

JOSEPHINE COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

OFFICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION MAY 20, 2014



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 blue color bar on the outside edge. All information contained in the county portion of this pamphlet has been assembled and printed by County Clerk Art Harvey.



Dear Josephine County Voter,

It is my hope that this Voters' Pamphlet will be a welcomed aid in making informed choices on your **May 20, 2014 Primary Election Ballot**. Inside you will find information on the candidates and measures that will appear on your ballot. Please remember that your personal ballot will only contain the measures and candidate races for which you are eligible to vote.

This County Voters' Pamphlet has been inserted in the State Pamphlet in a **cost-saving cooperative effort** between your Josephine County Clerk and the Secretary of State.

Since this is a Primary Election, Democrats and Republicans will receive their party's nominating ballot. Registrants of all other parties and non-affiliated voters will receive a non-partisan ballot.

Ballots are scheduled to be mailed on May 2nd. If you are a registered voter and have not received your ballot in the mail by Thursday, May 8th, please call the Josephine County Clerk's Office at 541-474-5243.

You may return your ballot either by mail or by dropping it in any one of the conveniently located Official Drop Sites listed on page J32 of this pamphlet.

Your ballot must be in our office or in one of our Official Drop Sites no later than Election Day, May 20, 2014, 8:00 P.M. Postmarks do not count.

I would like to encourage all of you to participate in this important election. Exercising our right to vote is an easy and effective way to make our voices heard in our local community, our state, and our nation.

REMEMBER: EVERY VOTE COUNTS !

Sincerely,

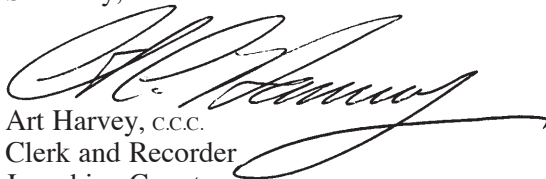

Art Harvey, c.c.c.
Clerk and Recorder
Josephine County

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Voting Instructions

At the May 20, 2014 Primary Election the voters of Josephine County should cast their votes as illustrated below.

TO VOTE YOU MUST COMPLETELY FILL IN THE OVAL (●) TO THE LEFT OF YOUR RESPONSE.

TO WRITE-IN A NAME – FILL IN THE OVAL (●) TO THE LEFT OF THE LINE AND WRITE-IN THE NAME ON THE LINE.

TO VOTE ON A MEASURE OR CANDIDATE ON THE BALLOT, SIMPLY FILL IN THE OVAL COMPLETELY NEXT TO THE YES OR NO OR CANDIDATE’S NAME.

USE A PENCIL OR PEN. (BLUE OR BLACK INK)

EXAMPLES:

PRESIDENT
VOTE FOR ONE

JOHN ALLEN
 THOMAS JEFFERSON
 J. Q. PUBLIC

Or Write In

PRESIDENT
VOTE FOR ONE

JOHN ALLEN
 THOMAS JEFFERSON
 J. Q. PUBLIC
 Billy Kidd _____

Measures

YES
 NO

YES
 NO

~~YES
 NO~~

IF YOU VOTE FOR MORE CANDIDATES THAN ALLOWED, OR IF YOU VOTE **BOTH YES AND NO** ON A MEASURE, IT IS CALLED AN OVERVOTE. YOUR VOTE **WILL NOT COUNT** FOR THAT CANDIDATE OR MEASURE.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO VOTE ON ALL CONTESTS. THOSE YOU DO VOTE ON WILL STILL BE COUNTED.

IF YOU CHANGE YOUR CHOICE, SPOIL YOUR BALLOT, OR LOSE IT, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE AT 541-474-5243.

–Returning Your Voted Ballot–

Vote your ballot.

Fold the ballot and insert it into the secrecy envelope.

Seal the secrecy envelope and insert into the colored return envelope.

Seal the colored return envelope and sign the statement on the back of the envelope.

Your ballot will not be counted if your envelope is not signed.

Place the appropriate first class postage on the return envelope and mail it so that it is received in the Josephine County Clerk’s Office or at an Official Ballot Drop Site location* (no postage required) no later than 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, 2014.

IMPORTANT: YOUR BALLOT WILL NOT BE COUNTED IF IT IS NOT RECEIVED BY 8:00 P.M. MAY 20, 2014.

*Official Ballot Drop Site Locations are listed on page J32

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MEASURE 17.58

BALLOT TITLE: Josephine County Genetically Engineered Plant Ordinance.

QUESTION: Shall Josephine County adopt and enforce a ban on any plants whose DNA has been altered by technological means?

SUMMARY: Josephine County does not currently regulate the planting or growing of genetically modified or genetically engineered plants. This measure would prohibit the planting or growing within the County of any plant whose DNA has been altered by technology. The measure makes certain exceptions for medical research and educational institutions. The measure would authorize the County to use a Code Enforcement Officer to enforce the ban. Persons who violate the ordinance by knowingly or negligently allowing such growth could be subjected to abatement and remediation costs. The measure allows a twelve-month transition period away from genetically engineered plants for those persons who now grow them. The measure would allow confiscation and destruction of plants that have been genetically altered if contamination was occurring. Anyone who now grows genetically engineered plants would be required under this measure to notify the County Code Enforcement Officer of that fact within thirty days of the adoption of this measure. Anyone accused of growing genetically engineered plants would have fifteen days to provide evidence that the plants are not modified.

county could confiscate and destroy those plants as well, in accordance with established practice of due process.

After the effective date of this ordinance, the code enforcement officer is required to make reasonable efforts to inform everyone engaged in farming operations that all genetically modified or engineered plants are banned. Any person growing genetically modified or engineered plants at the time this ordinance becomes effective would be allowed twelve months to transition away from such plants and begin growing natural plants. After that time, any genetically modified or engineered plants found growing in Josephine County would be subject to confiscation and destruction.

This ordinance would allow the county to recover from the growers of genetically modified plants the costs of confiscation, destruction, and the remediation of any damages associated with the cultivation of the plants, including contamination of other, natural plants. In addition to county enforcement, private citizens may undertake to assert rights under the ordinance and may seek either injunctive or compensatory relief in the courts.

This ordinance does not impose any tax. It contains no provisions to raise or increase revenue. This ordinance would take effect upon approval of the voters.

Explanatory Statement:

Passage of this ordinance would ban any plant in Josephine County whose DNA has been altered by technological means.

Josephine County does not currently regulate the planting or growing of genetically modified or genetically engineered plants. This measure would prohibit the planting, propagation, growth or cultivation of any plants whose DNA has been genetically altered or genetically engineered.

Enforcement of this ordinance would be up to the county and to a code enforcement officer appointed or designated by the county. The code enforcement officer would be authorized to obtain search warrants if probable cause exists to believe that genetically modified or genetically engineered plants are present on land in Josephine County. Under the authority of the warrant, the officer could then take samples of plants to determine whether they are genetically modified or engineered. If the plants are genetically modified or engineered, the county could confiscate and destroy the plants. If the plants had contaminated other plants on adjoining land, the

Provided by Steven Rich, Josephine County Legal Counsel

THIS ORDINANCE WILL BE ADOPTED IF MEASURE 17.58 IS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS

Section 1. Title

This Ordinance shall be known as the Josephine County Genetically Engineered Plant Ordinance

Section 2. Purpose and Findings

- (A) The purpose of this Ordinance is to:
- a. Maintain and protect seed sovereignty and local control, free from outside corporate interests and unnecessary and overreaching preemption by the state and federal governments, of this County's agriculture, environment, public health, economy and private property rights as they pertain to genetic contamination from genetically engineered plants;
 - b. Prohibit any person, corporation or entity from propagating, raising, or growing genetically engineered plants in Josephine County; and
 - c. Enable Josephine County to enforce the genetically engineered plant ban and recover the costs of such enforcement.
- (B) This Ordinance supports the health, welfare and economic viability of the citizens of Josephine County, who desire to:
- a. Maintain and protect their inherent sovereign right to grow crops from natural seeds, in order to sustain their families and communities as they have already successfully done for generations;
 - b. Protect the County's agriculture, environment, public health, economy and private property from the physical, environmental and monetary damages linked to genetically modified organisms; and
 - c. Support the right to farm and garden in this County, as the citizens of Josephine County assert that the propagation, cultivation, growing and dispersal of genetically modified organisms are not reasonable or prudent farming practices and instead threaten the health, welfare and economic viability of that inherent right to farm and garden.

Section 3. Definitions.

- (A) "DNA" means "deoxyribonucleic acid," which is the genetic material that is present in every cell of an organism and is the "blueprint" for the organism's development.
- (B) "Genetic contamination" means the dispersal or spread of altered genetic information from genetically engineered organisms into the genomes of organisms in which such genes are not present in nature, such as by cross-pollination.
- (C) "Genetically engineered" or "genetically modified" means modification of living plants and other organisms by genetic engineering, and "genetically modified organisms" or "GMOs" means any living organism that possesses a novel combination of genetic material produced through the use of modern biotechnology techniques. Examples of genetic engineering and modification include, but are not limited to: altering or amending DNA using recombinant DNA technology such as gene deletion, gene doubling, introducing a foreign gene, or changing the position of genes, and includes cell fusion (including protoplast fusion), microencapsulation, macroencapsulation, gene splicing, or hybridization techniques that overcome natural physiological, reproductive or recombination barriers, where the donor cells/protoplasts do not fall within the same taxonomic species and in a way that does not occur by natural multiplication or natural recombination. "In vitro nucleic acid techniques" include but are not limited to recombinant DNA or RNA techniques that use vector systems and techniques involving the direct introduction into the organisms of hereditary materials prepared outside the organism such as microinjection, macro-injection, chemoporation, electroporation, microencapsulation and liposome fusion, and any other technology or technique that results in an organism that contains genes from more than one species, or genes that are not naturally occurring. For purposes of this Ordinance, genetically engineered or modified organisms do not include organisms created by traditional selective breeding, fermenting, conjugation, normal in vitro fertilization or hybridization, or to microorganisms created by moving genes or gene segments between unrelated bacteria.
- (D) "Natural seeds" or "natural organisms" means seeds or organisms that do not possess a novel combination of genetic material obtained through the use of modern biotechnology and have not been genetically modified or engineered. Natural seeds or organisms include those seeds or organisms created by traditional selective breeding or hybridization methods.
- (E) "Organism" means any living thing.

Section 4. Reservation of Authority to Regulate Genetically Modified Organisms.

Josephine County hereby reserves the authority to regulate genetically modified organisms. This authority is construed to allow regulations and amendments, or delayed provisions, implementation, or enforcement of this law without limitation in time. Future laws that may preempt local regulations of genetically modified organisms, or any future regulation or amendments occurring under the authority provided by this Ordinance, shall not be construed to retroactively apply to affect the authority in this ordinance.

Section 5. Prohibition.

It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation or other entity to:

- (A) Propagate, cultivate, raise, or grow genetically modified organisms in Josephine County, or to knowingly or negligently allow such activities to occur on one's land, except as provided in Section 6 below.
- (B) Intentionally or negligently cause or allow any genetically modified organisms or materials from within or outside of the jurisdiction of Josephine County to substantially enter, drift or be dispersed into and within Josephine County, in such a way as to risk genetic contamination of natural organisms within the jurisdiction of Josephine County. Josephine County may enforce such violations to the extent possible pursuant to applicable laws.

