



**Benton
County**
OREGON

OFFICIAL VOTERS' PAMPHLET

**General Election
November 5, 2024**

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Dear Benton County Voter:

Tuesday, November 5, 2024, is General Election Day in Oregon and throughout the United States. Benton County voters will be able to cast votes for Federal, State, and local contests in this election. Locally, you can expect to see two Benton County Commissioner positions on your ballot; and depending on where you live, you may also see a city position or two on your ballot.

The County Voters' Pamphlet provides local candidates the opportunity to share their message with voters. An electronic version of this pamphlet is available on the County Election's website at re.bentoncountyor.gov/voters-pamphlet.

Voters have options when returning their voted ballot. Ballots can be returned by mail, postmarked no later than Election Day, or dropped off at any Official Ballot Drop Site, through 8:00 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

Please see the last page of the County Voters' Pamphlet for a list of Official Ballot Drop Sites in Benton County.

If you need additional information or assistance, you may reach the Elections Office by email: elections@bentoncountyor.gov; phone: (541) 766-6756; or in-person at 4500 SW Research Way, 2nd Floor, in Corvallis.

Sincerely,

Xanthippe Augerot
Chair

Nancy V. Wyse
Vice-Chair

Pat Malone
Commissioner

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Selected portions of this county voters' pamphlet are available in Arabic, Simplified Chinese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Thai, and Vietnamese. These translations can be found online at oregonvotes.gov/BentonVP

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本县选民手册的部分内容提供简体中文版本。可以访问 oregonvotes.gov/BentonVP 获取译本。

주 유권자 팜플렛의 선택된 부분은 한국어 준비되어 있습니다. 번역은 온라인 oregonvotes.gov/BentonVP 에서 찾아볼 수 있습니다.

Отдельные части брошюр избирателей этого округа доступны на русском языке. С данными переводами можно ознакомиться в Интернете по адресу: oregonvotes.gov/BentonVP

Algunas secciones de este folleto para votantes del condado están disponibles en español. Estas traducciones están disponibles en línea en oregonvotes.gov/BentonVP

จูลสารผู้ลงคะแนนในเขตนี้บางส่วนจัดทำเป็นภาษาไทย ฉบับแปลเหล่านี้สามารถพบได้ทางออนไลน์ที่เว็บไซต์ oregonvotes.gov/BentonVP

Các phần được chọn trong tập thông tin cử tri quận này có bản ngôn ngữ tiếng Việt. Bản dịch có thể xem trực tuyến tại oregonvotes.gov/BentonVP

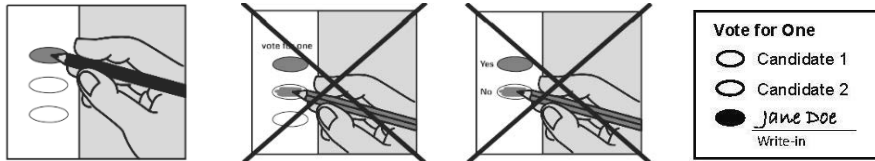
Voting Instructions

Your Ballot Packet Contains

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

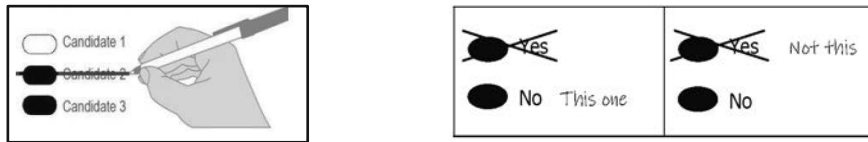
Voting Your Ballot

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



Correcting Your Ballot

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

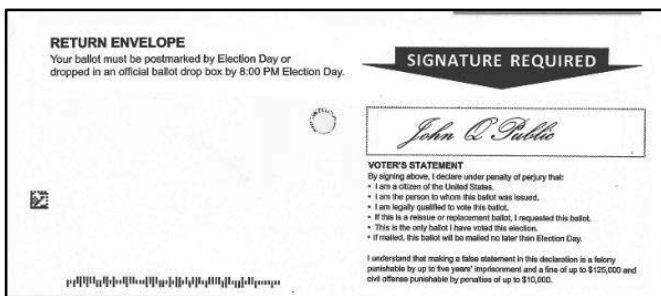


Contact Benton County Elections to request a replacement ballot if:

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

Returning Your Voted Ballot

- **SIGN** the voters' statement on the back of the signature return envelope. Your ballot will not be counted if your return envelope is not signed.
- Insert ballot into the signed return envelope.
- Seal the signed return envelope.
- **Mail no later than November 5, 2024.** It must be postmarked by Election Day and received no later than seven days after Election Day.
- Or place the signed return envelope in an **Oregon Official Ballot Drop Box by 8:00 PM PST November 5, 2024.**



Important Information

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

Candidate statements are an optional filing available to every campaign.



Postage Paid

Voters do NOT need a stamp to mail their voted ballot back to the Elections Office. All ballots in Oregon are sent to voters with a postage paid ballot return envelope.

The Post Office will charge the State of Oregon for each ballot mailed to an Elections Office.

Postmarks Count

Ballot return envelopes must be signed by the voter and postmarked no later than Election Day. The County Elections Office must receive these ballots no later than 7 days after Election Day. If you have experienced postal delivery issues in the past, please return your ballot early or utilize one of the many Official Ballot Drop Boxes located throughout Benton County and the State of Oregon.

In-Person Voting and Official Ballot Drop Sites

Because Oregon is a vote-by-mail state, there are no polling places. Instead, we have ballot drop boxes disbursed around each county for your voting convenience. If you would like to vote in-person, there are voting booths set up at every county Elections Office. Benton County's Elections Office is located in Corvallis on the 2nd Floor of the Kalapuya Building, 4500 SW Research Way.



Benton County
Commissioner
Position 2
Democrat
Independent
Republican

Gabe
Shepherd

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Occupation: Deputy City Clerk, Albany

Occupational Background: Industrial Engineering, Data Management

Educational Background: HBS Industrial Engineering, OSU

Prior Governmental Experience: Corvallis City Councilor; Benton County Democrats, Chair; Corvallis Budget Commissioner; City Legislative Committee, Chair; Minutes Recorder: Corvallis, Albany, Newport

Gabe is ready to use his seven years' public service experience to serve the people of Benton County. He is committed to listen and get to work.

HOUSING. Gabe will work on the county's regional housing plan and move to ease restrictions on rural accessory dwelling units and farmworker housing. On houselessness, Gabe will partner with nonprofits, cities, and other stakeholders to ensure that county **funding decisions are aligned with real needs.**

CLIMATE. Gabe will update the county's climate action plan to address the county as a whole, not just government operations. He'll also work to build policies that **protect our communities from fire and keep rural wells from running dry.**

ENGAGEMENT. Weekday morning commissioner meetings are not accessible to most people. Gabe will set at least one board meeting a month in the evening and hold an annual town hall in each community. He will **give the people of Benton County a voice in their government.**

We support Gabe for County Commissioner:

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley
Congresswoman Val Hoyle

Oregon League of Conservation Voters.
Linn-Benton-Lincoln Central Labor Council of Oregon AFL-CIO.
Our Revolution Corvallis Allies.

Benton County Commissioners: Anne Schuster (former), Nancy Wyse, and Xan Augerot

State: Senator Sara Gelser Blouin, Nominee for Representative Sarah Finger McDonald

Corvallis: Charles Maughan, mayor; Biff Traber, former mayor; City Councilors Tracey Yee and Briae Lewis.

Albany: Sharon Konopa, former mayor; City Councilors Steph Newton-Azorr, Jackie Montague.

Monroe: City Councilors Lisa Lindner, James Winther.

Philomath: City Councilors Jessica Andrade, Christopher McMorran.

Learn more about Gabe, what he stands for, and who else supports him at gabeshepherd.com

(This information furnished by Friends of Gabe Shepherd
(20725))

**Ranked Choice Voting for
Benton County Commissioners
#BentonBetterBallot**

Ranked Choice Voting was approved by Benton County voters in November 2016 through the passage of ballot measure 2-100. Ranked Choice Voting was first implemented during the November 2020 General Election.

Ranked Choice Voting is used when a minimum of three candidates are nominated to the General Election ballot, for the office of Benton County Commissioner.

Example of Ranked Choice Voting Ballot

RANKED CHOICE VOTING CONTESTS INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS To vote, rank candidates by filling in the oval ● for each choice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 1st column is for your 1st choice candidate, and; • The 2nd column is for your 2nd choice candidate, and; • The 3rd column is for your 3rd choice candidate. Fill in no more than one oval ● for each candidate and choice To rank a write-in candidate, write the person's name in the write-in space and fill in the oval ● for the ranking of your choice.			
County Commissioner, Position 3 Vote for One Per Choice 4 Year Term	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
Candidate X	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate Z	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write-in	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

To access a practice Ranked Choice Voting instructional video and additional information, go to:

**BentonBetterBallot.com
#BentonBetterBallot**

Talk to a real-live person to get your questions answered:
541-766-6756



**Benton County
Commissioner
Position 3
Democrat**

**Nancy V
Wyse**

Occupation: Benton County Commissioner
Occupational Background: Sales; Resident Management; Administrative Analyst
Educational Background: Oregon State University, General Science
Prior Governmental Experience: January 2021- Current: Benton County Commissioner

Additional responsibilities: Association of Oregon Counties committees, multiple; Community Services Consortium Board; HOPE Advisory Board; Oregon Cascades West Economic Development District Executive Committee; Southern Willamette Valley Groundwater Management Area; Local Officials Advisory Committee, chair; Benton County Budget Committee, vice chair.

