vitality** for Corvallis, **in partnership with business, our schools and other citizens.**

I want to emphasize the following ideas in this election:

Strong neighborhoods: Neighborhoods are the building blocks of a vital city. Neighborhood living means interaction and concern for others. This is essential for livability.

Outstanding K-20 Education: Excellent, results-oriented K-12 education is essential to make Corvallis the kind of town we want it to be. Oregon State University is a primary economic driver for our City. Both are critical factors in attracting business ventures and residents to the area and retaining them here.

Collaboration: I believe that partnering among private and public organizations, and private citizens, is the best way to solve community programs. This approach requires cooperation, creativity, thorough analysis, and well-designed processes.

I hope to have the opportunity to serve the citizens City of Corvallis for the next two years.

(This information furnished by Dan Brown)

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City of Corvallis

City Council, Ward 5



**MIKE
BEILSTEIN**

OCCUPATION: Research Chemist.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: 1978 to Present - Research Assistant, Oregon State University; 1977 to 1978 - Johns Hopkins University; 1976 to 1977 - Medical College of Virginia; 1973 to 1975 - Peace Corps Volunteer, Lesotho, Southern Africa.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: M.A. in Human Nutrition, Oregon State University, 1989; B.A. in Biochemistry, Oregon State University, 1973.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Corvallis City Council, 1999-2000.

My service on the Corvallis City Council in 1999-2000 was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I am pleased to take on those responsibilities again for 2007-2008.

I believe there are four foundations for good government. They are:

- Citizen involvement,
- Sustainability,
- Social Justice, and
- Nonviolence.

I will do my best to serve Corvallis following these principles.

The major work of the City Council involves land use decisions. Bad land use development will exacerbate economic inequities, promote unsustainable resource usage and reduce public security. Wise land-use decisions must arise out of public participation. I trust Corvallis citizens to continue guiding the City Council in making appropriate land use choices.

Over the next decades, I see two trends that will challenge Corvallis:

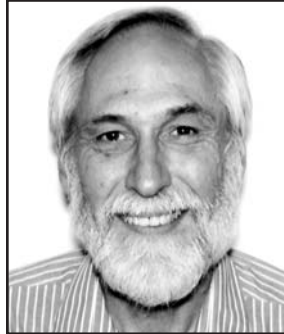
- Corvallis has been 88% nonhispanic white. The proportion of people of color will increase. Corvallis can view this as a threat or welcome it as cultural enrichment. I will strive to live up to the Corvallis slogan – “A community that honors diversity.”
- We depend on petroleum for transportation of goods and individuals. Petroleum is becoming scarce and expensive as easily exploited sources are depleted. As we transition out of petroleum dependence, the City Council needs to work with citizens to foster a sustainable and prosperous local economy.

These are the concerns that are important to me. If you see more important issues for the City Council to address, let me know and I'll listen.

(This information furnished by Mike Beilstein)

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City Council, Ward 6



**STEWART
WERSHOW**

OCCUPATION: Retired.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Records Center Manager, Benton County, 1978-98; Mental Health worker, Oregon State Hospital, 1975-77; Christmas tree farmer, 1974-75.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: University of Oregon, Master's program, Biology, 1972-74; University of Oregon, B.S., 1971.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Community Policing forum, 2005-present; Neighborhood Watch captain, Garfield Park, 2005 – present; Corvallis City Council 1989-90, 2001-2004; Corvallis Budget Commission 1989-90, 2001-2004; Corvallis Safety Task force, 1991-1992; Martin Luther King Commission 1993-99; Council Liaison to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Historical Preservation Advisory Board, Citizen's Advisory committee on Transit and Civic Beautification and Urban Forestry Commission.

WERSHOW IS EXPERIENCED

As your past city councilor, I have assisted constituents in addressing issues facing our ward such as excess traffic on our neighborhood streets and preservation of our parks. If elected, I will continue to support our parks and library which contribute so much to the livability of Corvallis. In order to maintain basic services, I will work to find a more stable method to fund our city services.

Other issues I will support are:

- Long term planning and growth management policies
- Intergovernmental cooperation in the delivery of services
- Programs to improve the economic health of our community.