Section 6. Exceptions to Prohibition.

- (A) State or federally licensed medical research institutions, medical laboratories, or medical manufacturing facilities engaged in licensed medical production, or medical research involving genetically modified organisms are exempt from this Ordinance provided that such activities are conducted under secure, enclosed indoor laboratory conditions with the utmost precautions to prevent release of any part of genetically engineered organisms, especially but not limited to pollen, to the outside environment.
- (B) Educational or scientific institutes, including but not limited to Oregon State University Extension, working with genetically engineered organisms are exempt from this Ordinance provided that such activities are conducted under secure, enclosed indoor laboratory conditions with the utmost precautions to prevent release of any part of genetically engineered organisms, especially but not limited to pollen, to the outside environment.
- (C) Any institution listed in (A) or (B) above that intentionally or negligently allows release of any part of genetically engineered organisms into the outside environment is in violation of this Ordinance and subject to enforcement as set forth herein.

Section 7. Code Enforcement Officer, Disclosure, Phase-In and Transition.

- (A) Code Enforcement Officer. The Josephine County Board of Commissioners may designate one or more persons to administer and enforce the provisions of this Ordinance, herein referred to as the Code Enforcement Officer.
- (B) Upon enactment, the Code Enforcement Officer shall make reasonable efforts to provide initial notification of this ordinance to farming operations within Josephine County.
- (C) Every person, corporation or entity cultivating, raising and growing genetically modified organisms, including those institutions set forth in Section 6 above, must disclose to the Code Enforcement Officer within thirty (30) days of enactment of this Ordinance the location and description of existing or planned genetically engineered crop(s) or materials involved, in order to develop a transition plan to phase out such organisms.
- (D) The Code Enforcement Officer shall make reasonable efforts to notify farming operations of technical assistance and resources that may be available to assist with the transition from genetically engineered to natural organisms.
- (E) Farming operations with genetically engineered crops shall have up to twelve (12) months from the date of enactment to phase out planting and harvesting of genetically modified organisms.
- (F) Actions required of the Code Enforcement Officer in this section are intended to assist farming operations with compliance and assistance. Failure to receive notification does not waive or otherwise affect requirements for compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 8. Enforcement and Remedies.

- (A) Notification. The Code Enforcement Officer shall notify any person, corporation or entity that may be in violation of this Ordinance that any organisms in violation of this Ordinance are subject to confiscation and destruction, in accordance with due process.
- (B) Response. Any person, corporation or entity that receives notification under subsection (B) shall have fifteen (15) days to respond to such notification with evidence that such organisms are not in violation of this Ordinance. Time for response may be shortened upon a showing of current, ongoing and/or imminent harm or risk of genetic contamination.
- (C) If the notified party does not provide such evidence, or if there is probable cause to believe genetically engineered plants are present, the Code Enforcement Officer may take necessary actions required by law (such as obtaining a search warrant) to obtain access to the property and obtain samples of materials, in accordance with due process.
- (D) Determination. Upon receipt of any evidence under subsection (D), the Code Enforcement Officer shall consider such evidence and any other evidence that is presented or which is relevant to a determination of such violation. The Code Enforcement Officer shall act in good faith to make such determination as soon as possible, and before any genetic contamination may occur. If genetic contamination has already occurred or cannot be prevented before the determination is completed, Code Enforcement Officer shall make efforts to abate and prevent further contamination.
- (E) Remedies. In addition to any remedies and penalties provided that may be available by law, the following remedies and penalties may be imposed:
 - a. Any organisms that are the subject of violation of this Ordinance may be confiscated, quarantined, and destroyed before any genetic contamination may occur. If genetic contamination has already occurred, the contaminated organisms may be confiscated, quarantined, and destroyed, in accordance with due process.
 - b. Administrative and abatement costs associated with the confiscation and destruction of organisms may be imposed on responsible parties (namely the person(s), corporation(s) or other entities responsible for the violation). If contamination has already occurred, costs for remediation of contamination may be imposed on responsible parties.
 - c. In imposing administrative and abatement costs on the responsible parties, the Code Enforcement Officer shall take into account the amount of actual and reasonably foreseeable damage, and the degree of willfulness, reckless disregard or negligence of the person, corporation or entity involved.
- (F) Any individual citizen of Josephine County shall have standing to assert any rights secured by this ordinance that have been violated or are threatened with violation, and may seek injunctive and/or compensatory relief from a court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 9. Severability.

To the extent any provision of this Ordinance is deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision will be removed from the Ordinance, and the balance of the Ordinance shall remain valid.

MEASURE 17.58

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

GMO risks, and a silver lining:

What do GMO health studies from outside the U.S. say? A study in France showed that Bt toxin kills human kidney cells. A study in Egypt found abnormalities in livers, kidneys and spleens of rats fed on Bt corn. A study in Norway found high levels of glyphosate (Roundup herbicide) and its breakdown products in GMO soy. A study in Denmark ties glyphosate to human male infertility. A study in Brazil found 32 differently expressed proteins between Mon 810 (GMO) corn and equivalent non-GMO corn. (source: Institute for Science in Society www.i-sis.org.uk).

The U.S.D.A. designation of "substantial equivalence" has allowed GMO's to bypass more thorough testing required of "new" foods. Current testing requirements are inadequate to assess the safety issues inherent in genetic modification. Other nations require more thorough testing, or tests not funded by the patent holder who stands to benefit. These places seem to be moving away from, rather than towards, accepting GMO crops.

Genetic engineering is a process, not a product. Some GMO's may prove beneficial, while others may cause harm. Genetic modification can cause unpredictable and uncontrollable changes in the modified plant or animal and its offspring.

GMO's are not going away. Bigger farms, thousands of acres, are possible using pesticide tolerant plants. That's not us. The Rogue Valley has smaller farms. We do have a dedicated core of specialty farmers able to produce the highest quality food, wine, seed and other products.

The demand for GMO-free food is not going away either. It is a myth that 17-58 primarily benefits organic farmers. As GMO-free becomes increasingly scarce, a premium price for all Rogue Valley products will follow. This is the silver lining.

New GMO plant types are being released each year. Soon, restricting them from our valley will be impossible. Now is the time to say "not here" to GMO crops.

(This information furnished by Jonathan Spero)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

VOTE YES on MEASURE 17-58

- Protect family farms, encourage economic growth in the region, increase land values, and preserve variety and beauty of our forests, rivers, and farm lands.

SAFEGUARD FARMS AND FAMILIES

- GE crops can cross pollinate and contaminate other farmer's crops, causing huge losses for non-GE farmers. This type of trespass has cost local farmers thousands of dollars in lost income. Farming methods used to grow GE crops require massive amounts of toxic pesticides and often leave behind superweeds.
- In a Policy Statement, the American Academy of Pediatrics warns that pesticide exposure in children can lead to cancer, lower brain function, and behavioral problems (12/10/2012).
- GMOs are linked to many health problems, including digestive issues, diabetes, autoimmune disorders, and cancer, according to the American Academy of Environmental Medicine (Position Paper, May, 2009).

BOOST LOCAL ECONOMY

- **Measure 17-58** will protect Josephine County from pollution caused by heavy pesticide use and cross contamination, and provide economic benefit. Because of international bans and restrictions, there is an increasing consumer demand for **GMO-free** food production, often for premium prices.
- **Josephine County** stands ready to become a premier food and seed producer in Oregon and the West Coast, meaning more jobs and more small businesses, and increasing land values.
- Other counties that have passed similar measures have seen huge increases in agricultural income, in some cases, up to **700%** increase in Agricultural value within 10 years.
- **No new taxes** are created by this measure. Counties with similar measures have had **zero**-to-negligible **cost** for implementation.

KEEP DECISIONS LOCAL

- This measure affirms the rights for Josephine County residents to keep control of local agriculture.
- GMO and GE refer to the process of taking a gene or genes from one species and forcing it into DNA of other (unrelated) species. Genetic Engineering mixes and matches between plant, animal, human, insect, bacteria and viruses, creating new organisms that could never occur in nature. GMOs are NOT hybrids.

*(This information furnished by Mary Middleton,
Oregonians for Safe Farms and Families)*

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MEASURE 17.58

ARGUMENT AGAINST

Measure 17-58 hurts Josephine County farmers and taxpayers

The Oregon Farm Bureau Federation was created to defend the rights of farmers, and represent their best interests before the public and government.

Measure 17-58 is NOT in the best interests of farmers, nor the taxpayers of Josephine County.

Measure 17-58 may have a damaging, long-term impact on the future of agriculture in Josephine County. The USDA Advisory Committee on Agriculture in the 21st Century attests to the benefits of technology and innovation that farmers need today and in the future.

Whether or not they choose to plant genetically engineered crops, grow organic plants, or even seed their fields by the lunar calendar, that is their decision to make, not that of a very small minority of farmers looking to increase their already notable profit margin at the expense of a much larger community. I would also oppose a measure that banned any other method of farming as well.

The Farm Bureau supports freedom of choice for farmers, and defends Oregon's Right to Farm and Forest Law, which protects our local agricultural community from misleading and dangerous measures, just like 17-58.

Measure 17-58 is:

- Bad policy for agriculture and the county economy.
- An unfair limitation on farmers' rights.
- Likely to make local farmers unable to compete in the marketplace.
- Likely to be challenged in court as violating the state's Right to Farm and Forest Law.
- An intrusion on private property rights
- Unnecessary.

Also, voters must consider costs to taxpayers. The Jackson County Administrator conducted a thorough analysis on a similar ballot measure and tallied annual costs to the county to be more \$219,000!¹ With Josephine County's budget in even worse shape than Jackson County, it's clear that passage of this measure would be a budget buster and bad policy.

Vote No on Measure 17-58.

¹ Presentation and fiscal analysis by Danny Jordan, Jackson County Administrator, March 12, 2014.

(This information furnished by Ian Tolleson, Oregon Farm Bureau Federation)

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ARGUMENT AGAINST

Measure 17-58 Will Be a Financial Disaster for Josephine County

The proposed ordinance banning the very small number of genetically modified crops grown here could cost county government and local taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in start up and perhaps millions in ongoing enforcement expenses, according to Jackson County's analysis of the cost of a similar measure in that county.¹

Possible "field clean up" costs could easily exceed enforcement costs, and that's very bad news for local property owners.

A Cost We Can't Afford

Josephine County's finances are already stretched thin. Recent cutbacks have left county managers making tough decisions that are near and dear to us all. Local and valuable programs and services are already at risk. Passage of 17-58 likely means more difficult cutbacks.

Landowners found in violation of this measure could face abatement costs that could put their land into foreclosure. If they can't pay for the abatement, then the county will be stuck with the bill. These are costs that our county and local residents cannot afford.

Measure 17-58 is Misleading

1. Proponents say there are no county costs - and yet, there are significant county expenses that we cannot afford.
2. Proponents suggest banning genetically modified organisms will improve local land values. In fact, the practical impact of this measure may likely mean future values decline as access to new technology and innovation that farmers need, is not allowed here, in turn limiting interest and investment.
3. A ban likely subjects the county itself to expensive and costly litigation, as the measure is certain to be challenged in court.

I urge Josephine County voters to say NO to Measure 17-58.

¹ Presentation and fiscal analysis by Danny Jordan, Jackson County Administrator, March 12, 2014.