Liaison positions: Economic Development Coalition; Library Advisory Board; Philomath Chamber of Commerce; Corvallis Chamber of Commerce; Historic Resources Commission; cities of Adair Village, Monroe, and Philomath.

January 2017-December 2020: Corvallis City Council, including numerous board and liaison positions.

Priorities:

- **Homelessness-** Work with community partners to move forward with additional recommendations from the Home, Opportunity, Planning, and Equity Advisory Board and the Coordinated Homeless Response Office.
- **Planning-** Long range planning to better address land use in the county and housing needs for incorporated areas. Create a short-term strategic operational plan to focus county efforts and provide transparency to community members.
- **Mental Health-** Support county mental and behavioral health programs and advocate for community health and wellbeing.
- **Climate and Environmental Justice-** Update the county's Climate Action Plan and implement recommendations from the Solid Waste Process Workgroup Report.

Endorsements:

Oregon League of Conservation Voters; Benton County Democrats; Sara Gelsler-Blouin, State Senator; Representative Dan Rayfield; Sarah Finger McDonald HD16 Candidate; Benton County Commissioners Xan Augerot and Pat Malone. Nominee for Benton County Commissioner Gabe Shepard; Ryan Joslyn District Attorney; John Haroldson, Former District Attorney; Mayors: Charles Maughan, Corvallis; Chas Jones, Philomath; Dan Sheets, Monroe; Bill Currier, Adair Village; Alex Johnson II, Albany.
And more! See my full list of endorsements:

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(This information furnished by Elect Nancy Wyse)



Benton County
Commissioner
Position 3
Republican

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Occupation: PCA, Community Transitions Program
Occupational Background: Retired Army Officer, Public Administration Consultant, Intelligence Operator, Helicopter/UAV pilot
Educational Background: US Military Academy, BS; Central Michigan University, MS; National University, Doctorate
Prior Governmental Experience: Military, Government Capacity Building

Benton county is such a great place with great people and exciting potential!! I don't have endorsements listed below from the benefactors of my services - YOU are the only endorsements that should matter. The question is not WHAT I am for, but WHO I support! I am for YOU:

- *Households who make less than \$72K per year.* Thanks to 19% inflation and 40% price increases since 2021, you live day to day.
- *Small business owners.* You pay for *EVERYTHING*.
- *Passionate entrepreneurs.* You can't afford to pursue your dreams.
- *The 19% living in poverty.* You justify a lot of grant money for many non-profits, but see little of it yourselves.
- *You elderly people who still have to work at 68+ but are too experienced to be hired for well-paying government and private sector jobs,* work in low-paying jobs to survive. While your social security is being reduced and your savings are depreciating, the state still increases taxes on your low wages, and the county still raises your property taxes and fees.

Priorities.

Full transparency. You will get the truth. You won't have to open state, county, and city web pages daily to find it.

Involved. I will not delegate my responsibilities to committees.

Coffin Butte. No expansion. There are other options.

Poverty. Find ways to simultaneously provide a home, mental/substance abuse healthcare, and a life purpose.

Vision for Economic Growth.

Energy for economic growth. Emplace a safe and green Micro or Modular Nuclear Reactor, such as our own NUSCALE reactor. It would energize our new economy.

E Corridor. An integrated ecosystem of electric air and ground vehicles.

Please help me!

Email: keith@voteforkeithlembke.com
Webpage: www.voteforkeithlembke

(This information furnished by Keith Lembke)



Benton County
Commissioner
Position 3
Pacific Green

James
Dashiell

Occupation: Graphic Artist
Occupational Background: Freelance Graphic Designer for Graphic Novel publishers 2009-Present; Production Manager at Go! Media 2006-2009; Production Coordinator at TOKYOPOP 2005-2006
Educational Background: BFA Filmmaking North Carolina School of the Arts
Prior Governmental Experience: None

Benton County is a region blessed with people of immense knowledge and desire for a beautiful, prosperous, healthy way of life. We are absolutely a place that cares about nature and our impact on nature. We are absolutely a place that values innovation and caring solutions to our needs and problems.

This is why we need to elect Green Party representatives and officeholders to our local and national governments. The Green Party stands for **grassroots democracy**. I will work to increase citizen involvement with new and existing policies in Benton County.

The Coffin Butte Landfill expansion and use is an issue that needs an ecologically conservative, multi-generational perspective. We should analyze and limit the impact of this existing landfill. The intake of waste to Coffin Butte needs to be reduced and we should be planning for its phaseout process now, not years down the line after expanding its capacity. Consequentially, as stewards of Benton County we should be reducing our solid waste and working to achieve net zero waste where possible. I will support initiatives to enable large scale composting for businesses, restaurants, hospitals and schools.

Housing for the many people that live in Benton county currently as well as future incoming people is of high importance for our future prosperity. I want us to move forward, making changes and reshaping our county to achieve realistic housing opportunities for our citizens.

Make a choice for change in Benton county and vote Green not just for County Commissioner, but wherever you see us on the ballot.

For further information: <https://www.jamesdashiell.net>

(This information furnished by James Dashiell)



**City of Adair
Village**
City Council
Ward 4

**John P
Wilson**

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Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Social Worker

Educational Background: UMass Boston, BA; Springhill
College, MLA

Prior Governmental Experience: Benton County Planning
Commissioner, (2023-present); Battle Ground, IN Water
Conservancy District Director (2008); Battle Ground, IN City
Councilor (2005-2007); Tippecanoe County, IN Area Plan
Commissioner, (2005-2007)

Adair Village needs to move forward. The Calloway Creek
Neighborhood, which makes up almost all of Ward 4, is home to
over a quarter of Adair Village's population. **It is time for us to
have a voice on the council** that represents the interests of
our growing town. **We need to have a voice** in shaping the
vision of our common future and I am asking for your support
to be your voice on the city council.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: I am committed to represent the
residents of my ward at all city council meetings. I will advocate
for council meetings to be accessible to all residents of Adair
Village by live-streaming meetings or creating an option to
attend virtually.

ENVIRONMENT: The City of Adair Village must be engaged in
meaningful climate action. I am also concerned about the
environmental impact of the Coffin Butte landfill on Adair Village
and our neighbors.

DEVELOPMENT: Adair Village is a growing community, but we
lack significant infrastructure to support our growth. I support a
downtown development initiative that meets the needs of our
growing community and invests in affordable housing.

TRANSPORTATION: I support the Adair Village Trails Plan which
would create walking paths connecting our neighborhood to the
rest of Adair Village. As a City Councilor, I will work with
partners in Corvallis and Benton County to develop a hike and
bike trail from Adair Village to Corvallis.

Email: johnwilson4adair@gmail.com

Endorsements:

Gabe Shepherd, Benton County Commissioner Nominee
Sarah Finger McDonald, House Representative 16 Nominee
Pat Malone, Benton County Commissioner

(This information furnished by John P Wilson)



City of Albany
City Council
Ward I-B

Trevor M Lee

Occupation: Small Business Owner
Occupational Background: Reserve Police Officer, Stayton; Railroad Signal Technician and Inspector, BNSF; Electrician, and Electrical Project Manager
Educational Background: La Pine High School; Chemeketa Community College; Independent Electrical Contractors Oregon
Prior Governmental Experience: City of Albany Budget Review Committee

Endorsed by
Linn County Commissioner **Roger Nyquist** and
Albany City Councilor **Matilda Novak**

PRIORITIZING FAMILY AND EDUCATION

I have lived in Albany for over ten years. My wife and I feel blessed to be raising our children in Albany. We have a child at every level in Albany schools and that gives us a firsthand view of all the challenges young families are facing. Education is important to our entire community. I want to ensure that Albany is the best place to live, work, and raise a family.

WORKING HARD FOR THE WORKING CLASS

I understand the challenge of making ends meet in this economy. We need good-paying jobs, affordable rent and mortgages for working families, and safe schools and public spaces. I have worked as an electrician, a railway signal technician and inspector, and now a small business owner. I will be a voice for hardworking Albany residents on the city council.

PUBLIC SAFETY FIRST

In my three years as a Reserve Police Officer, I gained appreciation and respect for law enforcement. I will support Albany Police and Fire the best I can. We need to put public safety first.

RESPECTING TAXPAYERS

On the Albany Budget Review Committee, I have advocated for respecting taxpayers. We must prioritize limited funds for core services like police, fire, and roads. Albany residents are hurting due to inflation. We see it at the grocery store and the pump. **I will oppose new or higher fees on Albany residents without a vote of the people.** The current city council continues to deny voters the opportunity to vote Yes or No on new taxes or fees that will impact them.