WERSHOW CARES ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS

I have worked with the school district and neighborhoods in Ward 6 to minimize the negative impacts of school projects. The city needs to continue its partnership with the school district. The Library and the Parks and Recreation department programs are important resources for our schools. The city needs to re-establish its school resource officer program.

As a Neighborhood Watch captain, I have come to recognize the value of the Neighborhood Watch and Neighborhood Associations. I will work to provide more support for these important programs.

I have been honored to serve Ward 6 in the past. I hope you will allow me to serve again.

*(This information furnished by
Stewart Wershow for City Council)*

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City of Corvallis

City Council, Ward 6



**CHRIS
NORDYKE**

OCCUPATION: Health Insurance Specialist, State Farm.
OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Vector Marketing Corporation, Cintas Corporation, Rapid Refill Ink (Owner).
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Northwest Nazarene University, College of Music; Oregon State University, College of Business.
PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Economic Allocation Committee; Mayor's Committee for Citizens Involvement; Downtown Corvallis Association Vice President, 2005-2006.

Continuing a Legacy of Service

Vote For

Chris Nordyke

City Council Ward 6

Serving our community has been a family tradition I continue to fulfill. Both my grandfather, Melvin Nordyke, and my father, Douglas Nordyke, are teachers. My mother, Gloria Nordyke, has been a nurse at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center for over 30 years. My wife, Cara, also contributes to the well-being of Corvallis citizens as a nurse. I have made my contribution to Corvallis as a business owner, Downtown Corvallis Association Vice President, Corvallis Chamber of Commerce Ambassador, community volunteer, and now, with your support, as a Corvallis City Councilor.

Serving my community is a deep-rooted core value. I come to you with a record of achievement in business, non-profit, and city government. It will be my privilege to serve the needs and concerns of the residents of Ward 6 and the citizens of Corvallis. I will devote my energy toward the progress of sustaining a high quality of life for all citizens. We need to be a strong, balanced community. We need to attract families to Corvallis, maintain enrollment in our schools, and provide an environment of lively commerce, and responsive government so that residents may realize career success, personal comfort, peace, family and friendship.

PLEASE VOTE FOR CHRIS NORDYKE

City Council Ward 6

(This information furnished by Chris Nordyke for City Council)

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City Council, Ward 7



**SCOTT
M.
ZIMBRICK**

OCCUPATION: Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Manager, Citizens Bank.
OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: 28 years in bank management.
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: BS, Finance, University of Oregon; AGS, General Studies, Linn-Benton Community College; Certificate, Professional Management Institute, OSU; Certificate, University of Washington Pacific Coast Banking School.
PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: City of Corvallis City Council 2003-2006; Cascade West Council of Governments Board of Directors; Member, Economic Development Partnership Task Force; Member, Comprehensive Plan Committee on Housing; Member, Downtown Parking Commission.

Scott Zimbrick is a recognized Community Leader:

- Graduate, Leadership Corvallis
- Corvallis First Citizen Award Recipient
- Hans Neukomm Leadership Award Recipient
- Past Board Chair, Corvallis Neighborhood Housing Services
- Past President, Community Outreach, Inc.
- Past Board Member, Old Mill Center for Children and Families
- Past President, Rotary Club of Greater Corvallis;
- Rotary Leadership Award,
- Rotary Distinguished President's Citation
- Linn-Benton Community College Foundation Past Board member
- LBCC Distinguished Alumni Award 2006
- Steering committee Member, OSU Business Alliance
- Past President, Corvallis Area Chamber of Commerce

Scott Zimbrick is your voice in the Community:

I look forward to representing my neighbors in Ward 7 on the Corvallis City Council, and will focus on the following areas:

- **Bringing a balance to job growth and housing in our community**
- **Leader for Economic Vitality with a balance towards livability**
- **Leader for a Balanced Budget over the next two years, protecting core services and community values**
- **Working hard to protect services for the elderly and disadvantaged in Benton and Linn County**