(This information furnished by John Stoffel)

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MEASURE 17.58

ARGUMENT AGAINST

No on 17-58 My Home, My Property, My Rights!

I urge you to vote No on Measure 17-58. This proposal is a dramatic intrusion on the rights of private property owners here in Josephine County. The determination to either farm my land or lease my farmable land to a third party is, and should remain, my own choice. To propose a measure, such as 17-58, that purports to limit what I farm, how I farm, which production practices I can use, and to whom I can lease or rent my land, is a significant over-extension of unnecessary government regulation.

Given the struggling economic realities of Josephine County, it makes little or no sense to limit land use, or agricultural production for the sole benefit of a small handful of individuals. It makes even less sense to support a proposal that could in fact decrease my own land values, or potential income and economic gain.

The County Administrator in neighboring Jackson County has also gone on record stating that enforcement of a similar ballot measure may cost more than \$200,000 per year.¹ While Jackson County's budget is bad, Josephine County's is even worse. The thought of spending any money to police farmers when we can't even afford to lock up criminals is mindboggling.

Our county government does not have the adequate financial resources needed to pay for this measure, and it is certainly not worth the intrusion on my rights as a property owner.

I urge you to **Vote No on Measure 17-58.**

¹ Presentation and fiscal analysis by Danny Jordan, Jackson County Administrator, March 12, 2014.

(This information furnished by Trent Thompson)

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ARGUMENT AGAINST

Measure 17-58 is Poorly Conceived, Flawed and Costly to Josephine County Residents

It creates numerous hardships for Josephine County farmers and ranchers and may cost the county and -taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars annually. To be competitive, and economically healthy, Josephine County's farmers and producers *must* have access to the innovations and technologies that promise greater yields, better environmental stewardship, and greater return on investment.

Measure 17-58 does the opposite. Rather than promote opportunity for all, it penalizes farmers for using valuable new technologies and bans the future availability of such tools.

- Measure 17-58 strips local property owners of their right to choose how lands may be used in future agricultural production.
- Measure 17-58 benefits very few local producers, at the great expense of many others.
- Enforcement could be costly to the county, and local landowners/farmers could find themselves forced to pay for unnecessary remediation.

Measure 17-58 Makes Josephine County Less Competitive:

To be competitive with neighboring counties, and across the state and nation - local producers must be able to make the agricultural and business choices that offer them the best opportunity to succeed.

- Measure 17-58 would require many local farmers to resort to older, potentially more environmentally challenging methods of production, creating additional questions for future generations.
- Measure 17-58 would limit future agricultural and economic opportunities in Josephine County, creating lasting competitive disadvantages for local farm-businesses.

Measure 17-58 is Wrong for Josephine County's Hardworking Agriculture Community

Between the added expense to taxpayers, increased government costs, intrusion on farmers, ranchers and other private property owners, this misguided, flawed measure will result in more harm than good for residents of Josephine County.

I urge you to reject Measure 17-58 and instead seek sustainable alternatives that promote co-existence, mutual success and sound policy for all of Josephine County's farmers, ranchers, and property owners and taxpayers.

(This information furnished by Scott Dahlman, Oregonians for Food & Shelter)

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MEASURE 17.58

ARGUMENT AGAINST

Measure 17-58 Hurts Josephine County Farmers!

Measure 17-58 is an attempt by a small minority of local residents to control local policy negatively affecting thousands of other Josephine County farmers, ranchers, businesses, and taxpayers.

In addition, Measure 17-58 is so poorly conceived and full of dangerous unintended consequence that it merits rejection by Josephine County voters.

In reality, there are actually very few farmers and ranchers in Josephine County who make it their choice to plant genetically modified plants, and their presence is often geographically very small and of limited size so they pose no true threat to other farmers, organic or conventional. In fact, there was no evidence presented to a USDA study group that any organic farmer has ever lost his certification because of exposure to a GM crop. A recent report by the group, USDA Advisory Committee 21, found that efforts to promote successful co-existence is a better investment of time, energy and resources for all producers.

Our County Can't Afford Witch Hunts!

The enforcement and reporting provisions of 17-58 pits neighbors against each other, and farmer against farmer. According to an analysis by Jackson County on a similar measure there, enforcement of the measure may exceed \$200,000 annually.² Further, the measure is likely subject to court challenge, which will further deplete county resources.

No to Measure 17-58.

Farmers and ranchers in Josephine County should be free to make their own choices on their property. County government should be allowed to efficiently serve its citizens and policy that pits neighbors against each other should be avoided.

Vote No on Measure 17-58

¹"Enhancing Coexistence: A Report of the AC21 to the Secretary of Agriculture," USDA Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture, November 19, 2012.

² Presentation and fiscal analysis by Danny Jordan, Jackson County Administrator, March 12, 2014.

(This information furnished by Roger Beyer, AG-PAC)

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ARGUMENT AGAINST

The Scientific Consensus on GMOs

As director of the International Biotechnology Program at the University of California Davis and an expert in biotechnology for over 25 years, I urge you to vote **No on Measure 17-58**. It's a misguided effort to ban genetically modified crops, despite scientific consensus that GMOs are safe and can benefit our food supply.

GMOs are safe:

- An overwhelming majority of scientists, medical experts, & eminent organizations have concluded that crops produced using modern biotechnology techniques are safe.
- An estimated 2 trillion meals containing GM ingredients have been eaten around the world over the last 16 years without a single substantiated case of ill-health.
- The World Health Organization has said that: "No effects on human health have been shown as a result of the consumption of such foods by the general population in the countries where they have been approved."¹

GMOs produce important benefits:

- A potato has been developed in Idaho with an 80% reduction in acrylamide, a potential carcinogen produced when some foods such as potatoes are cooked.
- Omega-three fatty acids have been increased in soybean oil to provide a land-based source of the oil that has been shown to protect against cardiovascular disease and cancer and improve mental acuity.
- Golden rice, which provides beta carotene in the grain, can protect against vitamin A deficiency which can result in blindness, and development and immune disorders. This disease of poverty kills as many as 2.8 million people annually, mostly women and children under 5.

Measure 17-58 would divert scarce county funding:

- Enforcing a ban could be costly and would divert limited county dollars from essential services like public safety, when there's zero scientific basis for banning GMOs. Vote No.

¹World Health Organization, 20 Questions on Genetically Modified Foods

(This information furnished by Martina Newell-McCloughlin, International Biotechnology Program, UC Davis)

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ARGUMENT AGAINST

MEASURE 17-58 IS BAD FOR JOSEPHINE COUNTY'S BUDGET VOTE NO!

A Costly New Government Program

Measure 17-58 is the wrong use of already scarce county resources. To enforce a ban on method of farming, Josephine County would have to hire and train new staff to inspect farms. Jackson County projects the enforcement and administrative costs on a similar measure there to be at least \$200,000 a year.

A Drain on a Strained County Budget

Consider this: Josephine County has already taken deep cuts to public safety. When the county is struggling to pay for its most basic needs, why should citizens vote to create a costly new program that is unnecessary? The \$200,000 price tag or is reason enough to say No to Measure 17-58. Josephine County cannot afford it.

Hidden Costs that Could Skyrocket

While we know administrative costs could top \$200,000, the real cost to the county could be even higher. Supporters for Measure 17-58 will tell you that farmers will be required to pay for the costs of investigation and abatement, but they're not telling you the whole story. The county will be left with the tab if a farmer can't pay. By the Jackson county administrator's estimates, abatement on a 20-acre farm could be as high as \$1.7 million!

MEASURE 17-58 IS TOO COSTLY AND COULD MAKE A BAD COUNTY BUDGET EVEN WORSE. VOTE NO ON MEASURE 17-58!

¹ Presentation and fiscal analysis by Danny Jordan, Jackson County Administrator, March 12, 2014.

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ARGUMENT AGAINST

Measure 17-58: Unnecessary Government Bureaucracy Vs. A Better Way

Unnecessary Government Bureaucracy:

Measure 17-58 requires Josephine County to create a new government program to enforce a ban on one method of farming. The cost for the first year alone, according an analysis by the Jackson County administrator on a similar measure in that county: more than \$250,000!

A Better Way:

Vote No on Measure 17-58 because it tries to solve a problem that doesn't exist. Josephine County farmers and ranchers have always engaged in open communication to make sure they can work their lands in harmony with their neighbors. The Josephine County Farm Bureau, representing all types of farms from organic to conventional, stands in opposition to Measure 17-58 because it relies on unnecessary regulation, rather than the tried and true practice of common sense and cooperation to solve agricultural issues.

Unnecessary Government Bureaucracy:

Measure 17-58 violates Oregon's Right to Farm and Forest law, which protect farmers from oppressive government regulation and intrusion. The new ordinance would allow government inspectors to enter private property and confiscate and destroy crops on the spot under its emergency clause.

A Better Way:

Vote No on Measure 17-58 to protect the Right to Farm and Forest law. The law was put in place in 1993 to give farmers the freedom to operate without unnecessary regulation, so the agricultural economy can thrive.

Unnecessary Government Bureaucracy:

Measure 17-58 diverts funding from existing county services that are already underfunded. This county is already struggling to pay for sheriff's deputies. We can't afford to spend a single penny on unnecessary programs.

A Better Way:

Vote No on Measure 17-58 to send a message that Josephine County supports cooperation amongst farmers rather than costly regulatory schemes that the county doesn't need.

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(This information furnished by Keith F. Nelsen, Josephine County Farm Bureau)

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MEASURE 17.58

ARGUMENT AGAINST

No, You Can't Tell Me What I Can and Can't Do on My Own Property

I urge my fellow neighbors in Josephine County to vote No on Measure 17-58, because it's an unreasonable attack on my rights as a private property owner.

I don't assume to have any legal or moral right to tell my neighbors how they use their land, nor do I believe they should do the same to me. This proposal is an attempt to regulate how I use or lease my own land, and it is a poor attempt to over-extend government regulation.

I don't necessarily have an opinion on the planting of genetically modified crops, although I do not believe the proponents of this measure have adequately proven that they have been harmed in any way by the presence of a few small plantings in Josephine County, despite their claims otherwise. GM crops have been studied, reviewed and regulated by at least three federal agencies and scores of third-party, peer reviewed sources. To ban them in Josephine County means that some individual rights as a farmer or property owner will be diminished, and that some farmers will be denied access to a legally approved, safe tool that may increase their profitability, or efficiencies in production.

More importantly, though, this measure seeks to impose an unnecessary limit on my rights as a property owner. If I were to be offered a reasonable sum by a neighbor, or other third party who wished to rent or lease my land for legal and legitimate use in farming, I should have that right, without undue restriction.

Measure 17-58 is a dangerous step toward over-regulation, and our local government can not afford it.

I do not support the use of our limited county finances for such a poor policy.

(This information furnished by Byron Robertson)

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ARGUMENT AGAINST

Policing Farmers instead of Policing Criminals? Preposterous.

Vote No on 17-58

Josephine County voters should reject Measure 17-58 because it creates a costly new government program even as Josephine County commissioners make drastic cut to basic services and local programs they can no longer afford.

Consider these facts:

- In Jackson County, a measure similar to 17-58 is projected to have administrative costs of **more than \$200,000 annually**. Josephine County's budget is even worse than Jackson County and can't afford any money to be diverted away from the most basic county services.
- Measure 17-58 would require the county to hire, train and deploy new staff to administer and enforce the ordinance even as cuts are made elsewhere.
- No lab in Oregon has the ability to test for genetic modification of plants, which would add to the county's administration and enforcement costs.