TREVORLEEFORALBANY.COM

(This information furnished by Trevor Lee)



City of Albany
City Council
Ward I-B

Michael Thomson

Occupation: Parent
Occupational Background: Administrative
Educational Background: The Evergreen State College BA
Prior Governmental Experience: Albany Budget Committee for 10 years; Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD Boardmember; Albany Schools Boardmember; Albany Human Relations Commission

Community Experience: Treasurer, Albany Partnership for Housing & Community Development; Officer Central-Takena PTA; Volunteer Albany Schools; Volunteer St. Mary's; Boardmember Friends of Historic Albany.

*"Trust me, the city council needs experience and his service with the City and on the GAPS and ESD Boards, Michael Thomson is **the only** Ward 1 candidate with the experience to watch out for our pocketbooks."*

-Sharon Konopa, former Albany Mayor

Community Focus and Experience for North Albany

Growing up with parents who were public educators, I learned the importance of giving back to my community. I've carried that lesson forward, volunteering at **Central-Takena schools, St. Marys, St. Vincent DePaul**, and the **Albany Partnership for Housing**. My time on the School Board and over a decade on City Committees, including Budget Review, has given me a deep understanding of the challenges our community faces. **I understand funding public safety is job one.**

My Priorities

- **Protecting Our Wallets:**
I'm committed to keeping utility costs down. Instead of new fees, I'll focus on finding creative solutions to fund projects without adding financial strain on residents.
- **Responsible Growth:**
North Albany is a special place, we need to manage growth wisely to keep it that way. I'll work to ensure that growth enhances our community without burdening current residents.
- **Addressing Homelessness:**
Our actions on homelessness need to combine compassion with accountability. My experience in nonprofit housing will help create effective, community-based solutions.

"Michael's proven commitment to Ward 1 and understanding of city government are exactly what North Albany needs."

-Steph Newton-Azorr, Albany City Councilor

Endorsements

Sara Gelser-Blouin, State Senator
Sharon Konopa, Former Mayor of Albany
Steph Newton-Azorr, Albany City Council
Gabe Shepherd, Commissioner Nominee
Peter Kenagy, North Albany Farmer
Peggy Burris, Community Leader
www.thomsonforalbany.com

(This information furnished by Michael Thomson)



City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 1

**Jan
Napack**

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Environmental Research (NCASI - National Council of Air & Stream Improvement), Small Business Owner (RedESupply), Engineer (Hewlett-Packard)

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

Prior Governmental Experience: Corvallis City Council Ward 1 (2019-present); Current Benton County Democrats Precinct Committee Person; Benton County Environmental Issues Advisory Committee

Service on Committees, Boards and Commissions during current and past terms:

Budget Commission; Cascades West Advisory Committee on Transportation (CWACT); Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO); Civic Campus Engagement Task Force; Social Services Policy Task Force; Housing, Opportunity, Planning and Equity (HOPE) Executive Board; City Charter Review Committee. Council liaison to: Housing and Community Development; Parks, Natural Areas and Recreation; Watershed Management; Historic Resources

Policy Priorities:

As a long-time Corvallis resident I am deeply invested in our City and Community. I will listen to your concerns and work with my fellow Councilors to understand the facts, to seek consensus, to think critically and creatively, and advocate for a course of action addressing our collective vision and goals.

- Encourage business and enterprise that generate living wage jobs and create economic mobility
- Ensure that housing availability and housing stability are given highest priority
- Expand and improve local and regional Active Transportation and Transit
- Ensure that future growth is accessible, sustainable, and promotes community wellbeing
- Leverage and incorporate County, State, Federal, academic and private climate resilience and environmental protection programs that are data-driven, measurable, and cost-effective
- Be mindful that efficient governance of Corvallis is a primary purpose and scope of the Council
- Defend and respect ideas, lifestyles, values and political views that foster community harmony

Endorsements:

Pat Malone, Benton County Commissioner
Julie Manning, former Corvallis Mayor
Hyatt Lytle, Council Vice President
Penny York, former City Councilor and Council President
Bill York, former City Councilor
Diana Simpson, retired Benton County Sheriff
Curtis Wright, Community Leader

I ASK FOR YOUR VOTE AND YOUR TRUST

For more information visit facebook.com/Electjannapack

(This information furnished by Jan Napack)



City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 1

**Beckett N
Hunt**

Occupation: Cook with Oregon State University Housing & Dining, Community Activist

Occupational Background: KA Hasher with Campus Cooks, FS1 & FS2 with Oregon State UHDS

Educational Background: Idaho State University, Linn-Benton Community College

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I made Corvallis my home just over 3 years ago, and ever since I have been inspired by the community to improve our city. I have personally been affected by low wages, cost of living, and decreased quality of life due to the growing climate crisis, and I believe that together, we can develop a more resilient, diverse, and interconnected community that supports all peoples and provides opportunity for growth.

Climate Crisis: The growing threat of climate change affects us all, and should be a central focus of the City Council. Reinstating Home Energy Scores, mandatory No Food Wasted enrollment, supporting the Climate Advisory Board in executing climate policy, and working with the Kalapuya Tribe to best steward the land are core priorities.

Housing Justice: As a renter and member of Tenants United Corvallis, affordable and equitable housing is a key priority. Housing is a human right and should be addressed as such—as councilor, I will focus on legal protections for renters in terms of fees, livability, and overall cost, in hand with developing alternative housing models such as co-op, multifamily and village-style housing, and income-restricted rentals.

Urban Design: My focus in urban design is developing bike and pedestrian infrastructure, planting more street-side trees to limit the urban heat island effect, and providing free publicly available amenities such as bathrooms, showers, trash disposal, and 24/7 climate disaster shelters for all community members.

Endorsements

Benton County Democrats; Progressive Democrats of America, Oregon Chapter; Tenants United Corvallis

Access our website listed below for a full list of endorsements.

Join us in building a stronger, more just Corvallis. Learn more about our campaign and priorities at ActCorvallis.org

(This information furnished by Beckett N Hunt)



City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 2

**Briae
Lewis**

Occupation: Lead Toddler Teacher at Corvallis Early Learning
Occupational Background: Early education

Educational Background: Currently enrolled in Child Development Associates program (ChildCare Education Institute)

Prior Governmental Experience: Corvallis City Councilor; Home, Opportunity, Planning, and Equity (H.O.P.E.) Advisory Board, former Co-Chair; Benton County Democrats, Secretary; Council Liaison to the, Historic Resources Commission, the Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Advisory Board, and the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition

After losing her mother to cancer in 2008, Briae discovered how thin the line is between stability and homelessness. She worked to regain her footing while studying pediatric nursing, moving from Maryland to Corvallis in 2019. The next year, COVID hit. She knew then she wanted to run for public office, where she could work for structural solutions. Briae became our City Councilor in 2022.

Economic Development - Small businesses are an essential part of Downtown Corvallis. Briae will work with the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Office to support our local businesses and reduce the downtown vacancy rate.

Housing - On council, Briae has voted to support affordable and transitional housing developments. She will partner with Benton County, non-profits, and other stakeholders to mitigate houselessness locally.

Transportation - Free public transit is a crucial service for people throughout Corvallis. Let's collaborate to add driver capacity and continue electrifying our fleet, so we can better serve our growing community.

Climate Change - Briae will work to level-up our use of renewable resources, further incentivize recycling, improve home energy efficiency, and strengthen the green grants program.

Briae has the grit, experience, and perspective to lead and support our community on these issues and more. We need to reelect her to the City Council.

Endorsements

Gabe Shepherd, Benton County Commissioner Nominee
Charles Maughan, Corvallis Mayor
Biff Traber, former Corvallis Mayor
Ramycia McGhee, Albany City Councilor
Benton County Democrats
Our Revolution-Corvallis Allies

(This information furnished by Friends of Briae Lewis 23950)



City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 2

**Dylan
de Honor**

Occupation: Cook at Koriander Asian fusion restaurant and gelateria

Occupational Background: Cashier at Jack in the Box, Loader/Unloader at FedEx, Crew Member at Dairy Queen, Laundromat Attendant and Barista at Campbell's Laundromat and Coffee Bar, Salmon Quality Controller for Silver Bay Seafoods

Educational Background: Savanna High School
Prior Governmental Experience: None

Volunteer Activities: Cofounder of the Corvallis Really Really Free Market, Cook for Stop the Sweeps Corvallis

My message:

I'm a working class local, born to Filipino immigrants in California and moved to Corvallis in January of 2020. I've since fallen in love with our town: the land, its people, farmers' market, parks, arts, food, and culture. I've never felt more welcome and at home, I hope to grow old, die, and be buried here.

Our city is, however, not without its problems. I believe the city government has been lacking in leadership, transparency, accountability, and action regarding pressing issues facing our community. Chiefly: the lack of safe and affordable housing, the cruel displacement of our neighbors experiencing homelessness, low wages, poverty, and commercial logging's impact on our environment and drinking water.