*(This information furnished by
Scott M. Zimbrick for City Council)*

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City of Corvallis

City Council, Ward 8



DAVID
M.
HAMBY

OCCUPATION: Professor, Oregon State University.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Assistant Professor, University of Michigan; Environmental Scientist, Westinghouse Savannah River Company; Upward Bound Program, Counselor and Instructor; Leadership Corvallis Graduate; Past President and Faculty Advisor, Oregon State Flying Club, Inc.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: PhD - Environmental Science and Engineering, University of North Carolina; MS - Environmental Science and Engineering, University of North Carolina; BS - Physics, Mercer University, Macon, GA.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Corvallis Planning Commission (member, Oct. 2004 - present); Corvallis Watershed Advisory Commission (member and Chair, July 2004 - present); Corvallis Airport Commission (member, Feb. 2002 - present; Chair, July 2005 - present); Oregon Board of Radiologic Technology (member and Vice-Chair, July 2004 - present).

I look forward to serving the citizens of Ward 8 and will encourage economic and social diversity, fiscal responsibility, a sustainable environment, and open public dialog. Because of my experience with the City, I will hit the ground running and will provide conscientious leadership by proactively seeking ways for improvement.

I am ...

- responsive to public input;
- thoughtful, reasonable and balanced in my considerations; and
- determined to preserve the personality and charm of Corvallis.

I will support ...

- fiscal accountability;
- affordable housing initiatives;
- responsible growth; and
- downtown economic progress.

On CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT ...

Corvallis is a great place to live, with a wonderful quality of life, because of the unparalleled commitment of its volunteer citizens at all levels of city government.

On ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ...

City leadership must be dedicated to resource preservation. Insightful planning and a healthy environment directly affect Corvallis' livability.

On FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ...

The City is obliged to operate within its means and to manage its resources effectively. Taxing its citizens should not be a first response to budget control.

On COMMUNITY LIVABILITY ...

Corvallis must continue to seek ways to maintain a strong and stable economic foundation with development and planning that is thoughtful, progresses at our pace, and is appropriate for Corvallis' character.

(This information furnished by David Hamby for City Council)

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City of Philomath

Mayor

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**CHRIS
NUSBAUM**

OCCUPATION: Sales & Marketing Director, Salbasgeon Suites & Conference Center.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Hospitality Sales/Management; US Naval Officer.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Philomath HS; OSU B.S. Political Science.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Philomath Mayor, 2002 to Present; Board of Directors, Cascade West Council of Governments.

Dear Philomath Residents:

As Philomath's Mayor, I have been steadfast in a fiscal conservative, pay as we go approach to City Government. We are now in a strong financial position to determine our future growth options. Philomath has avoided the dependency of new development to meet fiscal responsibilities which has become epidemic with Oregon cities. We are one of a few cities in the state that can claim to be debt free.

In addition to preparing our city financially, we have worked to secure water for the future by seeking additional water rights on the Marys River. To address any emergencies that may arise, we will soon be completing an agreement to purchase Corvallis Rock Creek water to supplement existing backup supplies from our 11th Street Well and the Neaback Hill Reservoir.

We have completed the N 12th/S 13th Street Storm Drain Extension and Wastewater Discharge Project to decrease winter flooding impacts and protect the health of the Mary's River. These projects were completed without citizen bonding for more revenue.

In the past four years Philomath has invested approximately \$1 million to repave streets. Our Council goal is to have all paved City streets in a good or excellent condition by 2013.

With much appreciated help from Mom's Against Meth, our City now has a functional Police Drug Dog with the full support services of our new police facility.

Our Council has financially supported the new Downtown Business Association. This group of Main and Applegate Street Businesses will be working to improve the physical appearance and new job creation within Philomath's Downtown District.

I love Philomath and see great things ahead for our City. I ask for your support and vote this November.

Thank you!

*(This information furnished by
Committee to Elect Chris Nusbaum)*

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**JAY
SEXTON**

OCCUPATION: OSU Research Assistant in Forest Science.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: OSU Research Assistant since 1983, also in Forest Entomology.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: BS Forest Biology from State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Philomath Planning Commission 8 years, Chair 5 years; Philomath Comprehensive Plan Review Committee; Benton County Natural Areas and Parks Advisory Board; Benton County Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee; 2005 Benton County General Fund Revenue Solutions Committee; 2004 Candidate for Philomath Mayor.