MEASURE 17-58 SPENDS MONEY WE DON'T HAVE

An editorial in the Grants Pass Daily Courier described how dangerous our lack of public safety resources has become, including only a small portion of the jail being used due to lack of corrections officers to staff it: "At one point last summer, it became pretty obvious that the jail-bed shortage was common knowledge among many of the vagrants who hang out downtown. They knew there was little or no chance they'd go to jail, so they became particularly belligerent and aggressive."² With dangerous conditions like this, it's preposterous to even consider adding a new government program to police farmers when we don't even have funding to police criminals!

Let's get real. Josephine County can't afford Measure 17-58. Vote NO.

¹ Presentation and fiscal analysis by Danny Jordan, Jackson County Administrator, March 12, 2014.

² Grants Pass Daily Courier Editorial, January 23, 2014

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MEASURE 17.58

ARGUMENT AGAINST

KEEP THE GOVERNMENT OFF OUR FARMS AND GARDENS VOTE NO ON MEASURE 17-58

Voters should reject Measure 17-58. This measure is egregious in its blatant violation of private property rights, and the sweeping powers it grants to county government to access the property of private citizens.

Measure 17-58 allows government inspectors to access private property and confiscate crops if they suspect non-compliant farm practices:

- To investigate a complaint or allegation, the county code enforcement officer must access the private property of the person who is the subject of the complaint or allegation in order to obtain a sample of the crop, plant or flower for testing.
- Under 17-58, a person who even negligently violates the ordinance will be liable for the costs of abatement.
- Measure 17-58 violates Oregon's Right to Farm and Forest Law, taking away farmers' protections from government overreach and intrusion into agricultural practices that have been honored and upheld for more than 20 years.
- The ordinance would likely be challenged in court with taxpayers footing the legal costs.

The worst part of Measure 17-58 is that it sacrifices private property rights over a method of farming that has not been proven to pose any risk to humans, animals or the environment. In fact, there have been more than 1,700 peer-reviewed studies over the past decade and none points to higher risks. The American Medical Association does not support a ban.¹ In an editorial last year, the New York Times noted that the Federal Food and Drug Administration also found no basis for "concluding that foods developed by bioengineering techniques present different or greater safety concerns than foods developed by traditional plant breeding."ⁱⁱ

Measure 17-58 and the power it gives to government to access the private property of Josephine County residents is outrageous. Vote NO on Measure 17-58.

ⁱAmerican Medical Association policy book, H-480.958 Bioengineered (Genetically Engineered) Crops and Foods
ⁱⁱThe New York Times Editorial, March 14, 2013

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ARGUMENT AGAINST

Vote No on Measure 17-58 Prevent a costly new government program; protect Josephine County farmers

As president of the Oregon Farm Bureau, I urge you to vote no on Measure 17-58. This misguided measure creates a new government bureaucracy to police farms and regulate what and how crops are grown. To enforce the ban on one method of farming, Josephine County will be forced to hire additional staff to inspect farms and ranches for compliance. In Jackson County for a similar measure **administrative costs are projected to be more than \$200,000 a year.**

Your county commissioners are more than aware of how damaging that price tag is. They're the ones who have had to make tough budget choices that have led to cutting law enforcement positions. With strained fiscal conditions like these, Josephine County simply cannot afford to hire and train the staff necessary to administer Measure 17-58.

In addition to the diversion of taxpayer dollars to an expensive new program, there are many other reasons to vote No:

- Intrudes on a farmer's right to grow what and how they want;
- Empowers government inspectors to access private property and destroy crops;
- Would likely be challenged in court with taxpayers footing the legal bill;
- Creates a government mandate to regulate issues that farmers have historically solved through cooperation and communication.

This is just the tip of the iceberg. The full cost to the county - and your community - isn't fully known.

Please Vote No on Measure 17-58.

¹ Presentation and fiscal analysis by Danny Jordan, Jackson County Administrator, March 12, 2014.

*(This information furnished by Barry Bushue,
Oregon Farm Bureau Federation)*

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MEASURE 17.58

ARGUMENT AGAINST

MEASURE 17-58 AFFECTS EVERYONE - Vote No

Voters should reject Measure 17-58. This measure negatively affects every Josephine County resident. Every taxpayer will help foot the bill for the county to enforce the ordinance, and the broad reach of the regulation means that not just farmers but also **home gardeners, medical marijuana growers and even people with certain types of grass or nursery plants in their yard could be the target of enforcement** under this law.

Everyone living in Josephine County will be negatively affected should this measure pass.

1. First, the measure will divert taxpayer dollars away from public safety and other county services that are already dangerously thin due to lagging revenues. In fact, in neighboring Jackson County, a similar measure's administrative costs are projected to be more than \$200,000 annually.¹ What's bad for Jackson County would be even worse for Josephine County.
2. Second, farmers would be subject to complaints, inspections and legal fees, even if it's found they weren't growing GM crops.
3. Third, the measure could also prohibit certain ornamental flowers, nursery plants, lawn seed and even some strains of medical marijuana that are modified to create a beneficial result.
4. Finally, county taxpayers would be liable for legal costs, including the costs for the county to defend itself when the ordinance is likely challenged in court.

This poorly written, misguided measure amounts to an unfunded mandate that will impact every taxpayer in Josephine County.

VOTE NO on Measure 17-58.

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ARGUMENT AGAINST

MEASURE 17-58: Unfair & Unnecessary An Attack on Josephine County Farmers and Ranchers

Before you cast your vote on Measure 17-58, consider these flaws in the measure that threaten Josephine County farmers and ranchers and our local agricultural economy.

Measure 17-58: Empowers government to enter private property

This flawed measure would give unelected bureaucrats the power to access farmers' and ranchers' property based on nothing more than suspicion of non-compliant farm practices.

Measure 17-58: Violates Oregon's Right to Farm and Forest Law

This flawed measure flies in the face of a long-respected state law that protects farmers from government intrusion and frivolous lawsuits. Oregon's Right to Farm and Forest law has been honored since 1993. Measure 17-58 threatens one of the state's most important policies for ensuring a healthy agricultural economy.

Measure 17-58 Spends money we don't have

According to an analysis by Jackson County on a similar measure there, enforcement of the measure may exceed \$200,000 annually.¹ Further, the measure is likely subject to court challenge, which will further deplete county resources. Josephine County can't afford this measure at a time when we are struggling to pay for basic services like public safety.

Measure 17-58: Vote No!

This flawed measure is wrong for Josephine County. We should be supporting our local farmers and not burden them with unnecessary regulations. Cooperation and communication amongst farmers has always been the best path for resolving problems, not government intrusion and overreach. **Vote No on Measure 17-58!**

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*(This information furnished by Kay Teisl,
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REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY INITIATIVE PETITION

MEASURE 17.59

BALLOT TITLE: Five Year Levy for Jail and Youth Services and Detention.

QUESTION: Shall County impose \$1.19 per \$1,000 assessed value for jail beds and youth treatment services for five years beginning 2014/15?

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

SUMMARY: Passage of this measure would provide funding for Josephine County to:

Provide the Sheriff and local law enforcement agencies with increased adult jail beds to hold persons accused or convicted of crimes until their cases are completed or sentences served; and Provide counseling, secure treatment, detention and shelter services to community youth offenders and "at-risk" juveniles.

The revenue from this measure would be restricted and used only for funding increased adult jail bed capacity and for youth treatment counseling, secure treatment, detention and shelter services.

This tax would automatically end after 5 years. For a home valued at the Josephine County 2013 median residential property value of \$141,585, the annual tax payment would increase by approximately \$168.41 per year or \$14.03 per month.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$7,570,670 in 2014-2015; \$8,124,780 in 2015-2016; \$8,368,524 in 2016-2017; \$8,619,579 in 2017-2018; and \$8,878,167 in 2018-2019.

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:

Josephine County has experienced reduced revenue from federal timber lands. As a result, the County has reduced the number of Sheriff's Office patrol deputies and has reduced the number of corrections deputies stationed in the county adult jail. The reduction in jail staffing has reduced the number of inmates the adult jail can hold. In the same way, juvenile detention services, counseling services, and treatment and shelter services for juveniles have been reduced. This measure would provide dedicated funding for the Josephine County adult jail, juvenile detention and treatment, and juvenile shelter care facilities.

The revenue from this measure would allow the Sheriff's Office to increase the number of adult jail beds and add jail staff members, so that the adult jail could house a larger number of persons accused

of or convicted of committing crimes. It would allow the addition of staff persons to provide counseling for juvenile offenders and "at-risk" juveniles, as well as providing treatment, detention and shelter care for juveniles.

If this measure passes, it would provide stable funding for the adult jail and for youth services and detention for a period of five years. The measure would allow Josephine County to collect taxes at the specified rate for a period of five years with the revenue from the measure dedicated for adult jail and youth services and detention only, and the funds could not be used for any other purpose.

At \$1.19 per \$1,000, for every \$100,000 of a property's assessed value, the tax would cost \$9.92 per month or \$119.00 per year. The approximate tax increase for a home valued at the median property value in Josephine County, with an assessed value of \$141,585, would be \$168.41 per year, or approximately \$14.03 per month. The levy would be for five years beginning in 2014.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$7,570,670 in fiscal year 2014-2015; \$8,124,780 in fiscal year 2015-2016; \$8,368,524 in fiscal year 2016-2017; \$8,619,579 in fiscal year 2017-2018; and \$8,878,167 in fiscal year 2018-2019; for a total of \$41,561,720.

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.

Provided by Steven Rich, Josephine County Legal Counsel

MEASURE 17.59

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Your Local Healthcare Providers Ask You to Vote **YES on Measure 17-59**

As doctors, nurse practitioners, and physician's assistants here in Josephine County, we are lucky to be part of some of the happiest times in people's lives, such as assisting in the birth of a child. But we are also witnesses to great tragedies in people's lives, such as seeing young people die because of a drunk driver and when caring for someone who has been assaulted by strangers.

Right now Josephine County is going through a dark time, coping with an inadequate amount of law enforcement to keep our community safe. This lack of law enforcement has resulted in even more dangerous situations for our patients, friends, and neighbors.

While the human suffering caused by this lack of law enforcement is a tragedy in itself, it affects our community in other ways, as well. The media coverage of this untenable situation in the *New York Times* and NPR's report of a woman assaulted with no police around to help affects our ability to recruit high-quality healthcare providers to our community. This dangerous environment also has an impact on Josephine County's ability to recruit and retain new medical providers and other commercial businesses.

Measure 17-59 will help restore the cuts to our local law enforcement agencies and help curb this growing problem in our community.

Having adequate law enforcement in place will help change the negative perceptions some have about our county and, most importantly, reduce the number of tragedies that befall our neighbors and all of us who call Josephine County home.

Help Make Josephine County a **Safer and Healthier** Community

Vote YES on Measure 17-59

*(This information furnished by
Dr. Lyle Jackson, MidRogue Independent Physician Association)*

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

For 90 years, the Grants Pass & Josephine County Chamber has been committed to meeting the needs of the local business community. We share a commitment to help businesses thrive and create jobs for our working families in the Grants Pass & Josephine County area. Creating a strong local economy depends on cultivating the atmosphere, policies, programs and culture where business can grow. Our commitment to the community is why the Chamber of Commerce encourages you to vote:

YES on the County 5 year Levy for Jail Operation and Youth Services, because a safer Grants Pass and Josephine County are good for our local businesses and community.