I hold it true that you cannot look into the eyes of people you down on, but, as someone who has suffered from many of our city's ills firsthand, know that I am with all of you: poor, workers, tenants, colored people, immigrants, disabled, young people, and the people who must live in the future we create. I need only your support to realize our dream of a city where everyone's needs are met, that can weather the changing climate, where all of us have the opportunity to reach our full potential.

Endorsements:

Progressive Democrats of America, Oregon Chapter
Tenants United Corvallis
Friends of the Corvallis Watershed
OSU Student Workers Organizing Committee
Valley Neighbors for Environmental Quality and Safety
Sunrise Corvallis
Stop the Sweeps Corvallis

(This information furnished by Dylan de Honor)



City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 3

**Jim
Moorefield**

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Executive Director, Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services; Director of Housing and Community Development, CSC; Program Director/Executive Director, Community Outreach

Educational Background: Amherst College, BA

Prior Governmental Experience: City Council (1989-1992); Chair, South Corvallis Area Refinement Plan Committee; Downtown Commission; 2040 Benton County Thriving Communities Steering Committee; Steering Committee, Collaboration Corvallis

Housing and homelessness – It's time to shift our focus from managing homelessness to ending homelessness. We know how to do this! The challenges are complex, but the primary barrier is political. I'll serve as an advocate for change.

South Corvallis – I joined other neighborhood leaders in securing City Council and voter support for a South Corvallis Urban Renewal Plan. Then the pandemic got in the way of progress. It's time to re-ignite efforts towards helping Southtown evolve into a healthy, vibrant, complete neighborhood.

Climate change – Every community needs to help if we're going to prevent the worst and mitigate the inevitable. I support continued work on the Corvallis Climate Action Plan and meeting Corvallis' share of state greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Personal & professional background - I retired in 2018 after a 40-year career in affordable housing and human services, including 20 years as Executive Director of Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services. During my career I assisted low-income families, people with a psychiatric disability, people who were homeless, and helped develop 29 affordable housing projects in seven urban and rural communities. I also served on the Boards of community development, land conservation, human service, and arts-related organizations. Best of all, I've lived in south Corvallis for 41 years.

Endorsements

Charles Maughan, Corvallis Mayor
Biff Traber, Former Mayor
Julie Manning, Former Corvallis Mayor
Charles Tomlinson, former Corvallis Mayor and City Councilor
Hyatt Lytle, City Councilor
Richard Hervey, former City Council President
Xan Augerot, Benton County Commissioner
Gabe Shepherd, Benton County Commissioner Nominee
Vince Adams, former School Board Member
Curtis Wright
Rebecka Weinsteiniger
Katy Blye
Benton County Democrats

(This information furnished by Jim Moorefield)



City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 3

**Mark
Taratoot**

Occupation: Water Resources (retired); Outdoor Recreation Instructor (part-time); Scientific SCUBA Diver (volunteer)

Occupational Background: Water Resources, Watershed Science

Educational Background: BS Forest Management, University of Georgia; MS Watershed Science – Forest Hydrology, Utah State University

Prior Governmental Experience: Benton Soil and Water Conservation District Board; City of Corvallis employee

Ward 3 - **MARK** your ballot for clean rivers!

My priority is stopping the flow of garbage into our rivers. While I also want to encourage the city to improve bicycle infrastructure and to revise the regressive system of fees on the city services bill, my main focus is keeping garbage out of rivers.

As a volunteer, I regularly remove garbage from our rivers. The city has codes to stop discharges, but I run into road blocks in getting city staff to enforce them. The pollution continues. As city councilor, I will have a stronger voice, and I will be a champion for the Willamette and Marys Rivers.

I worked for the city for over two decades. During that time, I built an award-winning water conservation program. I was union vice president and chief steward, handling all grievances, and served on a contract negotiation team. I will be a better leader because of my firsthand knowledge of how city staff are managed.

I was director and associate director of Benton SWCD; I was named Emeritus Director of the Year by the Oregon Department of Agriculture. I am a key volunteer for Willamette Riverkeeper and have been highlighted twice in their newsletter.

I volunteer for the Oregon Coast Aquarium and was named Dive Volunteer of the Year. I also served on the board of the Marys River Watershed Council. Currently, I work part-time as an outdoor recreation guide for City of Eugene.

Public service is part of my life, and being the next Ward 3 city councilor will be another chapter in my service.

Your vote is the only endorsement I seek.

(This information furnished by Mark Taratoot)



City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 4

**Ava
Olson**

Occupation: Hop Quality Group Research Assistant, OSU/USDA
Occupational Background: Americorps Member at Our City Forest; Theatre Production Technician
Educational Background: Oregon State University, BS Environmental Science, Concentration Applied Ecology
Prior Governmental Experience: Santa Clara County Elections Worker

About me:

I have always been curious about why the world works the way it does, and now I hope to bring this curiosity to our city council. As a ward primarily composed of college students, Ward 4 deserves a fellow student as their representative to ensure our voices and opinions are heard. I believe that Corvallis City Council will allow me to connect with the diverse people of my ward as we all work to create a more unified, resilient community.

My priorities:

Climate change: I plan to help the city take actionable and local steps towards addressing the climate crisis. I plan on minimizing food waste through tightening the No Waste Food ordinance. I also want to end for-profit logging in the city-managed Corvallis watershed.

Affordable housing: The supply of affordable housing must be increased in this city, especially high-density housing near the university. Additionally I plan to enact a Tenants' bill of rights creating legal pathways for renters to have safe and reliable housing.

Alternative transportation: Corvallis needs to provide more support for non-automotive infrastructure. Urban design with this priority looks like: protected bike lanes, clearly labeled crosswalks, increased tree cover, more walkable communities, and increased reliability of public transit.

Housing justice: Our houseless neighbors must be treated with dignity and respect. I plan to look into creating a managed camping zone to provide folks with stability and safety. Additionally more resources must be allocated towards community services oriented towards low-income residents, students, and families.

For more information see actcorvallis.org

Endorsements:

Benton County Democrats
Tenants United Corvallis
Our Revolution-Corvallis Allies
OSU Student Workers Organizing Committee
Sunrise Corvallis
Stop the Sweeps

(This information furnished by Ava Olson)



City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 5

**Charlyn
Ellis**

Occupation: High School English teacher
Occupational Background: Twenty seven years with 509j
Educational Background: BA in English and history, University of New Hampshire; MA in American history, University of New Hampshire; MAT, Lewis and Clark College
Prior Governmental Experience: Community Relations Advisory Group, Neighborhood Livability Workgroup for the Corvallis/OSU Collaboration, City Council 2016-24, Climate Action Advisory Board (chair), liaison to Bike/Ped and Library boards, Mixed Use Departmental Advisory Board

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

Birthplace: Haverhill, MA.

Charlyn Ellis for City Council Ward 5

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

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

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

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

In this time of great distrust for government at all levels, we must increase **transparency and participation** in local government.

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

(This information furnished by Charlyn Ellis)

Ranked Choice Voting for Corvallis City Council, Ward 6

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City Council, Ward 6 Vote for One Per Choice 2 Year Term	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
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City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 6

**Alison
Bowden**

Occupation: Technology Systems Manager, Corvallis School District

Occupational Background: Information Services Technical Support 1 with Corvallis School District, Recreation Assistant with the Corvallis Community Center

Educational Background: Beaverton High School, two years at Oregon State University

Prior Governmental Experience: Housing Operational Advisory Committee for City of Corvallis (2024), Minutes Recorder for Classified Bargaining 2024 with Corvallis School District 509J, Elected Secretary with OSEA Corvallis Chapter 2 AFT Local 6732 (2022)

Over the past eight years, I've had the privilege of calling Corvallis my home. As a union leader, climate advocate, and renter, I've experienced firsthand the challenges our city faces. From skyrocketing property prices to the environmental threats, I believe it's time for decisive, progressive action.

Climate Crisis: My priorities include reducing our organic waste by supporting the No Wasted Food policy recommended by the Climate Action Advisory Board. I will also work to suspend commercial logging in the city owned portion of the Mary's River watershed to protect our water supply and will prioritize land stewardship in all policy decisions.

Housing Justice: I am committed to fighting for housing affordability and protecting tenant rights, especially for those struggling to find stable housing. This includes introducing a Renter's Bill of Rights and promoting shared equity homeownership models like co-ops and land trusts to lower the barriers to homeownership. I will also prioritize expanding community support services in the city's budget.

Urban Design: My approach to urban development will prioritize pedestrians, cyclists, and public transportation. I will work to implement evidence-based designs that improve livability and create safer, more walkable streets, ensuring that everyone can move through Corvallis safely and efficiently.

Join us in building a stronger, more just Corvallis. Learn about our movement at ActCorvallis.org

Endorsed by:

Benton County Democrats, Progressive Democrats of America Oregon Chapter, Tenants United Corvallis, Stop the Sweeps Corvallis, Our Revolution-Corvallis Allies, Valley Neighbors for Environmental Quality and Safety, Friends of the Corvallis Watershed.

