

Voters' Pamphlet

Oregon Primary Election | May 15, 2018

COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

Official Local Voters' Pamphlet



Fourth of July 1918
Celebration during World War I
Boys dressed as doughboy and Uncle Sam
Clatskanie, Oregon

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ATTENTION

This is the beginning of your county voters' pamphlet. The county portion of this joint voters' pamphlet is inserted in the center of the state portion. Each page of the county voters' pamphlet is clearly marked with a color bar on the outside edge. All information contained in the county portion of this pamphlet has been assembled and printed by your County Clerk.

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Voter Registration

Qualifications to register to vote

To register to vote in Oregon, you must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- A resident of Oregon
- At least 16 years old

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

How to register to vote

ONLINE. Register to vote online at www.oregonvotes.gov/myvote.

MANUALLY. Complete an Oregon Voter Registration Card. Registration cards are available at any county elections office or at designated state agencies, including the Department of Motor Vehicles and some public assistance agencies.

When to update your registration

Update your registration if your

- Residential address changes,
- Mailing address changes,
- Your name changes, or
- You wish to change political affiliation.

Registration Deadline

A new registrant must register to vote by the 21st calendar day before an election to be eligible to vote in that election.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Am I registered to vote?

If you are already registered or think you might be registered to vote, visit www.oregonvote.gov/myvote to:

- check if you are registered to vote
- view your registration information
- update your voter registration
- find contact information for your county elections office

What If...?

What if I make a mistake on my ballot?

If you make a mistake that cannot be corrected, call the Columbia County Elections Office (503) 397-7214 and **request a replacement ballot**. One will be mailed to you provided the request is received within time for mailing. Otherwise, you may pick up a replacement ballot in person.

What if I don't vote on everything on the ballot?

Your ballot will still be counted.

What if I don't sign my return envelope?

You will be sent a notice in the mail that you have not signed your ballot. Follow the instructions on the notice in order to remedy your unsigned ballot and it will be counted. You must remedy your ballot by the 14th day after the election in order for it to be counted.

What if I don't put my ballot into the new optional secrecy sleeve?

Your ballot will still be counted.

What if I don't receive my ballot?

If you are a registered voter and don't receive your ballot after the following week that ballots are mailed out, call the Columbia County Elections Office at (503) 397-7214.



Primary Election

May 15, 2018

Dear Columbia County Voters:

The Columbia County Voters' Pamphlet is published to inform voters with regard to the local candidates and measures you will find on your ballot. I would like to take this opportunity to pass on to you some important information regarding the May 15, 2018 Primary Election and your ballot:

- **Ballot mailing dates.** Ballot packets will be mailed out to the county at large April 25-26th. Expect to see your ballot during the week of April 30th-May 5th
- **Returning your voted ballot by mail.** It is advisable that voted ballots should not be mailed back later than Thursday, May 10. If a ballot cannot be mailed by this day, please visit a local drop site and use a drop box. Ballots received by mail after May 15th will not be accepted, regardless of postmark.
- **New item: Secrecy Sleeve.** In the past, a voted ballot would be inserted into a Secrecy Envelope (optional), and then in turn, inserted into the Return Identification Envelope. This election, a "Secrecy Sleeve" will replace the envelope. This will improve efficiencies and reduce costs while maintaining the secrecy of the ballot. As in the past this item is optional. Should you realize you did not use it and your ballot is already sealed in the return envelope, it's ok. Your ballot will be counted.
- **The Independent Party of Oregon Open Primary.** The Independent Party of Oregon has chosen to open its primary election to voters who are not members of any party for the May 2018 election. Non Affiliated Voters (NAV) who are interested in receiving a ballot for the Independent Party of Oregon can find a request form in the State portion of this voters' pamphlet or on the Columbia County elections webpage.
- **Ballot Arrangement.** Candidates are arranged in a random alphabetical order each election. Candidates will be listed in the same order in this pamphlet as on the ballot. Only the applicable candidates and measures for your precinct and voter registration's residential address will appear on your ballot.
- **Voter no longer at your address.** If a ballot was delivered to your residence for someone who should no longer be receiving ballots at your address, please write "RETURN" on the envelope and place it back in your mailbox. If a ballot was sent to someone who has passed away, please write "DECEASED" on the envelope and place it back in your mailbox.
- **Voting for Precinct Committeepersons.** If you are affiliated with a Political Party holding a PCP election (Democrat or Republican), you may have been accustomed to a separate party precinct committeeperson ballot. This year you will find your precincts PCP elections on the main ballot.