Theft, burglary, and property crimes impact all of us. Crime in Josephine County has escalated in the past two years and affects individuals, families, our businesses and their customers. The levy provides for jail operations. Restoring the full operation of the jail for persons accused or convicted of crimes is critical to Josephine County's justice system to function. Youth crimes are escalating and the Juvenile Justice System was completely closed in 2012. Reopening the Juvenile Justice Building provides detention, secure treatment and shelter services for youth as well as reduces the amount of crimes committed. These funds are restricted to the operation of the Adult jail and Juvenile Justice so we're guaranteed additional safety services.

We all know that jails and juvenile services are very important to creating a healthy local economy. National and local studies have identified public safety as the top quality-of-life factor cited by corporate executives in selecting locations for new business investment. This is a community challenge and we must step up as a community.

Join the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce and vote **YES on Measure 17-59**. It will help keep our neighbors and businesses safe and contribute to creating a positive business climate.

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(This information furnished by Colene Martin, Grants Pass & Josephine County Chamber)

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MEASURE 17.59

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The Public Safety System in Josephine County is broken, the loss of federal timber receipts has decimated the County's budget and by necessity the Public Safety community, the largest portion of that budget.

It has come to a point where we had mass releases from the jail, an 8 to 5 sheriff's department with two deputies and a shuttered juvenile justice center. We are paying for bonds on a facility that is basically vacant. We have been feature on the Bill O'Reilly show for our "just tell him to go away" 911 call.

County Commissioners both past and present have proposed levy's and districts to correct this situation at last count the past 7 attempts have failed. It is amazing the arguments some local candidates and politicians use to convince people to vote no. Last year it was the definitions of the words may or shall. This year it is the misrepresentation of what is considered overhead. These are people with no positive solutions just a desire to pander to a willing audience.

This year a group of citizens decided to come together and promote a levy which will start to address some of the shortcomings in the system. This group didn't want their plan to be burdened with stigma of being the commissioner's plan so they took the unprecedented step of working through the initiative process. I am proud to be part of that group.

We were able to craft a plan which would fund the Jail and Juvenile system to full capacity and in the process relieve the General Fund of almost three million dollars. The commissioners have committed to use any funds made available by the passage of this levy to fund the Sheriff's department for rural patrols. **This will make a difference.**

This levy is a good start to address our broken system, please join me in voting yes for 17-59

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Securing Our Safety (SOS) urges you to **vote YES** on the 5-year levy for Jail Operation and Youth Services. This short-term, affordable levy was placed on the ballot by a large grassroots group of private citizens, with meetings open to the entire community, NOT by county government, and is one of several solutions that SOS is working hard on; that, taken in combination, will fund our criminal justice system over the long-term.

A YES vote will:

1. Re-store the jail to full operations;
2. Put Sheriff's deputies back on the road by using county funding currently used for jail services;
3. Re-open the Juvenile Justice Center to detain, treat, and shelter juveniles.

Through exhaustive research, SOS has learned past levy attempts failed because residents felt the cost of funding the entire public safety system was too expensive. However, they were willing to support an affordable levy that would restore the most critical services. This was reaffirmed with over 2,500 citizens signing the petition to put the Jail/Juvenile Justice Center levy measure on the ballot.

Because this levy funds the jail and juvenile justice programs, funds that are currently used for jail operations will be redirected to increase patrols on our county roads - an urgent need.

Crime, whether it occurs in the county or in the cities, affects us all - individuals, families, businesses, and our local economy. An unsafe community discourages badly needed medical personnel from relocating here; discourages new businesses (jobs) from relocating here; discourages families from staying here out of concern for their children's safety.

A YES vote will send a strong message far and wide that this community will no longer tolerate the lawlessness we have experienced in recent years. It will restore our reputation as a great place to live, to visit, to do business and to raise strong families. Now is the time to take action.

Please vote YES on Measure 17-59.

(This information furnished by Jay Meredith, Securing Our Safety)

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MEASURE 17.59

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

By now, most of us have heard the stories, and more and more of us have lived them as victims of a frightening rise in crime.

You call 911 in an emergency and no one comes. Your home is burglarized, and because there are no jail beds available, the thief is cited and back out on the street burglarizing your neighbor's home by evening. Because there is no one to enforce your restraining order, your assailant returns again and again to terrorize you. Or maybe you're a child living a nightmare of abuse that won't end because there's no safe place to escape to.

This public safety crisis affects us all, it is getting worse, and it must be stopped. A large group of private citizens have placed the Jail/Juvenile Justice Center levy on the ballot to do just that.

The levy will restore the jail to full operations and re-open the Juvenile Justice Center to detain, treat and shelter juveniles. County funding currently spent for reduced jail services will be used instead to increase the Sheriff's Patrol, a critical need for residents living out in the County. By law, the 5-year levy can be used only to fund Jail/Juvenile Justice services and will cost \$1.19 per \$1,000 of property assessed value, not market value.

Taxpayers cannot afford to foot the bill to restore the whole public safety system, but we can restore a critical piece of it with this affordable, short-term solution that will make Josephine County a much safer place to live.

Please join us and vote **YES on 17-59**, the Jail/Juvenile Justice Center levy.

Citizens Securing Our Safety

*(This information furnished by Pat Fahey,
Citizens Securing Our Safety)*

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Picture this: Two very similar homes for sale. Asking price, the same; size the same; location similar; etc. Potential buyer very interested, difficult decision; which to choose? Home inspection report comes back. First home - good, solid foundation. The second home - weak, deteriorating foundation. Which one would **YOU** choose?

Right now our criminal justice system is like the second home with a weak, deteriorating foundation. We need to fix it. You have probably heard the stories. Vacant homes subject of vandalism, squatters. "Everything *but* the kitchen sink" stolen. We don't want potential buyers "fleeing" back where they came from because what we have to show them has a weak foundation.

Passage of the Jail/Juvenile Justice Center levy will go a long way towards fixing the foundation of our criminal justice system. This citizen driven effort has listened to the voters and brought forth a smaller levy request that focuses on the foundation.

With consequences (knowing they will spend time in jail), criminals won't find Josephine County such a great place to come. And while in jail, they won't be committing additional crimes. With consequences, our youth will learn the difference their choices can make for their future. With a shelter to protect the young victim, we can save children. This levy is not a full solution, but it is start.

We strongly urge a YES vote on 17-59

Penny Mueller
Mel Atkins
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MEASURE 17.59

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

A large part of our economic base is tourism in Josephine County. National recognition of our lacking law enforcement in the county has the potential to negatively affect the tourism and small businesses of our entire county. The Towne Center Association believes this impact is detrimental to all in our community.

On a daily basis the evidence of our loss of protection is shown in our Downtown and throughout the community. While our Grants Pass City Police and State Police have done their best to help assist it is clear that the lack of law enforcement in our county and lack of managed Jail space is hurting our community greatly.

A negative approach to this levy would send a message of support to the negative factions that have set up camp in our county to hurt our citizens. A positive supportive approach would send the message that we are willing to work together with our law enforcement and county professionals to keep the Rogue Valley safe from crime and the criminal elements that are taking over our county.

The Towne Center Association encourages our citizens to support this public safety levy. With good management of the money from this levy over the next 5 years and immediately seeking additional non-taxed based funding sources in the future we can develop a more stable funding source in the years to come.

*(This information furnished by Mark S. Gatlin,
Towne Center Association)*

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ARGUMENT AGAINST

“We’re for A Constitutional Government”
urges a

“NO” Vote on Measure 17-59

Why does **100%** of the Board of Commissioners support this Measure?

Why do all the funds from tax levies go to the general fund?
Why does the Board of Commissioners have total control over tax monies in the general fund?

Why does the Internal Services Fund receive **10%** of all tax levy dollars?

Why do county departments have to pay into the “Building Operations & Maintenance” fund?

Why should the Board of Commissioners receive **three times the salary** allowed by our Charter?

Why can’t the Josephine County Government operate within their budget?

Why can’t we have adequate county wide **Sheriff** road patrols?

Why does every county department get funded, except the Sheriffs department?

Why is Josephine County’s unemployment rate one of the highest in Oregon?

Why do rural Josephine County voters feel helpless?

Why wont the **Grants Pass City Council** renew their county jail bed rental agreement?

Why did a total of **94,531** voters collectively **VOTE NO** on the past tax levies?

Why? Why? Why?

Is it because the median household income is approximately **\$30,000**?

Is it because the Commissioners borrowed **8.3 million dollars** to fund **PERS** in May 2012?

Is it because the Board of Commissioners are poor officials?

Is it because our county government is **out-of-touch** with the common citizen?

Is it because, that’s the way bureaucracy work?

Is it because the Board of Commissioners are over paid?

Is it because the Board of Commissioners try to coerce the taxpayers into passing tax levies?

What ever your reason **VOTE NO on MEASURE 17-59!!**

Taxation is not the answer in an **economic crisis!** It makes **no** sense to **pay** more taxes on over regulated property. Deregulation is what’s needed to **stimulate** our economy in order to bring prosperity to Josephine County.

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We’re for A Constitutional Government pac)*

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ARGUMENT AGAINST

VOTE NO VOTE NO VOTE NO VOTE NO

This is the seventh time in 11 years that voters are asked to ransom their properties to give money to the County.

According to the County's own estimates this property tax levy **will add** \$41,561,720.00 to the Commissioners **General Fund** after 5 years.

Remember; if passed **10%** of all levy tax money is skimmed off the top by the Commissioners for the Internal Services Fund. This **ISF** fund can be used for exorbitant salaries, benefits, travel and meals, etc. This will mean the **ISF** fund will receive \$4,156,172.00 just from the 17.59 Jail & Juvenile 5 year Levy.

Governments primary job is protecting people and property. Then why would we vote to have 4.1 Million dollars of taxpayers money diverted to the ISF fund for other things before one cent goes to the promised services for the sheriff and road patrols.

Measure 17.59 five-year-levy **does not** provide for any County Road Patrols. Remember, the City of Grants Pass rented jail space to the tune of about one million dollars. Grants Pass does not plan to renew their contract with the County jail. **Vote No.**

Remember, when the Commissioners spent \$600,000.00 on county software? And remember, when the County Commissioners spent a total of \$87,000.00 for two new pick-up trucks? Did the County Commissioners provide for any more patrols?

County Government has a problem with priorities. Giving this County more tax dollars is **NOT** the answer until County Government can totally fund our County Sheriff and road patrols on its own.

Josephine County Citizens and small business's are faced with an uncertain future, with the Health Care mandate, with food cost and excessive regulations.

Now is not the time to increase our property taxes for any reason. **Vote No on measure 17.59**

Only the city of Grants Pass will benefit because no Sheriff road patrols are funded, with which to fill the jail.

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*(This information furnished by James Rafferty,
We're for A Constitutional Government pac)*

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ARGUMENT AGAINST

What Cheryl Walker and County government would prefer that you *didn't know* about how the money for this levy will actually be spent

If you're like me, perhaps you feel a little *bad* about voting against more funding for jails and juvenile justice and even the animal shelter.