(This information furnished by Alison Bowden)



City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 6

**Richard
Masella**

Occupation: Stay at home parent
Occupational Background: Brewer
Educational Background: Gettysburg College BA History
Prior Governmental Experience: None

**Dedicated and Responsive Representation For A
Strong Community**

If elected as ward 6 city councilor Richard Masella would seek to be a strong partner with the members of the Corvallis community and fellow council members. Rather than pushing his own agenda he seeks to be a listening ear to the constituents that he represents. He believes that local government can be most effective when officials are open to creative and solution oriented policies.

As a father of two who has loved calling Corvallis his home for the past 8 years Richard has seen how amazing a place Corvallis can be. However, like all communities around the country we also face a variety of challenges as we move into the future. Some of these challenges that he would focus on addressing include:

- Ensuring Corvallis is affordable for all our neighbors by supporting policies to help increase the housing stock as well as the variety of housing options
- Investing in resilient infrastructure with an eye toward climate change and community liveability
- Improving the safety and bikeability of our streets
- Addressing houselessness with compassion by focusing on housing those in need and providing a variety of options that work for all of those in need
- Efficiently using our tax dollars by looking for ways to reduce waste and maximizing the use of our existing resources
- Diversified business investment to add new businesses and industries to Corvallis and finding ways to reduce the number of currently vacant commercial properties

Endorsed By:

Benton County Democrats

(This information furnished by Richard Masella)



City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 6

**Brennan
Colberg**

Occupation: Software Engineer; Entrepreneur; Systems Design Expert
Occupational Background: Founding Software Engineer, Synthesis (world's leading AI math tutor); Founder, The Molecule Company (manufacturer of DNA and small organic molecule models); Founder, Quotid (app for long-form Bible memorization)
Educational Background: International Baccalaureate Diploma; National Merit Scholarship Finalist; incomplete BS, UW Seattle (joined industry during COVID)
Prior Governmental Experience: None

Hello! I live near Porter Park, with my wife Mattea and (hopefully) our newborn daughter Arcadia (who's due between this statement's writing and printing!).

Last year, I started attending and testifying at city council meetings. Apparently you can't do this for long without getting drafted! Laurie Chaplen, our current City Councilor here in Ward 6, recruited and endorsed me for this seat.

I understand Corvallis' biggest problems to have two solutions:

(1) Private economic growth. Corvallis has a funding problem: most of our industry is tax-exempt. So to pay for infrastructure maintenance, we must keep on hiking your poor water bill. This is annoying and regressive; we should instead expand the tax base, by attracting more private business investment. This is best done through regulatory streamlining, and has the fantastic side-effect of producing good local jobs.

(2) Housing supply expansion. Corvallis' housing prices are unacceptably high. Ultimately, this is because more people want to live here than can. The only sustainable fix is to build more housing. This is too expensive to do directly; we must attract private development, which is similarly best done by streamlining regulations.

There's much talk nowadays of upgraded infrastructure, like separated bike lanes and sidewalks. I love Corvallis' plans in this regard, but they're tentative, because we can't afford them! My focus will be on paying for these things we all want.

This space isn't long. If you have any questions or want to hear more, please visit my website at vote.brennancolberg.com, email vote@brennancolberg.com, or call/text [541-224-8684](tel:541-224-8684). I'll respond to everything personally.

(This information furnished by Brennan Colberg)

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City Council, Ward 7 Vote for One Per Choice 2 Year Term	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
Candidate X	○	○	○
Candidate Y	○	○	○
Candidate Z	○	○	○
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City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 7

**Andrea
Bibee**

Occupation: Law

Occupational Background: Civil Rights Field Officer, State of Oregon; Equity Associate, Oregon State University; Sexuality Education Program Analyst, Oregon Department of Education; Restorative Justice Coordinator, Community Mediation Services; Board Secretary, Pro-Choice Oregon

Educational Background: JD, University of Oregon, School of Law; MA, Conflict and Dispute Resolution, University of Oregon, School of Law; BA, Fairhaven College; AA, Whatcom Community College

Prior Governmental Experience: Have served over 11 years in roles for both local and state government as well as public universities.

Andrea Bibee is an action-oriented candidate who is eager to transform Corvallis residents' concerns into sustainable solutions. Andrea is committed to bold and creative problem solving grounded in social justice and community care. Equipped with a law degree and a masters in conflict and dispute resolution, Andrea has a proven track record in community organizing, policy development, and ethical decision making. She was recently drawn to local politics while witnessing the current council's inaction and inertia around denouncing the ongoing genocide in Palestine. She believes we should divest from apartheid and war abroad and instead invest those funds into better resources for our community here at home. Because Andrea recognizes that our action or inaction on global issues informs our approach to local issues, she will bring the same passion and perspective to the needs of the Corvallis community as she brings to her advocacy for Palestine. From decreasing our reliance on fossil fuels to creating restorative justice options for addressing crime to building meaningful solutions for our unhoused neighbors, Andrea will not shy away from working on the hard things. We face a changing climate, changing economy, and changing awareness of our government's role in the world. We need brave leaders for these times, and Andrea is ready to serve. Free Palestine, free us all.

Endorsed by: Our Revolution – Corvallis Allies
Corvallis Palestine Solidarity

(This information furnished by Andrea Bibee)



City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 7

**Paul W
Shaffer**

Occupation: Retired, State of Oregon

Occupational Background: Corvallis City Councilor since 2019; technical/policy analyst, Oregon Department of Energy; research scientist, Dynamac Corporation (USEPA contractor); high school and USSF soccer referee; Robotics Coach at Corvallis HS

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

Prior Governmental Experience: Corvallis Ward 7 City Councilor; City Council president, 2024; Corvallis Budget Commission; Corvallis Social Services Funding Task Force (chair); City legislative committee; liaison to 911 Executive Advisory Board; Oregon Dept. of Energy (technical/policy analyst); State of Oregon representative (and chair) to Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council

Corvallis has been home for more than four decades; it's been a wonderful place to live and raise a family. Corvallis has many strengths – library, parks, city services, exceptional police and fire departments. Like every city it also has challenges – tight budgets, lack of (affordable) housing, homelessness, sluggish economic development, livability issues, and aging infrastructure and facilities. As your city councilor, I will continue working to maintain strengths and to address our challenges, focusing on:

- Strategic, proactive leadership to address city issues. I am a leader in ongoing efforts to develop a strategic plan to better articulate city goals and priorities.
- Evaluation of city plans and decisions through a climate lens.
- Ensuring adequate funding of critical city resources and programs, including infrastructure and emergency services.
- Continuing efforts to bring additional (affordable) housing to Corvallis, including supportive housing to address homelessness.
- Promoting economic development.
- Effective, open communication with constituents, city staff, service providers, local agencies, etc.

My only ambition as a councilor is to continue to serve the citizens of the 7th Ward and the City of Corvallis. I have no higher political ambition and no hidden agendas.

Endorsed by Benton County Democrats.

Thank you for your support. Please vote.

(This information furnished by Paul W Shaffer)



City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 7

**Roy
Rheuben**

Occupation: STEM Tutor; Student

Occupational Background: STEM Tutor, Mill Worker, General Laborer, Ranch Hand, Census Enumerator

Educational Background: B.S./M.S. Ecological Engineering (In Progress), Oregon State University

Prior Governmental Experience: Environment and Natural Resources Advisory Committee (Benton County); 3 Years Policy Making Experience (Sunrise Corvallis)

Elect Roy Rheuben for Ward 7 City Councilor

Three years ago I joined Sunrise Corvallis to address local issues with global impact. I've volunteered on several local election campaigns and helped write the adopted Corvallis Green New Deal. I will continue my work to serve my community in Ward 7.

Human-Centric Infrastructure

We need to rethink our priorities and investments in streets towards smart urban planning, public transportation and pedestrian safety.

I will support zoning laws allowing for mixed-use neighborhoods which reduce car trips and urban sprawl. I will promote green spaces, and increase funding for pedestrian and bike infrastructure so we can build a safer and healthier Corvallis.

Climate Change and Environment

We must act decisively to prepare for the effects of climate change. Our city has already developed a strong Climate Action Plan (CAP) but few resources are going towards its implementation.

I will prioritize the CAP; bring back the Home Energy Score Initiative; protect the Corvallis watershed to ensure clean drinking water; push to operate the Coffin Butte Landfill sustainably.

Affordable Housing and Justice

I will support a Tenant's Bill of Rights; create opportunities for shared equity models of home ownership; fund resource organizations in the community; expand warming and cooling centers during extreme weather events and follow evidence-based solutions to reduce houselessness.

Be The Change, Join The Movement

Endorsements:

Oregon League of Conservation Voters; Progressive Democrats of America, Oregon Chapter; Valley Neighbors for Environmental Quality and Safety; Friends of the Corvallis Watershed; OSU Student Workers Organizing Committee; Stop the Sweeps Corvallis; Sunrise Corvallis; Tenants United Corvallis

Email: Roy@actcorvallis.org

Website: ACTCorvallis.org

(This information furnished by Roy Rheuben)



City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 8

**Carolyn
Mayers**

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intentionally
left blank.