Make sure your vote counts! Ballots must be received by the Elections Office, no later than 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 15, 2018, to be counted. Drop site locations are listed on page 8 of this voters' pamphlet.

It is my honor and privilege to serve as your County Clerk.

Elizabeth "Betty" Huser
Columbia County Clerk

Columbia County

Commissioner, Position 2



**Kimberly
Johns**

OCCUPATION: Retired

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: USIA Underwater Equipment Sales Corporation, Reed College, Diving Safety Officer; Oregon, EMT;

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland Community College Associates of Arts Degree, Criminal Justice; Oregon State University, Varsity Football, Transfer;

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: United States Department of Commerce, Export Council of Oregon Vice Chair (3 terms); United States Air Force, Honorable Discharge; Columbia County Sheriff Office, Search & Rescue, Reserve Deputy Sheriff; St. Helens Rural Fire Protection District, Staff Chief; Oregon Military Department (ORSDF), Command Chief Warrant Officer

Our county is struggling financially because of fiscal mismanagement. Financial decisions made by entrenched incumbents have decimated County funds, those that serve the few and not the many. In the last 25 years we have attempted to create jobs that have not been sustainable when the economy of the region changes.

We have created a 20th century transit system that cannot adapt to the 21st century world we live in. County leaders have supported adding to the overall County indebtedness by investing in speculative infrastructure, without creating long-term jobs, all at taxpayer expense. In that same 25 year span, the County's public safety priority has been ignored, leaving the County with 1 or 2 deputies to patrol the entire 688 square miles of the County. A County jail without a permanent funding base, every few years we risk losing our jail.

Together we will create a new vision for Columbia County. Tapping into Federal programs designed to spur growth and jobs, taking advantage of SBA HUB zones as well as Enterprise zones designed to bring business, jobs, and industries to the County.

I'm going to bring common sense back to local government by supporting a 2 term limit for Columbia County Commissioners. Decisions made by our Commissioners should have input from the citizens. I promise to hold public meetings and town halls for every important decision BEFORE casting a vote. My vote is your vote.

www.kimberlyjohns.com

(This information furnished by Kimberly Johns)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county. (ORS 251.335 (3b))

Commissioner, Position 2



**Paulette
Lichatowich**

OCCUPATION: Port of St. Helens Commissioner; retired small business owner

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Co-owner of fisheries consulting business; Owner cloth bag manufacturing; Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal government grant writing and information technology management; Oregon State University; Associate editor of a professional peer reviewed journal.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Clay High School, South Bend, Indiana, graduated

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Port of St. Helens Commissioner, 2015-present; Columbia County Planning Commission, 2004-present;

WE NEED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT BRINGS PROSPERITY TO EVERYONE: We need a countywide, comprehensive economic plan that delivers prosperity for all and cuts ties to old, failed ideas. Because county leadership has refused to embrace innovative ideas, our county has suffered from many years of low employment opportunities.

Over the last decade county administration propped-up investments in speculative infrastructure and rezoned 837 acres of prime agricultural land for unidentified industrial development. Farmers and fishermen objected. Yet, approval was granted despite flaws in the rezoning application and the voices of Columbia County residents were ignored. Rather than fight with our constituents and make underinformed decisions I will do my research, listen to the public, and bring prosperity to Columbia County.

WE NEED VISION AND EXPERIENCE: As a Port Commissioner and member of the county Planning Commission, I understand the economic drivers and opportunities available in Columbia County. I have the experience and the vision to seize these opportunities and bring prosperity to our county.

My volunteering includes Columbia Pacific Food Bank board member 2014-2017; Community Meals; and PEO, a philanthropic organization for women.