That's completely understandable. But I'm voting *no* because I want the money to actually go to the right place. While our hearts are in the right place, Commissioners Cheryl Walker, Keith Heck, and Simon Hare have decided to skim off 10 percent of all that money...for themselves.

You can see this yourself at BadCounty.com.

Did you know that of every 100 thousand of your money that's supposed to be keeping children and animals safe, 10 thousand dollars will go straight to Commissioners' salaries, and their staff, and more comfortable chairs, and their own travel expenses?

Because I attend ALL of their meetings and post the results on BadCounty.com, we see this **all the time**.

Here's an example: Simon Hare **spent your money** to attend meetings of the National Association of Counties in Washington, DC and Salem. **He wanted to be elected** as a national chairman. They didn't choose him, so he insisted the County stop paying its dues.

Commissioners get **so tired** at such meetings, they must have **entertainment** (why of course), and so while they enjoyed a long break, the group placed a **half-nude dancer** on top of one of the tables to keep them happy...as they stood and slurped their cocktails.

BadCounty.com offered to share **the pictures** with the Courier, but they were **not** interested. They were sure that no one would want to know that money was being spent in **this** way.

What can be done? It's pretty simple. **Don't vote** for either of these levies. Insist, as we do, that the County Commissioners **stop** diverting LEVY money to themselves.

Once we're **sure** the money is being spent correctly, then ask again.

(This information furnished by Dale Matthews)

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REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY INITIATIVE PETITION

MEASURE 17.60

BALLOT TITLE: Three Year Levy for Animal Shelter and Animal Control.

QUESTION: Shall Josephine County impose \$0.08 per \$1,000 assessed value for Animal Control and Animal Shelter for three years beginning 2014-2015?

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

SUMMARY: Approval of this measure authorizes a three-year levy of \$0.08 per \$1,000 of assessed value beginning Fiscal Year 2014-15 to provide funding for animal shelter and animal control services for all areas of Josephine County.

The Josephine County Animal Shelter provides food, care, and temporary shelter for homeless dogs, cats, and other animals impounded under law. The shelter also provides animal adoption services.

Josephine County Animal Control investigates cases of animal abuse, neglect, hoarding, and abandonment. Animal control enforces state and local laws that regulate dogs running at large and dogs that are a public nuisance or danger.

The funds generated from this tax will be restricted to funding Animal Shelter and Animal Control Services. For a home valued at the Josephine County median residential property value of \$141,585, the annual property tax payment would increase by approximately \$11.33.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$508,953 in 2014-15; \$546,204 in 2015-16; and \$562,590 in 2016-17.

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

Explanatory Statement:

The Josephine County Animal Shelter provides food, care and temporary shelter for an average of 1,750 homeless dogs, cats, and other animals each year. The shelter also provides adoption services for homeless animals. In calendar year 2013 the shelter adopted out approximately 720 animals.

Josephine County Animal Control investigates cases of animal abuse, neglect, hoarding and abandonment. Animal Control officers enforce state and local laws regulating dogs running at large, and dogs that are or may be dangerous or a public nuisance. That includes dogs that chase or attack livestock. Both the Animal Shelter and Animal Control are supervised by the Josephine County Public Health Department.

If this measure passes, it would provide stable funding for the Animal Shelter and Animal Control field services for a period of three years. The measure would allow Josephine County to collect taxes at the specified rate for a period of three years with the revenue from the measure dedicated for Animal Shelter and Animal Control field services only, and the funds could not be used for any other purpose.

At \$.08 per \$1,000, for every \$100,000 of a property's assessed value, the tax would cost 67 cents per month or \$8 per year. The approximate tax increase for a home valued at the median property value in Josephine County, with an assessed value of \$141,585, would be \$11.33 per year, or approximately 94 cents per month. The levy would be for three years beginning in 2014.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$508,953 in fiscal year 2014-2015; \$546,204 in fiscal year 2015-2016; and \$562,590 in fiscal year 2016-2017; for a total of \$1,617,397.

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.

Provided by Steven Rich, Josephine County Legal Counsel

MEASURE 17.60

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Argument FOR the Animal Shelter Levy

The proposed three-year levy of 8 cents per \$1,000 assessed property tax value will provide desperately needed funding for the Animal Shelter and Animal Control. For the average home assessed at \$150,000, the levy cost will be \$12 a year—less than the cost of one bag of dog food!

By voting YES for the Animal Shelter and Animal Control, you will be guaranteeing adequate funding and staffing to care for abandoned, lost, and abused animals in Josephine County. In 2013, the Animal Shelter took in over 1,700 dogs and cats, plus unusual cases like horses, alpacas, goats, pigs, and rabbits. By law, the Shelter must accept all animals; Animal Control responds to reports of dangerous and rabid dogs. Volunteers support the Shelter's efforts through cleaning cages, transporting animals, fostering, and raising funds for spaying, neutering, vaccines, and vet care. Shelter volunteers have even traveled out-of-state to find adoptive homes. In 2013, the Shelter adopted out over 720 animals. Living animals require care 365 days of the year!

The levy funding will go DIRECTLY to run the Animal Shelter and Animal Control; provide food, shelter, and care for the animals; provide more outreach to get dogs licensed (a State law); spay/neuter more animals to reduce the unwanted pet population; provide community education on pet care and training; and respond to incidents of animal hoarding, cruelty complaints, and animal-related neighbor conflicts.

By voting YES for the Animal Shelter and Animal Control, you will be supporting a responsible approach to public health and the animals in our county.

Thank you for your YES vote!

Paid for by the Animal Shelter Advocates

*(This information furnished by Toni Webb,
Animal Shelter Advocates)*

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REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY JOSEPHINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEASURE 17.61

BALLOT TITLE: Advisory Question on Timber Salvage and Replanting after Wildfire.

QUESTION: In your opinion, should federal agencies maximize salvage harvesting of dead and dying timber and replant areas damaged by wildfires?

SUMMARY: In 2013, large areas of federally owned timberlands in Josephine and neighboring counties burned due to wildfires. The fires left many stands of timber with trees that are dead or dying, but which may have economic value if harvested within a reasonable time. Federal land managers are currently considering whether to authorize the harvest of such timber, and whether the harvested areas would or would not be replanted. The Board of County Commissioners is soliciting opinions on this topic from County electors.

The Board of County Commissioners has placed this advisory question on the ballot to determine whether a majority of voters want federal agencies to maximize salvage harvesting of dead and dying timber and replanting of the areas damaged by wildfires.

The outcome of the election on this advisory question will not be binding, but will provide information to the Board. Neither the voters nor the Board is in a position to require federal agencies to authorize such harvesting. The voters and the Board can make recommendations and offer opinions.

Explanatory Statement:

Josephine County residents are affected by federal policy decisions regarding federally owned timberland in Josephine County. The Board has determined that the electors of Josephine County should have the opportunity to contribute opinions regarding federal policy matters that have an economic impact on Josephine County residents.

A large portion of the lands affected by the recent wildfires are O&C lands. In 1937, Congress passed The O&C Lands Act, which placed management of the lands under the United States Department of the Interior, and directed that timberlands be managed "...for permanent forest production, and the timber thereon shall be sold, cut, and removed in conformity with the principle of sustained yield for the purpose of providing a permanent source of timber supply, protecting watersheds, regulating stream flow, and contributing to the economic stability of local communities and industries, and providing recreational facilities..." (43 U.S.C. §1181a).

Prior to the passage of the act, no provisions for reforestation existed. The O&C Lands Act embraced the new principles of "sustained yield" requiring that harvested areas be reforested. The intent of the act

was to provide a future source of timber which would contribute to local economic stability. It was assumed that providing this continuous source of timber through reforestation and regulated harvest would also protect watersheds and help regulate stream flows.

The O&C Lands Act also required that 50 percent of the revenue generated from management of the lands be returned to the 18 O&C counties, including Josephine County.

In order to offer an opinion to the federal government on the management of these lands, the Board of County Commissioners is asking the voters of Josephine County to express their opinion on this question: Should the federal land managers authorize the harvesting of salvage timber damaged by fires, and should the land affected by such harvest be replanted for future harvest of timber?

The answer to this question is advisory only, and will not impose any requirement on the federal government. It will, however, provide to the federal government an expression of the opinion of the voters of Josephine County.

The answer to this advisory question will have no binding effect.

This is a request from the Board of County Commissioners for information from the community. The question is an opportunity for the community to express opinions. The Board of Commissioners will use the responses to this question to formulate policy.

This measure will not cause property taxes to increase.

Provided by Josephine County Board of Commissioners

Nonpartisan for

Josephine County Commissioner, Position 1



SANDI CASSANELLI

OCCUPATION: Homemaker.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Josephine County, Commissioner; Exxon Company, Merchant Marine; NOAA, Assistant Survey Technician; Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District, Laboratory Technician.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Florida Institute of Technology, Bachelor of Science (Marine Biology).

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Former Josephine County Commissioner, BOPTA and Election Board Member.

Do You Miss Me Yet?

These current 'tax-and-spend' Commissioners are out of touch with rural residents. They best serve the elitists at local Rotary Clubs, while ignoring the majority of voters who believe in limited government and living within one's means. Too bad they only view us as a funding source to preserve their status quo.

Vote 'NO' on Levies

This is the 7th time in 11 years that voters are asked to ransom their properties to give money to the County. They still don't get it, so we'll have to vote 'NO' once again. Especially since County residents will be forced to pay substantially more in taxes with no rural patrols.

And remember: **10% of ALL** levy money is skimmed off the top by the Commissioners for the Internal Services Fund. They can then throw it away on exorbitant salaries, benefits, **TRAVEL** and meals, etc. (This is where all those useless trips to Salem get funded.)

That's **\$4,156,172** from the Jail Levy and **\$161,774** from the Animal Shelter according to the Assessor's own estimates. I, for one, don't want over **4.3 million dollars** of taxpayers' money **diverted elsewhere** before one cent goes to the promised services for the Jail and Shelter.

One candidate has already proven she won't cave under pressure, won't betray her campaign promises and won't compromise on conservative principles. That's me. I didn't give up on Josephine County even when local cronies filed unlawful recall petitions and the County Clerk looked the other way to **ILLEGALLY** certify them.

**Strike Fear in the Hearts
of the Good Old Boys**

**Vote
SANDI CASSANELLI
for Commissioner**

Josephine County Can't Be Taxed Into Prosperity

(This information furnished by Sandi Cassanelli)

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MARK S. GATLIN

OCCUPATION: Shilo Inn General Manager.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Business owner, Calvary Chapel employee.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Huntington Beach High, Orange Coast College, Long Beach City College and Rogue Community College.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Grants Pass City Councilman, City Council Liaison to Tourism Advisory Walkways Committee, Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Family: Mark was born in Wiesbaden Germany while his father was in the military. After his father's tour of duty the family settled in Southern California. Moving to Grants Pass in 2005 where he met and married Terri Schermerhorn. They have 4 children and 4 grandchildren.

Jobs: After moving to Grants Pass Mark worked at Calvary Chapel before becoming the General Manager of the Shilo Inn.

Mark has served as a volunteer on many public committees including Our Foster Kids, City Councilman for the City of Grants Pass, Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, Tourism Advisory Board and Bikeways and Walkway Committee, Court Appointed Special Advocate, Concerned Father's against Crime, Lottery Local Control Act, Citizens Securing Our Safety.