Occupation: Current Vice-Chair, Corvallis Planning Commission
Occupational Background: Organic Farmer; Insurance Agent, MassMutual

Educational Background: Lafayette College, BA, International Relations

Prior Governmental Experience: Corvallis Planning Commission, 2022 - present; Local/Statewide Volunteer Advocate, Wildfire Issues and Legislation, 2021 - present

Community Involvement: Leadership Corvallis, Class of '24/25; Vice President, Uplands at Timberhill HOA, 2022 - present; Language Partner/Volunteer, Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center, 2017 - 2021; Member - Oregon Environmental Council; Unofficial "Chief Positivity Officer", Corvallis, 2015 - present

I AM:

AN IRREPRESSIBLE OPTIMIST AND A POSITIVE FORCE in shaping a future for Corvallis that works FOR EVERYONE. It's time to reject the divisive, adversarial "us vs. them" attitude and reconnect as partners in pursuit of our shared goals and solutions to our very real issues. COUNCILORS, STAFF, COMMUNITY as Team Corvallis, striving together for ALL to thrive. As David French so aptly put it in an 8/29/24 [New York Times Editorial](#):

"...we're leaving the era of the nasty snarl in favor of the broad smile..."

I MAKE:

A COMMITMENT TO A BETTER WAY, emphasizing open communication, collaboration, respect, and integrity. We are at an inflection point here in Corvallis and beyond. Recent years have been filled with political and social strife. It's time to turn the page and push forward toward a brighter future. We can face and overcome our challenges together and help our community to flourish. The time is now to seize this opportunity to work toward a future we hardly dare dream of, where everyone is housed, safe, nourished, supported, and feels empowered to help shape that dream. Our community is our strength. We are all Corvallis.

Join me in shaping our future!

Endorsements:

Corvallis City Councilors - Tracey Yee, Hyatt Lytle, Tony Cadena
Benton County Commissioner Nominee - Gabe Shepherd
Former Corvallis City Councilor - Penny York
Former Corvallis Mayors - Julie Manning, Biff Traber

"I know you will make an outstanding councilor."

JULIE MANNING

(This information furnished by Carolyn Mayers)



City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 9

**Karen-Jean
Canan**

Occupation: Learning Center Staff at Linn-Benton Community College

Occupational Background: Farmworker, Landscaper, Church Musician

Educational Background: Associate of Science in Anthropology LBCC, Bachelor of Arts in Music Western Oregon University

Prior Governmental Experience: City advocacy for Corvallis riverfront trees-2000

Volunteer: Willamette Community Grange Hall.

My message:

Being a City Councilor requires working together as a community to represent Corvallis. I don't know which nine City Councilors will be elected, but even if all six of my fellow Grassroots Slate candidates win, which would be amazing, I will still need you: my Ward 9 voters, to be actively involved in City politics for me to do my best to represent you.

I am invested in this community. I take seriously the issues that are right in the Council's lap, such as keeping Corvallis's drinking water clean and supporting liveable and affordable housing, as well as the "outside" issues that need to be addressed because they also affect us: the landfill, who's management affects water quality and our environment, and making a statement about Palestine, because direct US support of apartheid and genocide is wrong.

I would vote differently from my opponent on issues like the Marriott parking lot that will replace storefronts, and I would be less likely to vote for low-density annexations. I would ask more questions when human rights violations issues such as rental discrimination and police brutality were raised at City Council meetings.

I am both idealistic and practical. As a working class tenant, I am determined to represent working class issues at the City Council. My priorities of water protection, tenant's rights, and thriving public spaces will benefit everyone.

See actcorvallis.org for information about the Grassroots Slate.

Endorsements:

Tenants United Corvallis
Friends of the Corvallis Watershed
Stop the Sweeps Corvallis
Progressive Democrats of America, Oregon Chapter
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Benton County Democrats
Sunrise Corvallis
Valley Neighbors for Environmental Quality and Safety

(This information furnished by Karen-Jean Canan)



City of Corvallis
City Council
Ward 9

**Tony
Cadena**

Occupation: Corvallis City Councilor, Ward 9

Occupational Background: Contributing Associate Professor, Willamette University, Atkinson Graduate School of Management; Chief Financial Officer, ViewPlus Technologies, Inc.; Finance and Operations Senior Executive, Hewlett-Packard

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

Prior Governmental Experience: Corvallis City Council, Vice-Chair, Corvallis Budget Commission; Chair, Urban Renewal District; Nonprofits with government engagement: The Arts Center (Treasurer), The Children's Book Bank (Board Chair)

Who am I?

As the son of immigrant parents who valued education but had very little, I honor my roots in my drive to learn, improve, excel, serve, and inspire the next generation. Moving to Corvallis in 1995 and raising two daughters who attended Corvallis Public Schools, I have strong ties to our community.

What do I stand for?

- Listening to and representing all
- Exploring creative solutions that work for all of us
- Thoughtful decision-making
- Working collaboratively, pragmatically, and learning

What will I work to accomplish?

Using my diverse experience and what I have learned in my first term, I want to drive progress on critical strategic directions facing Corvallis:

- Ensure long-term economic vitality and sustainability. This includes balanced, planned-for growth in housing and industrial land.
- Increase attainable housing for those who work, live, or do business in Corvallis.
- Pursue excellence in governance. Continuously improving the effectiveness and efficiency in delivering what the community needs, wants, and is willing to pay for. Improve working relationships and community engagement, communication, and trust.
- Provide reliable infrastructure and services.
- Address key livability issues such as parking, responsible development, and safety to strengthen Corvallis's appeal as a place to live.

Endorsements

Julie Manning, Former Corvallis Mayor
Biff Traber, Former Corvallis Mayor
George Pearson, Emeritus Professor & Former Associate Dean, OSU College of Science
Margot Pearson, Former President, Whiteside Theatre Foundation Board; Becki Goslow;
Andrew Struthers, Former Ward 9 Councilor; Curtis Wright

Learn more at: tonycadena.com

(This information furnished by Tony Cadena)



City of Monroe
Mayor

**Daniel
Sheets**

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Occupation: Information Technology Manager, Consultant
Occupational Background: 25 years of high-tech industry experience

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

Prior Governmental Experience: Mayor, City of Monroe (2021-Present); Chair, Monroe Economic Development Committee (2021-Present); Chair, Monroe Festival Committee (2019-Present); Monroe Public Works and Parks Advisory Committees (2021-Present); 1135 Grant Project Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee (2022-Present); Monroe Budget, Finance & Personnel, and Ordinance Committees (2021-Present); Vice Chair, Monroe Planning Commission (2018-2020); Commissioner, Monroe Planning Commission (2013-2020); Secretary, Monroe Budget Committee (2018-2020)

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

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

Accomplishments:

- Secured \$1.3 Million with State Rep. Gomberg's support to upgrade Monroe's water infrastructure.
- Adopted new, reduced speed limits and warning signage on Monroe's residential streets to ensure safety for all residents.
- Completed engineering study on a new pedestrian/utility bridge across the Long Tom River.
- Approved, signed agreement to lease property for future park, pop-up events venue, visitor parking and kiosk.
- Maximized transparency and public input with town halls, open houses, and meetings in-person and via Zoom.

Goals:

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

Vision: As a community-minded citizen, I am committed to making a difference in the place I call home. I want Monroe to be a great place to raise a family, a relaxed place to walk with my kids, and have businesses where we can shop, visitors can enjoy, and together we support. Re-elect me as Mayor, so we can keep moving forward together.

Endorsements:

- Xan Augerot, Benton County Commissioner
- Pat Malone, Benton County Commissioner
- Nancy Wyse, Benton County Commissioner

Re-Elect Daniel Sheets for Mayor

Learn more: www.danieljsheets.com

(This information furnished by Daniel Sheets)



City of Monroe
City Council

**James
Winther**

Occupation: United States Postal Service, City Letter Carrier

Occupational Background: Brewer

Educational Background: Fermentation Science, Oregon State University

Prior Governmental Experience: City of Monroe, Councilor, 2021-Present; Chair, Ordinance Committee, 2021-Present; Member, Budget Committee, 2021-Present

Volunteer Activities: Shop Steward and Branch President, National Association of Letter Carriers. DJ and weekly program host, KORC 105.9 FM

My top priority is keeping our government accessible to everyone. Without good channels of information between the council and the people who live here, good government can't happen. I will continue making myself available to anyone in Monroe who wants to talk about any concerns they have. I am proud to say that when people in this town have had problems I have always been ready to listen and help in any way I can.

Like everyone else in town, ensuring our water plant functions and is maintained properly is another major priority for me. To this end, I support opportunities such as partnering with Army Corps of Engineers Section 1135 project for all I believe it can do enhance not only our water plant but also the Long Tom river.

My third major priority is being a good steward to our public spaces, particularly our parks and our library. I see the continued availability of these resources for all of us to enjoy as vital to the community of Monroe and will continue to support them.

If you want to know my position on anything else, please send an email james.winther@ci.monroe.or.us, or feel free to just stop me and ask if you see me around town. I look forward to talking to you, and hope to continue serving you as a city councilor.