As your commissioner I will work to:

- Create prosperity tied to innovative technologies and ideas;
- Protect the quality of life for the people of Columbia County;
- Boost transparency and active engagement in county government;
- Reduce traffic congestion and increase public safety;
- Increase park services, trails and recreational access; and
- Be a bridge between cities and county government.

I am the right choice - for today and the future

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www.paulettelichatowich.com

(This information furnished by Paulette Lichatowich)

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Columbia County

Commissioner, Position 2



**Henry B
Heimuller**

OCCUPATION: Columbia County Commissioner

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Columbia County Transit Coordinator; Paramedic Supervisor; State Certified Paramedic; Small Business Owner

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: OSU County College Graduate Certificate 2011 with Honors; Willamette University Transit Management Program; Paramedic School WFS-EMS through PCC Graduated 1982; Scappoose High School Graduate 1978

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Columbia County Economic Team; Columbia 911 Communications Board; Columbia County Fair Board; Columbia Emergency Planning Association; Retired Senior Volunteer Program Council; NOHA Board; Association of Oregon Counties Human Services and Transportation Committees; Columbia Pacific Economic Development Council; Oregon Public Transportation Advisory Committee

My greatest pleasure is a community of happy and thriving families. I have seen our county through good times and bad. When first elected commissioner we were in the deepest throes of the Great Recession. The County offices could not even stay open 5 days a week. Through hard work, determination, and listening to the citizens we have turned the corner. We can't quit now. I have three simple priorities to drive us to an even better future for our county:

Living Columbia County Residents expect good roads, reliable public safety, support for our veterans, and access to other local services. Through careful budgeting, and continued support of new and existing businesses, we can make all these things happen.

Working Most of our workforce commutes out of the county. Through my work with Columbia County Economic Team we have helped local businesses grow and thrive, attracted new businesses and established a world-class advanced manufacturing research center. Growing our local business base will help to reduce the tax burden on residents while improving services available to them.

Recreation Every corner of our county has unique attributes that make it a great place for families to relax and play. We have river frontage, trails throughout, fishing, boating and an abundance of parks. By working together with our cities and rural areas we can assure these local tourism opportunities exist.

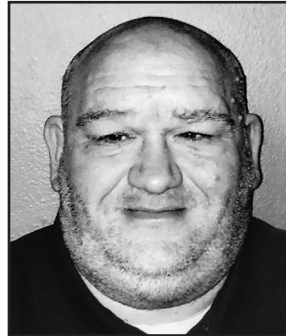
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(This information furnished by Henry B Heimuller)

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Commissioner, Position 2



**Donald (Don)
Campbell**

OCCUPATION: None

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Union Memoer

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: GED

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

We need working class involvement, not career politicians. We need to come together as a team and revamp this county. The citizens of this county matter too, their voices need to be heard. Citizen input is much needed and should be highly regarded.

I'm for more efficient spending of your tax dollars. We need to utilize the outcome of previous decisions that have been made for the county and evaluate the pros and cons. We cant change the future without a serious analysis of the past. I believe utilizing basic fundamentals will help our county thrive and prosper for our citizens.

(This information furnished by Donald (Don) Campbell)

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Measure 5-266

BALLOT TITLE

AMENDS CHARTER TO RETROACTIVELY PROHIBIT TAXES ON SALE OF GROCERIES.

QUESTION: Should the City’s Charter be amended to retroactively prohibit taxes on the sale or purchase of groceries?

SUMMARY: This measure, if approved, would amend the City’s Charter to retroactively prohibit a tax, fee, or other assessment on the sale of groceries. The tax prohibition covers any transaction for the sale or purchase of groceries, with certain individuals or entities, including those licensed, registered or inspected by certain federal or state agencies or programs providing for the safety of groceries, including the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and the State Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety or Commodity Inspection Programs. Individuals or entities appointed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission under ORS 471.750, or operating as farm stands or farmers markets are also included under the prohibition.

Groceries are defined to mean raw or processed food or beverage intended for human consumption except alcoholic beverages, marijuana products and tobacco products.