Mark has dedicated the past few years working on an answer to our public Safety dilemma. He is dedicated to serving the county and has proven so by his service as a volunteer. He supports mineral mining in Josephine County. Mining will supply us with cash flow which would offset any taxes needed, such as our forest did in the past. He supports the 2nd amendment and the Josephine County Fair.

As your commissioner I will continue to work hard for issues supporting the county of Josephine, and would appreciate your vote.

(This information furnished by Mark Gatlin)

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Nonpartisan for

Josephine County Commissioner, Position 1



SIMON HARE

OCCUPATION: Commissioner.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Manager, Oxbow Ranch, Illinois Valley (Family Owned since 1958) Sr. Legislative Advisor, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Oregon State University, BS (Ag. Business) I.V. High School.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Senator Gordon H. Smith, Legislative Intern.

“We need to keep Simon Hare on the Board of Commissioners!”

Rough & Ready Lumber Co., Owner, **Jennifer Krauss Phillippi**
 River Valley Community Church, Sr. Pastor, **Mark Goens**
 Josephine County Farm Bureau, President, **Keith Nelson**
 Josephine County Budget Committee, **Jim Brumbach**
 Former County Clerk, **Georgette Brown**
 US Congressman, **Greg Walden**
 OR State Senator, **Herman Baertschiger**
 OR State Representative, **Sal C. Esquivel**
 Grants Pass City Council, President, **Dan DeYoung**
 Grants Pass City Councilors **Jim Williams,**
Ken Hannum & Rick Riker

Simon Hare’s Top Priorities:

- JOBS & PRO-BUSINESS** / Customer Service Attitude
- PUBLIC SAFETY** & Long-term Sustainable Funding for Criminal Justice System
- NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT** – Sustainable Timber Harvests
- EDUCATION** – Our Children Are Our Future

Simon Hare’s Positions:

- **PRO-PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS** – Opposed 4 Invasive Solid Waste/Nuisance Ordinances
- **PUBLIC SERVANT LEADERSHIP** – I Work for the Citizens of Josephine County
- **CONSERVATIVE/FAITH BASED PRINCIPLES**
- **SMALL, TRANSPARENT & RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT**

Simon Hare’s Practical Leadership

- Brought Civility Back to Public Meetings
- Health, Safety & Welfare of the People of Our Community
- Transparency in Government – All Decisions Made in Public
- Voters Input – Issues-based Questions to the Voters

It’s my honor to lead Josephine County during a challenging era in our history.

I have deep roots in the Illinois Valley & I’ve cultivated relationships with Grants Pass, the state & national leaders that are invaluable to the success of our community!

As a fiscal Conservative, I’ve been extremely frugal & good steward with your hard earned tax dollars by reducing waste & increasing efficiency!

“I love this Community & want the best for our County because it’s my home!”

www.VOTEHARE.COM

(This information furnished by Simon Hare)

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NO PHOTO SUBMITTED

NINA HORSLEY

OCCUPATION: Disabled.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Pile Driver, Machinist, Carpenter, Electronic Tech, Ranch Hand, Boys and Girls Club, Lions, GMO Free.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Crater HS, RCC, SOSOC.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None.

Goal is to enable the people of Josephine county to take control of our lives, to be the ones who write the laws and to stop special interests writing laws that do us harm. We are directly responsible for the state of affairs in our government, because we are too busy, tired, or preoccupied by our own personal lives to stay involved with those who are paid to manipulate the laws that favor them, but leave us paying the price for their greed.

Can you find 5 people from each town to volunteer 2hrs a week to come to the county offices, go thru the books to find out what is absolutely necessary, hold town hall meetings to inform your community as to what is going on and to decide what it is that we can afford, and what needs to be cut. We have to pull together on this. So if you don’t plan on committing to being involved, don’t bother voting for me, because I can not do this by myself.

Only we can enforce the county Charter. Commissioners are to be paid \$30,000/yr, with benefits. Raises, not without voter approval, cease to exist in 4yrs. Fees raised, not without voter approval. No laws are to be enforced by any county agent or agency, whether fed, state or county law that violate our inalienable rights of life, liberty or property.

We can give control of the county jail to the state. Put that money into our Sheriffs department. Locate our Sheriff where they are needed.

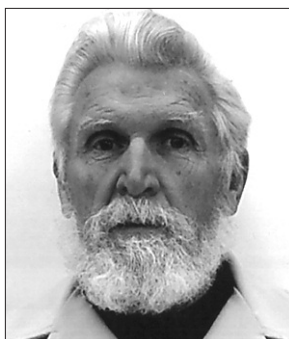
Only after the last tree has been cut down. Only after the last river has been poisoned. Only after the last fish has been caught. Only then will you find that money can not be eaten. Cree Indian Prophecy

(This information furnished by Nina Horsley)

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Nonpartisan for

Josephine County Commissioner, Position 1



JAMES H. ROSSI

OCCUPATION: Semi Retired.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Business owner of Heavy collision Repair Shops, Auto Restoration Shops, Towing Company and Have Owned Rossi's BBQ Manufacturing and Catering for the past 35 years.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Graduated from Santa Barbara High School.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None.

Statement: I am running for Commissioner for several reasons.

TO CREATE NEW OPPORTUNITIES: Promote more logging and mining. Promote new business growth. Reduce all business start up fees and expenses.

RESTORE OUR CREDIBILITY: Josephine County has been on **Fox News** twice in the past year. We are known as the **Lawless County of the West**. This is true because millions are wasted by our **corrupt criminal Justice System** prosecuting innocent victims.

A local senior citizen spent 8 years and approximately 160 thousand dollars defending himself against felony charges. After the State spent 1.2 million of your tax dollars all charges were dropped at trial. This is only one of many **MALICIOUS prosecutions** that have occurred in this County. Why do we instantly have 2 to 4 squad cars, fire trucks, and Ambulances at every accident scene in Josephine County? When you are robbed or assaulted, all you get is a recording saying, do to budget cuts we can not help you.

CHANGE IS NEEDED: We need to have an outside Agency do a **criminal investigation** on the Courts, District Attorneys Office Police Department and the Sheriffs Department. The uncontrolled corruption in these Departments is costing you the taxpayers **MILLIONS**.

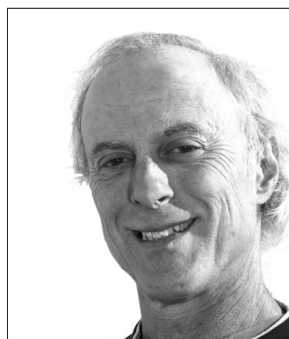
If you want a **Politician**, there are many choices. If you want your County run like a successful business, I will be happy to serve you. I will oppose any new taxes. Let's eliminate **corruption** and **waste**. We need to live within our **Budget**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: www.w4acg.com or bad county.com.

Thanks Rossi

(This information furnished by James Rossi)

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MARK J. SELIGMAN

OCCUPATION: Landscaping.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: New York City Taxi Driver; Salesman, Health Foods.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: I hold a Bachelors Degree (Sociology) from the City University of New York Queens College. I hold an A.A.S. in Business Degree from Queenborough Community College, New York. I have graduate course experience in Psychology from Sonoma State University, California.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Community Activist-Commissioner Candidate. I have been politically active in Josephine County for close to 10 years.

**NO ON TAX LEVIES!
YES ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES!**

I support responsible logging, lottery dollars and revenues from legalization of marijuana to fund county services

I am against county ordinances that take away your property rights

I demand the Federal Government honor it's obligations to Josephine County

I am for no GMO-Pesticide Free Josephine County

I support job creation by a wise use of Government Grants

I have run for County Commissioner twice

I have been involved in debates on the important issues facing our county

I attend county business sessions on a regular bases

Once again, we are faced with elected officials that strongly supported raising your property taxes in a county with low job creation and many seniors on fixed incomes. This is wrong. We need to live within our means as a county government and find other sources of revenue other than increased taxes again.

**VOTE SELIGMAN
for COUNTY COMMISSIONER
Good Judgement and Integrity!**

(This information furnished by Mark Seligman)

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Nonpartisan for

Josephine County Commissioner, Position 1



JERRY D. SISSON

OCCUPATION: Published author; retired, self-employed.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Small Business Owner, Coit Drapery and Carpet Cleaners franchises in Santa Barbara and Las Vegas; Certified Naturopathic Practitioner certified by Dr. R. Heck S.L.C., Utah.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Graduated from Chico High in California. After studying medicine and serving as a medic in the Air Force during the Vietnam Era, studied Liberal Arts at San Mateo City College and Political Science at San Joaquin Delta College. Computer Science at Automaton Institute. Homeopathic medicine with Dr. R. Hech.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None. A close follower and voter of political issues for over 40 years.

My talents are to see the big picture and to identify the problems and solutions with common-sense as my guide.

I am passionate about the welfare of our county's animals and support local and community efforts on their behalf, as well as seeing opportunities becoming available for Josephine County to grow in jobs, finance and commerce.

Tax payer money needs to be cared for with reverence because there is sweat and toil on every dollar paid. I intend to see to it that the money paid in, benefits those who paid it.

Endorsement by Dr. P.V. Erwin MD, DDS

(This information furnished by Jerry D. Sisson)

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PAUL WALTER

OCCUPATION: NewsWithViews.com

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Editor of NewsWithViews.com and NewsWithViews.com/SouthernOregon.htm.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Educated in Slovenia.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: No governmental experience.

PAUL WALTER FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

There are many issues: medical marijuana taxation, safety levies, code enforcement, administrative rule, logging, county economic development and many more. We need someone who will stand by the people.

I came from Slovenia and lived under the yoke of communism/socialism. I know the trappings of big government. I also understand that people are hurting; that people are tired of government telling them what to do; that people are stretched too thin financially.

Against all odds, I succeeded in the business world. I can and will find the way to pull Josephine County out of its dire financial straits – just as I did myself.

We need representation that is responsive to the needs of the people. We also need someone who can view the issues with a morally just eye and who will stand for the people's safety.

I love this County. I will stand with you, for you and I will always do what is right.

OCCUPATION: For over 12 years publisher of www.NewsWithViews.com, and www.NewsWithViews.com/SouthernOregon.htm, an online news source dedicated to enlightening, educating and awakening people to the real issues facing our county, country and the world.

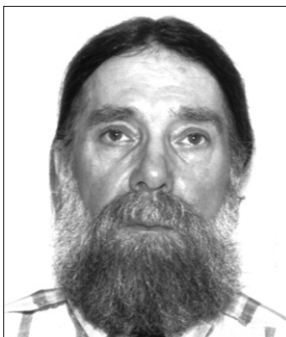
BACKGROUND: Independent business owner for over 50 years

VOTE FOR PAUL WALTER

SMART, HONEST, INDEPENDENT, HARDWORKING

(This information furnished by Paul Walter)

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Nonpartisan for**Josephine County Commissioner, Position 1****MARK H. WICHERS**

OCCUPATION: Forman Alta Vista Blueberry Farm, Cave Junction (11 years)

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Agriculture, Nurseries, Concert & Festival Security Management.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Constitution & Bill of Rights, Agricultural School, Journalism, Martial Arts.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Citizen, Tax Payer.