(This information furnished by James Winther)



City of Monroe
City Council

**Lisa
Lindner**

Occupation: Compensation Consultant

Occupational Background: 11 years of Human Resources and nonprofit experience with an emphasis on classification and compensation

Educational Background: Planning, Public Policy, and Management, University of Oregon; Anthropology, Oregon State University; Milwaukie High School

Prior Governmental Experience: Councilor for the City of Monroe (2020-2024); Associated Students of Oregon State University (ASOSU); Administrative Volunteer for the City of Milwaukie (1999)

Monroe's growth continues; it's critical that residents' concerns are heard. It's the responsibility of elected officials to consider all angles of each issue and their potential short- and long-term impacts.

I've lived in Monroe for approximately six years. I've served on the Monroe City Council for one full term and seek reelection so that I may continue to improve city infrastructure, support city personnel, enhance communication with residents, protect nearby natural areas, and encourage local commerce while preserving Monroe's rural, historic, and small-town identity. My involvement includes the Personnel and Finance Committee, through which I've conducted two salary studies and developed an employee handbook, the Ordinance Committee, and the 1135 Dam Removal Project Subcommittee, which supports revitalizing downtown Monroe and making the Long Tom River a safer, more accessible natural feature.

I have professional and educational experience in the areas of organizational design, strategic planning, project management, classification, and compensation. I've worked in public, private, and for-profit sectors. I've supported organizations ranging in size from 4 to 40,000 employees.

When I'm not volunteering with the City of Monroe, I'm working for a research university, spending time with my fiancé, tending to my small business, or getting dragged around town by two dogs. My interests include cooking, foraging, and preserving food; hiking; biking; yoga; paddleboarding.

Serving Monroe is a privilege I don't take for granted. I appreciate your consideration for reelection so that I may continue to work for the benefit of our small community.

Endorsed by Nominee for Benton County Commissioner Gabe Shepherd.

(www.lisalindner.com)

(This information furnished by Lisa Lindner)

Oregon Voter Registration Form



You may use this form to register to vote or update your information.

1. Print with a black or blue pen to complete the form.
2. Sign the form.
3. Mail or drop off the form at your County Elections Office.

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

qualifications

Are you a citizen of the United States of America? yes no

Are you at least 16 years of age? yes no

! If you mark no in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form.

personal information *required information

last name* first* middle

Oregon residence address, city and zip code (include apt. or space number)*

date of birth (month/day/year)* county of residence

phone email

mailing address, including city, state and zip code (required if different than residence)

Oregon Driver License/ID number

Provide a valid **Oregon Driver License, Permit or ID:**

I do not have a valid **Oregon Driver License/Permit/ID.**
The last 4 digits of my Social Security Number (SSN) are:

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I do not have a valid Oregon Driver License/Permit/ID or a SSN. I have attached a copy of **acceptable identification.**

political party

Not a member of a party

Constitution

Democratic

Independent

Libertarian

No Labels

Pacific Green

Progressive

Republican

Working Families

Other _____

signature I swear or affirm that I am qualified to be an elector and I have told the truth on this registration.

sign here _____ date today _____

! If you sign this card and know it to be false, you can be fined up to \$125,000 and/or imprisoned for up to 5 years.

registration updates Complete this section if you are updating your information.

previous registration name previous county and state

home address on previous registration date of birth (month/day/year)



City of Philomath Mayor

**Chas
Jones**

Occupation: Principal Scientist & Founder, PICEA Consulting Group

Occupational Background: Tribal Relations, Research, Energy, and Climate Resilience Consulting

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

Prior Governmental Experience: Philomath Mayor & City Councilor (Finance, Public Works, Budget, and Inclusivity Committees); Oregon Cascade West Council of Governments (Executive and Finance Committees; Board Member); Benton County Budget Committee, Oregon Mayors Association (OMA) Board

MY VISION

As Philomath's volunteer Mayor for 4 years, a local entrepreneur, and a community-minded scientist, I have actively used strategic planning, relationship building, and community engagement in pursuit of a vibrant Philomath with a bustling local economy. I pride myself in watching Philomath grow while maintaining our strong rural cultural identity. Under my leadership, Philomath has continued to grow stronger and more prosperous while trying to provide opportunities for our residents to flourish.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Survived and thrived!** 2 years of intense infrastructure improvements will provide benefits for generations
- **Strong relationships** with state and federal leaders have brought millions of dollars of investments to Philomath
- **Fiscally responsible growth:** Moving civic projects forward, while balancing the City's financial needs with an adaptive city government.

PRIORITIES

- **Affordable housing & Economic development:** Championing a strong sense of community and a high quality of life, while supporting businesses to strengthen our local economy.
- **Celebrating our history, culture, & diversity:** Promoting Philomath as a rural, vibrant timber town that celebrates diversity and is safe for everyone.
- **Prosperity, Public safety, and Inclusive governance:** Ensuring Philomath residents feel welcome, safe, and valued, while maximizing government transparency

RE-ELECT CHAS JONES FOR MAYOR

LET'S CONTINUE BUILDING A STRONGER AND MORE PROSPEROUS PHILOMATH

Visit chasjones.com for more about me and my priorities.
www.facebook.com/ElectChasJones

ENDORSEMENTS

Teri Lenahan, Mayor North Plains; past President Oregon Mayors Association

Rod Cross, Mayor, City of Toledo, OMA President

Alex Johnson II, Albany Mayor

Jessica Engelke, North Bend Mayor

(This information furnished by Chas Jones)



City of Philomath Mayor

**Christopher
McMorrان**

Occupation: Legislative Staffer

Occupational Background: Policy, Filmmaking, Communications

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

Prior Governmental Experience: Philomath City Council, Philomath School Board, Philomath Fire & Rescue Civil Service Commission and Budget Committee, Corvallis-Benton County Public Library Board

I'm running for Mayor because **I love my hometown**. This community has given me so much, and I want to pay it forward – I want every kid and family here to have the same support and opportunities I've received. I want to be a Mayor who is out front, leading the charge, and actively bringing our town together around a common goal: making Philomath the best place in Oregon to grow up.

For that to happen, **we need:**

- Affordable housing where you can start and grow a family
- Safe streets where you can walk and bike
- Beautiful, well-maintained parks and natural areas
- Community-building opportunities
- Accessible, accountable city governance
- Jobs and economic opportunity (and... maybe a grocery store?)
- Responsive police and public works

These values have guided me as a City Councilor and School Board Member, and will continue to guide me as Mayor. **I'm proud of my record** supporting students, community events, government transparency, staffing levels, park accessibility, tree planting, pedestrian connectivity, and more. I'm so excited to continue serving this community, and so hopeful for the future of Philomath.

I'm honored to be **supported by many of our neighbors**, including:

- City Councilors Matt Lehman, Diane Crocker, and Jessica Andrade
- School Board Vice-Chair Erin Gudge
- School Board Members Sandi Hering and Joe Dealy
- Benton County Commissioner Pat Malone
- Benton County Commission Nominee Gabe Shepherd
- Former City Councilor Doug Edmonds

...and more! I would be honored to have your support, too.

For more info: christophermcmorran.com;

christopher.mcmorran@gmail.com;

or 541-714-5868.

I work for you!

(This information furnished by McMorrان for Mayor 23830)



**City of Philomath
City Council**

**Brent Justin
Kaseman**

Occupation: VP, Bank Manager and Commercial Loan Officer
Occupational Background: Banking and Human Resources
Educational Background: Christian Light Homeschool HS Diploma
Prior Governmental Experience: Philomath/URA Budget Committee(s) '23-'24; Elected Chairman for Committee(s) in '24

Religious Affiliation: Christian in the Orthodox Church; member, St Anne OCA

Non-Profits/Service Organizations: Board Secretary for Philomath Community Services; former Board Secretary and Treasurer for Philomath Rotary Club; Treasurer for St Olga Respite Care Association (offers respite care to homeless following surgery/etc); member of St Daniel Burial Ministry

I live and work in Philomath, and my wife, Shannon, and I are raising our three girls, Brigid, Felicity, and Genevieve, here. We greatly care about this wonderful community, and I hope to serve it as a City Councillor. My interest in serving started with Philomath Citizens Academy in which I learned about the inner workings of our town, from government to law enforcement, from water management to non-profits and beyond. From there, I served two years on the Philomath Budget Committee, chosen as Chairman in year two.

As a bank manager and commercial loan officer, I will bring abilities to lead, listen, communicate, assess risk and mitigate, and work out solutions. I approach things with a level head and logic, and I am committed to open, honest, and respectful communication.

Focuses

- Safe Community/Law Enforcement
- Sticking to the basics of city governance; avoiding agendas, ideologies, and cultural conflicts
- Managing city growth, fiscal responsibility
- Collaborating with non-profits and service organizations
- Learning and Listening
- Volunteering/Community Involvement

It will be an honor and pleasure to serve as your City Councillor!
Thanks for your vote!

Feel free to email me at kasemanforcitycouncil@gmail.com to ask questions or start a dialogue!