All citizens should feel welcome in the City Council Chambers and in her committee meetings. All concerns voiced by our citizens are valid and no one should be mocked as a "naysayer" in the taxpayer financed "City News." All Philomath Citizens bring value to our discussions.

I have a 5-year record of chairing fair, open, and well-organized Philomath Planning Commission hearings, accepting differing testimony with grace, and debating the issues openly before making our decisions. I have worked on diverse Benton County committees addressing Finance, Parks, and Planning.

Change in Philomath is as unavoidable as the passage of time. We face the highway improvements, increases in highway traffic from the Eddyville straightening, and growth in our city. Philomath needs to use the talents and ideas of all our citizens to steer a course to our best future.

There are dozens of exciting and worthwhile efforts underway within Philomath. Together we will succeed beyond our dreams, but divided we are chained to struggle.

I will facilitate the orderly planning and progress of Philomath to her future, while honoring her long past, and respecting the expressed will of all her citizens.

I have lived in Philomath since 1991, and in Oregon since 1980. I have coached and refereed in AYSO soccer for 13 years. I have raised 4 sons in Philomath, enjoyed watching them all play PHS Soccer, and I have coached the PHS Ultimate Frisbee Team for five years.

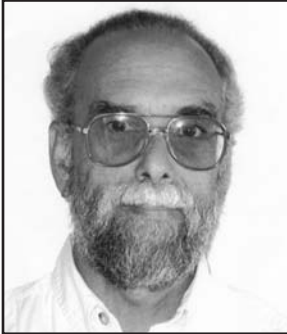
I appreciate your support.

(This information furnished by Jay Sexton)

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City of Philomath

City Council



**DAVID
L.
STEIN**

OCCUPATION: Associate Professor (Courtesy) Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon State University March 2005 – Present; Research Associate, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC 1991-Present.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Fisheries biologist specializing in the study of deep-sea fishes. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Dept. of Commerce 1991-2005; College of Oceanography, Oregon State University 1969-1991; Humboldt State University 1966-1969.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Oregon State University, M.S., Ph.D.; Humboldt State University, BA; Mt. Hermon School 12th Grade Diploma.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None.

In the near future, growth is likely to change Philomath significantly, creating opportunities and challenges for us all. Growth is inevitable, and wise management will enable us to avoid the problems experienced by other small towns. Our goal should be to preserve our quality of life while improving living conditions and employment opportunities. I want not only to participate in making the important decisions about Philomath's future, but also to insure that city government makes good decisions about the use of the tax dollars we all contribute.

I am not a newcomer to this area; I lived in Corvallis for 21 years before moving to Washington, DC to work as a program manager and adviser at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Last year my wife and I moved to Philomath and became actively involved in campaigning to increase citizen awareness about several issues important to the town's future. With other concerned citizens I organized Philomath First PAC, which supported opposition to the proposed annexations in the November 2005 election.

I have more than 30 years hands-on experience in planning, solving problems and critically analyzing information and budgets. I want to help Philomath by using my skills in management, budgeting, and project planning for our mutual advantage.

My philosophy of government: I believe that the role and purpose of government is to do its best to support all of the citizens that rely on it to manage the safety, cost of living, and quality of life in their community. Government should not manage for the benefit of some but not others.

(This information furnished by David L. Stein)

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**MATTHEW
BIEREK**

OCCUPATION: Controller, Mega Tech of Oregon - a leader in high-technology value-added manufacturing services.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Director and Treasurer, Philomath Scout Lodge Inc., a 501(c)-3 non-profit organization serving local area youth groups; Tax Manager, Videx Incorporated - manufacturer of innovative security access control products.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: B.S. in Business Administration; Certified Financial Planner - IBCFP; Certified in Production and Inventory Management - APICS; Current US Customs Service Broker Licensee.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Incumbent Philomath City Councilor; Secretary Philomath Public Works Committee; Chair, Philomath Ordinance Committee.

Your current City Council, in my opinion, has been highly effective in accomplishing your city business in an efficient and cost effective manner. We accomplished most of the goals for you that were established at the start of this term. I would urge all voters in our city to return the incumbent mayor and all of the councilors running in this election so that we may continue this progress in the same thoughtful manner that you have come to expect and deserve. Thank you for your vote of confidence in us!