The measure defines “tax, fee, or other assessment” to include a sales tax, gross receipts tax, commercial activity tax, value-added tax, excise tax, privilege tax, and other similar taxes.

The measure would retroactively prohibit the imposition or collection of any taxes after September 1, 2017.

Measure initiated by petition.
Explanatory Statement is not applicable

ARGUMENT FOR

Vote YES! on Measure 5-266 to Keep St. Helens Groceries Tax Free!
YES! on Measure 5-266!

Over 2,000 of your neighbors signed the petition to say YES! Keep St Helens Groceries Tax Free!

This outpouring of support is because we want St Helens to be the first city in Oregon to ensure our groceries will permanently remain Tax Free!

Join me and your neighbors and lets all vote YES! on Measure 5-266.

Let’s vote YES! to Keep Our Groceries Tax Free!

Submitted by:
Doug Stokes

ARGUMENT FOR

Vote YES! on Measure 5-266 to Keep St. Helens Groceries Tax Free!
YES! on Measure 5-266

Your neighborhood grocer, St Helens Market Fresh, hopes never to have to collect or pay a tax when you buy groceries. Groceries are a necessity for every family.

That’s why we urge every voter in St Helens to vote YES! on Measure 5-266.

A YES vote on Measure 5-266 ensures the City of St Helens will never tax groceries.
Please vote YES on Measure 5-266 - Let’s keep our groceries tax free!

Submitted by:
Cole Snider
St Helens Market Fresh
Assistant Manager

ARGUMENT FOR

South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce urges a YES vote on Measure 5-26
Vote YES! to Keep St. Helens Groceries Tax Free!
YES! on Measure 5-266

Whereas, access to food is a basic need of every Citizen of the City of St. Helens; and Whereas, keeping the price of groceries as low as possible improves the access to food for all citizens of the City of St. Helens; and
Whereas, taxing the sale of groceries hurts low and fixed income citizens of the City of St. Helens; now, therefore, Whereas, St Helens recently considered taxing some grocery items, specifically soda;

Now therefore, the South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, which is comprised of members from St Helens, Scappoose, and Columbia City, supports and endorses the Yes! Keep St. Helens Groceries Tax-Free initiative. Groceries should never be taxed.

A YES vote on Measure 5-266 ensures the City of St Helens will never tax groceries.
Please vote YES on Measure 5-266 - Let’s keep our groceries tax free!

Submitted by:
Bob Barnard
South Columbia Chamber of Commerce
Board Member

ARGUMENT FOR

Vote yes on Measure 5-266 - keep our groceries tax free in St. Helens!

Submitted by:
Marty Rowe
KOHI
Owner

The printing of these arguments does not constitute an endorsement by Columbia County, nor does the county warrant the accuracy or truth of any statement made in the argument.

Clatskanie Rural Fire Protection District

Measure 5-267

BALLOT TITLE

RENEWAL OF FIVE-YEAR LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR GENERAL OPERATIONS

QUESTION: Shall Fire District impose \$1.2533 per \$1000 of assessed value for general operations for five years beginning 2018-2019? This measure renews current local option taxes.

SUMMARY: A “YES” vote on this would renew Clatskanie Rural Fire Protection District’s current local option levy at the same rate of \$1.2533 per \$1,000 of assessed value, providing funding for staffing, fire & ambulance services, purchase needed replacement equipment, as well as maintenance of the District’s buildings and property. The permanent tax rate alone is inadequate to properly ensure fire and ambulance services. Our community continues to have increasing demand for emergency fire and medical response. Combining the permanent tax rate with a 5-year levy will allow the District to continue providing staffing and equipment to do our best to respond to the increasing number of calls for service. This levy will begin in the 2018/2019 fiscal year. The levy rate of \$1.2533 on a home with an assessed value of \$150,000 would cost \$188 per year for 5 years. The estimated total amount of tax to be raised is \$5,340,778. The proposed rate will raise approximately \$979,506 in 2018/2019, \$1,021,951 in 2019/2020, \$1,066,236 in 2020/2021, \$1,112,440 in 2021/2022, and \$1,160,645 in 2022/2023. 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