(This information furnished by Brent Justin Kaseman)



**City of Philomath
City Council**

**Spencer
Irwin**

Occupation: Business owner; Business Consultant, Entrepreneur

Occupational Background: Small Business

Educational Background: Oregon State University, BS

Prior Governmental Experience: Philomath Citizens Academy, 2017; Philomath Parks Board 2017 - 2020; Philomath Budget Committee 2020 - Present; Philomath Housing and Economic Development Committee 2024 - Present

Over 8 years of experience in civic service has allowed me to build the skills necessary to address the challenges our city faces. Working with volunteers and small business owners has given me knowledge of the issues we navigate as our city grows. Affordable housing, business development, and sustainability are some of the issues we all share. I have learned inclusion, equitability, and accessibility are at the foundation of a strong community experiencing healthy growth.

Collaboration, empathy, transparency, and goodwill amongst my core values. I practice them in my life and will bring them to my service of our community. I am eager to engage with you in our community to build mutual understanding and identify our common goals. Then create plans to guide us forward as a city. I believe that each voice matters and that it takes us all to achieve lasting success. My goal is to represent the vision of our community and facilitate opportunities for meaningful participation in our endeavors.

I will remain accessible to all residents, ensuring that every voice is heard regardless of whether I agree. I am committed to fostering an inclusive and diverse community where all citizens can thrive. I welcome everyone to put in work together to build the city we want to live in.

It is inevitable that Philomath will continue substantial growth over the next 4 years. I am committed to embracing that growth in a positive and disciplined way calling on our pioneering and innovative roots to stay safe, livable, and comfortable for all our citizens. I would be honored to have your support and look forward to together to serve our community.

(This information furnished by Spencer Irwin)



City of Philomath
City Council

**Diane L
Crocker**

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Occupation: Retired Teacher

Occupational Background: Teacher at the Philomath School District

Educational Background: Oregon State University, BS 1981; Western Oregon University, MME 1988

Prior Governmental Experience: Philomath City Council 2023- Present

Philomath is a very important community to me as I have lived, raised my children and taught throughout my professional career in Philomath. I think I have a good handle on the values of our community and I want to make sure that the City decisions are based on these values of family, hard work, community service and lifting up those around us. I would be honored to continue serving the citizens of Philomath through membership on the Philomath City Council.

(This information furnished by Diane L Crocker)



Benton Soil and Water Conservation District
Director
Zone 2

Marcella Henkels

Occupation: Retired
Occupational Background: Research Scientist, including 23 years at United States Department of Agriculture, Horticultural Crops Research Unit, Corvallis, OR
Educational Background: Utah State University, BS, Biology; Colorado State University, MS, Plant Pathology
Prior Governmental Experience: Benton Soil and Water Conservation District Associate Director, January 2021– January 2023; Benton Soil and Water Conservation District Director Zone 2, January 2023 – present

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

For the past 36 years, my family has lived on acreage in Benton County, consisting of pasture and mature Oregon white oak forest. Our family was involved with Benton County 4-H for 10 years, where our son raised market lambs and dairy goats. Over the years we have raised cattle, dairy goats, market lambs, meat and egg-laying chickens, and turkeys, as well as a growing a large garden. This experience has led me to a deep appreciation for what it takes to produce food in a way that respects both the land and the animals.

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

(This information furnished by Marcella Henkels)

No Photo Submitted

Benton Soil and Water Conservation District
Director
Zone 3

Nate Johnson

Occupation: Farmer
Occupational Background: Agriculture, Public Service
Educational Background: The Evergreen State College, BA
Prior Governmental Experience: Benton Soil and Water Conservation District Associate Director 2021-2022; At-Large Director 2022-2023; currently Zone 3 Director and Board Chair.

I'm honored to be a part of the Benton Soil and Water Conservation District, and I hope to continue contributing to the health of our local soils, streams, and habitats. Conservation shouldn't be neglected or demoted to a secondary concern. The future we will share depends on the work we do together now.

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

Thank you for your consideration,

Nate Johnson

(This information furnished by Nate Johnson)

Central School District 13J Measure 27-143

Ballot Title

Caption: Bonds increase safety, construct, repair schools, improve facilities, address overcrowding.

Question: Shall District increase safety; construct, repair, improve facilities, address overcrowding; issue \$90 million in bonds; community oversight, audits required?
If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: Central School District no. 13J has been awarded a \$6,000,000 State grant that will be available only if bonds are approved.

If approved, this general obligation bond measure would finance capital costs, expected to:

Provide a modern elementary school, including land acquisition;

Upgrade facilities, including roof replacement and modernizing HVAC systems for efficiency and air quality; Improve safety and security;

Expand space for career and technical education;

Improve athletic fields and provide inclusive playgrounds; Provide new classrooms to address overcrowding; and Pay bond issuance costs.

District would establish a citizen oversight committee to ensure proceeds are used for purposes indicated.

Bonds would be issued in a principal amount not to exceed \$90,000,000 and may be issued in multiple series; each maturing within 31 years from issuance.

If measure passes, the annual tax rate for all District general obligation bonds is estimated to be \$3.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Actual levy rate may differ due to final interest rates and changes in assessed value.

Explanatory Statement

About Central School District 13J: The District serves about 3,100 students in three elementaries, one middle, and one high school in the Independence and Monmouth areas. The average age of District buildings is 54 years old. The District thoroughly assessed its facilities and identified several challenges facing its schools, including safety concerns, overcrowding issues, and aging buildings with systems needing significant improvements and repairs.

Community engagement and partnership: After completion of an independent facilities assessment in 2020, the District formed a Long-Range Facilities Planning Committee in 2021-2022, that engaged community groups to put forth a list of priority projects and needs in the District. The Board of Directors then assembled a Bond Development Committee in 2022, that narrowed the extensive lists of priorities, which were then presented to the Board.

What would the bonds fund? The proposed bonds would fund specific projects focused on increasing safety, constructing critical repair needs to facilities, and addressing overcrowding.

Why does the District need a bond to do these projects?
Most funding for schools in Oregon comes to each local district from the State School Fund, based on the district's Average Daily Membership (ADM) (i.e. attendance). These are operating funds to pay for things like teachers, materials, and basic maintenance. These funds do not pay for school construction and major renovation-those costs are capital expenses and primarily paid through local school bond measures approved by voters and available grant funds.

If approved, the bond measure would finance capital costs, expected to:

- Provide a modern elementary school, including land acquisition (Monmouth).
- Upgrade facilities, including roof replacement (Central High).
- Modernize heating and cooling systems for efficiency and air quality (Ash Creek and Independence Elementary Schools).
- Improve safety and security.
- Expand space for career and technical education (Talmadge Middle School).
- Improve athletic fields (Central High/Talmadge Middle School).
- Provide inclusive playgrounds (all elementary schools)
- Provide new classrooms to address overcrowding (Talmadge Middle, Monmouth Elementary).
- Pay bond issuance costs.

What would the bonds cost?

If passed, the total cost for all District bond measures would be an estimated annual rate of \$3.75 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The total principal amount of bonds authorized by this measure cannot exceed \$90 million.

If voters pass this bond, the District will receive an additional \$6 million grant from the State of Oregon.

The voters last approved a bond in 2008 for additional classrooms and modernization at Central High School.

Oversight and accountability:

The District would establish a citizen oversight committee made up of a diverse group of community members to ensure proceeds are used for purposes indicated.

(Submitted by Central School District 13J)

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

BENTON COUNTY OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP SITES

Records and Elections Office

Kalapuya Building
4500 SW Research Way, 2nd Floor
Corvallis, OR 97333

Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 Election Day 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM



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This tool is provided by the Secretary of State to help voters locate official ballot drop boxes by address. This locator is available 20 days before an election. The link to this site is <https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/drop-box-locator.aspx>



Kalapuya Building

Rear of parking lot
4500 SW Research Way
Corvallis, OR 97333



OSU Gill Coliseum

Ralph Miller Ln & 26th St
660 SW 26th St
Corvallis, OR 97331



Lincoln Health Center

Southside of parking lot
121 SE Viewmont Ave
Corvallis, OR 97333



Corvallis Public Library

6th St and Monroe Ave
645 NW Monroe Ave
Corvallis, OR 97330



Benton County Courthouse

Front of main entrance
120 NW 4th St
Corvallis, OR 97330



Law Enforcement Building

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

BENTON COUNTY OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP SITES



LBCC Benton Center

Near main entrance
**757 NW Polk Ave
 Corvallis, OR 97330**



Corvallis Community Center

Near main entrance
**2601 NW Tyler Ave
 Corvallis, OR 97330**



Wells Fargo Bank at Timberhill

Timberhill Shopping Center
**2543 NW Kings Blvd
 Corvallis, OR 97330**



City Limits Market

Near main entrance
**5800 NW Hwy 99W
 Corvallis, OR 97330**



Adair Village City Hall

Parking lot entrance
**6030 NE William R Carr Ave
 Adair Village, OR 97330**



North Albany Shopping Center

In front of IGA supermarket
**621 Hickory Ave NW
 Albany, OR 97321**



Philomath Community Library

Near main entrance
**1050 Applegate St
 Philomath, OR 97370**



Monroe Community Library

In parking Lot
**380 N 5th St
 Monroe, OR 97456**



Alsea Community Library

Parking lot sidewalk
**19192 Alsea Hwy
 Alsea, OR 97324**

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OFFICIAL BENTON COUNTY
VOTERS' PAMPHLET
NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