(This information furnished by Matthew Bierek)

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**JERRY
J.
JACKSON,
SR.**

OCCUPATION: Jerry is currently employed by Polk County Corrections as the Community Service Coordinator. He is responsible for the Polk County Jail Work Crew, Court ordered Community Service, and Code Enforcement Coordination. Jerry works with the Sheriff's office in a program called Dump Stoppers to help prevent illegal dumping in Polk County forests. Jerry also works with the Bureau of Land Management for the Dump Stoppers grant and a program for noxious weeds. He is currently running the noxious weed jail crew. He is the owner/operator of Willamette Valley Processors, Inc.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: His prior experience with Polk County was working as the Manager for Polk County Community Development, and working as a Polk County Code Enforcement Officer. He spent four years in the Travel Industry working for various offices from Corvallis to Portland. Jerry joined the United States Army in 1975 where he was recruited in "The Old Guard". After completing 6 1/2 years, Jerry went back to his hometown in Downieville working at Downieville Motors. Then worked for Hansen Brothers as a Ready Mix Driver.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Jerry graduated from Downieville High School. Attended Trend College in 1994 receiving a Certificate of Travel & Tourism Management in Eugene, Oregon. Graduated from Linn-Benton Community College, Albany, Oregon in 1999 with an Associate of General Studies degree.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: He served on the City of Philomath Budget and Police Facilities Committees.

Jerry J. Jackson Sr. has been a resident of the City of Philomath for 14 years after moving his family from a small town in Northern California. He has been married to his lovely wife Cruz for 23 years. Two of their six children attended Philomath Schools. Jerry is a recent graduate of the Philomath class of the Ford Institute Leadership Program, He is a past School Board Member for Saint Mary's School, Grass Valley, California; past Vice President of the Oregon Code Enforcement; Association and a current Board Member of Northwest Community Service Association.

(This information furnished by Jerry J. Jackson, Sr.)

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**CHARLA
M.
KOEPE**

OCCUPATION: Accountant at Miller Timber Services, Inc - 2001 to current.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Tax Consultant with various Certified Public Accountant Firms 1990-2001.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Philomath Public Schools, 1969-1981; Oregon State University, 1981-1982.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Philomath City Council - 2 years/1 term, 2004-2006.

(This information furnished by Charla M. Koeppe)

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KEN
SCHAUDT

OCCUPATION: 18th year as Project Manager for Structural Engineering firm.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: English Language Instructor, NCB Language Institute, Tokyo, Japan.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Bachelor of Science, Housing, 1988, Oregon State University.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:

City of Philomath:

- Budget, Ordinance, Police, & Public Works Committees;
- Councilor, Council President;
- Transportation/Traffic Safety Commission

Philomath Couplet Project Stakeholder Working Group;

Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation; Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

In listing prior governmental experiences, I wanted you to understand the wide range of committee work I have been a part of. My thanks go to you, the voting public, who honored me with the opportunity to represent you these past four years as Councilor. It does take more than experience to be an effective councilor. A city councilor must have other qualities to effectively serve his/her community: strong civic/ethical values, a dedication to understanding the complete issue, and a personal belief to serve the entire community.

The City of Philomath has successfully accomplished many past goals, due to the hard work of prior Councils, city staff, and citizen committees who have been devoted to the betterment of our community. I would appreciate your support in returning to the Council, to be a small part in guiding the response to present and future goals we currently face.

We have had an effective, functional group serving you these past two years. Mayor Nusbaum has been a solid leader, guiding us with thoughtful direction. Councilors Baca, Bierek, and Koepe have outstanding personal values, and independent perspectives. Councilors Harwood and Craig, although not returning, are both excellent representatives. I have served with candidates Jerry Jackson and Charles Crawford: both have strong credentials, and deserve your support. They have demonstrated community values that outweigh personal goals, qualities citizens should demand.

This is an important election. I seek your support, and urge you to carefully consider your selections for city council and Mayor. Philomath deserves continued strong, dedicated leadership.

(This information furnished by Ken Schaudt, candidate)

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