Renewing the current local option levy at the same rate as approved five years ago will provide funding to maintain current staffing levels, adequate training, ambulance services, purchase needed replacement equipment, and maintaining District’s buildings and property. The permanent tax rate alone is insufficient for ensuring adequate fire and ambulance services. Our community continues having increased demand for emergency fire and medical response. Combining the permanent tax rate with this 5-year levy will allow us to provide staffing and equipment so we can respond to the increasing number of calls for service. Over the years the area has seen growth and increased traffic, increasing calls for emergency response. In 2017 we responded to 1083 emergencies with the majority being medical emergencies. Often more than one medical call occurs during the same time period and/or a medical call comes in during a structure fire.

Minimum Staff needed for:

- Basic Medical Ambulance call: 2 (Basic Life Support)
- Advanced Medical Ambulance call: 4 (Heart Attacks, Strokes, etc.)
- Structure Fire calls: 14 (per National Fire Protection Association Standards)
- Entry into burning structure: 4 Firefighters

The District’s permanent tax rate was established many years ago at \$1.7198 per \$1000 of assessed value and is inadequate for funding current staffing needs. The district staffing averages four Firefighter Paramedics per day, and a total of 10 Volunteers and 3 Interns who are not always available. The cost of repairing or replacing our aging equipment and training requirements have increased dramatically in recent years.

November 1955 Clatskanie Rural Fire Protection District formed in areas outside Clatskanie, including Delena/Alston, Quincy and Mayger. During 1969 the City Fire Department disbanded, annexed into Clatskanie RFPD and the local

funeral director discontinued ambulance services. Clatskanie RFPD Volunteers took EMT training and began ambulance services in 1970, a Fire Chief was hired, first ambulance was purchased and the funeral director donated his ambulance.

We value and appreciate Volunteers but they are not always available. Without these Levy funds we will have to drastically cut staffing making it impossible to keep up with the levels of response we currently provide.

The District provides Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services to over 135 square miles of rural area as well as in Clatskanie. Our boundary extends North to the Columbia River, South over Clatskanie Mountain to shared boundary with Mist, East including Alston, and West to Clatsop County line, including River Ranch. The Main Station is in Clatskanie where career staff reside, Volunteers staff Delena Station at Alston, and Quincy Station. Our Ambulance services extend into Clatsop County to Bradley Summit.

This levy renewal is for five years beginning in 2018-2019 fiscal year. The levy rate of \$1.2533 on a home with an assessed value of \$150,000 would be \$188 per year.

Having adequate staffing levels, needed equipment, supplies and training are critical for responding to emergencies when lives are at stake and property is in danger.

Submitted by:
James W. Gibson
CRFPD Board Secretary

COLUMBIA COUNTY BALLOT DROP SITE LOCATIONS

Your ballot must be received in the Columbia County Elections Office, or at an official drop site, by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 17th, 2016 in order to be counted. Postmarks do not count.

Columbia County Courthouse

Elections Department
230 Strand St, St. Helens
Hours: M–F 8:30 AM – 5 PM
Election Day: 7 AM – 8 PM
24-Hour Drive-up Drop Box
Located outside of 230 Strand St
Election Day: Up to 8:00 PM

Vernonia Public Library

701 Weed Ave, Vernonia
Hours: M/W/F 10 AM – 5 PM
Tu/Th 1 PM – 7 PM
Sat 10 AM – 4 PM
Election Day: 12 PM – 8 PM

Scappoose City Hall

24-Hour Drop Box
Located outside of 33568 E. Columbia Ave
Election Day: Up to 8:00 PM

Clatskanie Library

11 Lillich St, Clatskanie
Hours: M–W 10 AM – 7 PM
Th–Sat 10 AM – 5:30 PM
Election Day: 10 AM – 8 PM

Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD

12525 Oregon Highway 202, Mist
Hours: M–Th 9 AM – 5 PM
Election Day: 8 AM – 8 PM

Rainier City Hall

106 B St West, Rainier
Hours: M–F 9 AM – 5 PM
Election Day: 9 AM – 8 PM