Stand for a Commissioner salary of \$30,000.00 as per Josephine County Charter. Honor our voters. Support Criminal Justice System and our Sheriff's Department, as first priority. Address unconstitutional overreach, preemption, by corporate governments – Federal and State. Elevate stature of Local republican self-governance, autonomy. Support an Illinois Valley Rural District (and others). Start by contracting four resident deputies. Utilize Cave Junction Substation.

Turn county jail over to state. Emphasize theft, violence reduction, dutiful investigations, integrate Neighborhood Watch. Advocate to open up county, state and federal lands to homesteading and stewardships. Support non-violation, "equal rights". Further localization of economics, security for small businesses, accountability in maintaining resources. Accumulate principle assets, increase value to all business sectors, property and agriculture.

Tax medical marijuana. Support agricultural Hemp crops and industry. Stand against all property tax hikes. Review to set a mandatory maximum pay on all wages for county employees. Stand against any metering or fees on well water. Stand against any ordinance not submitted to the vote of the people. Review all ordinances not submitted to voters – for a vote of the people.

Help organize citizen participation, delegational authority, to the people, regarding substantial county matters. Support neighborhood, to township, to district delegations, utilizing town halls, conventions and assemblies. Build accountability, earn trust through a service oriented governmental system directly responsible to its citizenry, through voting.

Uphold oath to the constitution, bill of rights, Oregon constitution. "all power is inherent in the people, all free governments are founded on their authority, instituted for their peace, safety, and happiness; and they have, at all times, the right to alter, reform or abolish government as they may think proper." Support ban on GMO Crops, Government and corporate use of pesticides.

Email me: cmec@cavenet.com

(This information furnished by Mark H. Wichers)

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Nonpartisan for

Josephine County Legal Counsel



WALLY HICKS

OCCUPATION: Attorney & State Representative.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Josephine County Deputy District Attorney; Captain, U.S. Marine Corps; Volunteer Law Clerk, United States Department of Justice (Office of Immigration Litigation); Volunteer Crime Victim Advocate.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Doctor of Jurisprudence, University of Oregon; Bachelor of Science, United States Naval Academy (Annapolis).

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: See above.

A Proven Hard-Worker:

Wally was born in Oregon to a family that worked hard to make ends meet. As a Marine in the Iraq War, Wally worked to protect our nation. As a prosecutor in Josephine County, Wally worked to protect our community from criminals and violent felons. As your Representative in Salem, Wally worked to protect your rights, your paycheck and your job.

An Experienced and Effective Local Attorney:

As an experienced local attorney, Wally has successfully handled a broad range of cases involving real property, employment law, domestic relations, criminal proceedings and the establishment of a community not-for-profit business. Wally has the qualifications and the work ethic to do the job right.

As the people's attorney, Wally's top priorities will be to:

- ✓ Carefully weigh all existing and proposed ordinances for their legality, constitutionality and conformity to the county charter;
- ✓ Protect the citizens from governmental overreach or neglect;
- ✓ Save tax dollars by doing as much legal work in house as possible instead continuing the practice of outsourcing;
- ✓ Find solutions for employers who want to do business in our county but currently have to battle red tape;
- ✓ Codify existing county laws into a document that is easily accessible by all.

"The county legal counsel should create solutions, not barriers." -Wally Hicks

Endorsed By:

Former Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer; Dennis Richardson; State Senator Herman Baertschiger; State Senator Jeff Kruse; Jim Brumbach, Josephine County Budget Committee member; Oregon Anti-Crime Alliance PAC.

Vote Wally Hicks for Josephine County Legal Counsel!

(This information furnished by Wally Hicks)

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STEVEN E. RICH

OCCUPATION: Josephine County Legal Counsel.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Elected County Legal Counsel, 1995-present; Private practice attorney, Grants Pass, Oregon 1982-95; Oregon Assistant Attorney General, 1980-81; Law Clerk, Oregon Department of Justice, 1977-79.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Willamette University, College of Law-Doctor of Jurisprudence, 1979. Loma Linda University, BA (cum laude) History/Political Science 1976. University of California-Riverside. Newbury Park Academy, 1972, Thousand Oaks, California.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Elected County Legal Counsel; Oregon Assistant Attorney General; Law Clerk, Oregon Department of Justice; City/County Solid Waste Agency; Legal Counsel - Fruitdale/Harbeck Sewer District, Redwood Sewer Service District, and County Fair Board; Deputy Registrar of Voters, Riverside County; City Attorney - Cave Junction, Rogue River, and Gold Hill; Oregon State Bar Executive Committee, Government Law Section; Oregon County Counsel's Association, President;

- For nearly 20 years **STEVE RICH** has served the people of Josephine County as their elected County Legal Counsel.
- His 34 year legal career has provided **STEVE RICH** with professional experience uniquely qualifying him to continue serving as County Legal Counsel.
- The people of Josephine County need **STEVE RICH** protecting their rights and working for their best interests.
- **STEVE RICH** is experienced in:
 - Land Use matters
 - Abused Animal seizures
 - Real Estate transactions
 - Defending claims for damages
 - Labor negotiations
 - Employment law violations
 - Assessment and tax appeals
 - Airport Operations law
 - Election laws
 - Drafting Ballot Measures
 - Formation of Districts
 - Deeds and Easements
 - Intergovernmental Agreements
 - Public Purchasing requirements
 - Timber sale contracts
 - Public Property acquisitions and sales
 - County officials legal duties
 - Public Construction contracts
 - Road vacations and dedications

that is the reason **STEVE RICH** is uniquely qualified to continue as County Legal Counsel – **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE MATTERS!**

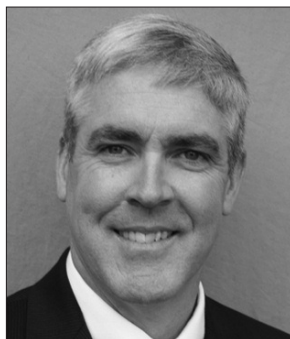
- **STEVE RICH** has the expertise we need. He's earned our trust. Please vote to Re-Elect **STEVE RICH**

(This information furnished by Steve Rich)

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Nonpartisan for

Josephine County Sheriff



DAVE R. DANIEL

OCCUPATION: Police Officer; Grants Pass Department of Public Safety.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Police Officer / Detective; Grants Pass DPS; Grants Pass, OR. Resident State Trooper; Oregon State Police; Wheeler and Gilliam

Counties, OR. Reserve Deputy Sheriff; Benton County Sheriff's Office; Benton County, OR. Road Construction; OR. Logging Industry; AK.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Southern Oregon University; Masters in Management; 2010. Oregon State University; Bachelors of Science in Speech Communications; 1994. Central Catholic High School; Diploma; 1988.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Josephine County Fairgrounds Board Member; 2012 to Current.

It is time we see change to law enforcement in Josephine County. My name is Dave Daniel and I bring with me, new vision. Josephine County is in crisis. I have nearly 20 years of experience in law enforcement having worked within city, county and state organizations. During that time I have attained numerous certifications, recognitions and awards, including the Medal of Honor in 2013 for a life threatening event.

You deserve Deputies in the field. I intend to expand the number of Reserve Deputies, Search and Rescue personnel, Sheriff's Posse and Volunteers to serve you better. I will work to further organize and bring together our county's community watch groups who know and understand teamwork. Internally, the Sheriff's Office needs professional oversight, which will create transparency for the community. It is time to break down the walls built between the OSP, Grants Pass DPS and our Sheriff's Office so we can work together to serve you better.

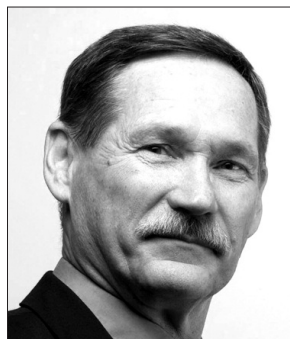
I am a "Can Do Officer" and will be your "Can Do Sheriff". My mission is to ensure the Life, Liberty, Property and Safety of every man, woman and child within Josephine County. Working together, we can begin the process of taking Josephine County back.

PLEASE VOTE WITH THOSE BELOW WHO ENDORSE
DAVE DANIEL FOR SHERIFF

Stephen Campbell – Josephine County District Attorney
Dave Daniel & Dan Calvert - Josephine County Sheriffs Ret.
Joe Henner & Ron Schwartz - Grants Pass DPS Directors Ret.

(This information furnished by Dave Daniel)

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GIL GILBERTSON

OCCUPATION: Josephine County Sheriff - January 2007 to present.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Sheriff; City police; Trainer; Recruiter; Author; Chief of Police (350); Chief State Patrol (500); Deputy St. Bernard Parrish (Katrina); Police Advisor in Bosnia &

Iraq, International Police Task Force; Chief of Operations for U.S. Kosovo Diplomatic Observer Mission; Military police; Senior (Colonel) military liaison; Regional Commander in Kosovo; Bomb technician; Tactical team; Dispatcher; Jailer; FTO; Driver; and Reserve.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Hawkeye Institute of Technology – A.A. Law Enforcement; Upper Iowa University – B.A. Public Administration; Iowa Law Enforcement Academy – Certification; Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama – Certification.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: U.S. Navy; U.S. Air National Guard; U.S. Army National Guard; U.S. Army Reserves; U.S. State Department.

It has been an honor, and a pleasure, serving this community as your Sheriff since 2007. It has also been a challenge, as resources and funding have been significantly reduced since my first election.

The current staffing situation of the Sheriff's Office should be no secret to you. Lack of funding prevents this Office from performing it's duties in a manner consistent with the protection of the public. Anyone suggesting otherwise is leading you on.

From adversity comes opportunity. I have applied that adage by streamlining our operations to reduce operating expenses, and generating revenue to help offset costs, wherever possible.

I have stepped up to the challenge by implementing numerous cost saving and efficiency measures, including consolidating operations at the Jail, cold Jail breakfasts and closing a substation; and generated an average revenue of \$2 million dollars each year.

My steadfast commitment to you is to do the very best with each dollar provided by the Commissioners. I will continue to explore every avenue of providing a more efficient and cost effective law enforcement service. I have, and will continue to keep my promises.

I once again ask for your vote, and sincerely look forward to serving another term as your Sheriff.

I support our Constitution and Bill of Rights.

(This information furnished by Gil Gilbertson)

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Nonpartisan for

Josephine County Sheriff



EDWARD VINCENT

OCCUPATION: Deputy Sheriff; Josephine County Sheriff's Office.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: As a young man I maintained employment in previous jobs as a dish washer, grocery store clerk, painter, construction worker, logger,

gas attendant, and mill worker; 1998-Reserve Deputy, Josephine County Sheriff's Office; 1999-Corrections Deputy, Josephine County Sheriff's Office, achieving the position of Jail Sgt.; 2005-Patrol Deputy, Josephine County Sheriff's Office, Earning a Life Saving award, a MADD award and the Esther J award for domestic abuse.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: 1983 Graduate of Grants Pass High School; Military Occupational Series graduate Infantry School, 17 Kilo Ground Surveillance Radar, 11 Hotel TOW missile weapons squad leader/Platoon Sgt.; Oregon Sheriff's Command College; Department of Public Safety Supervisor Development Course Graduate; Life Saving acute shooting-Sniper school; Certified Armorer for all Weapons used by Sheriff's Office; Range instructor; NAMI mental health training; Field Training Officer certification.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: 1981-2003 US ARMY/Oregon National Guard. Participated in multinational operations in the Middle East during Operation Enduring Freedom, natural disaster relief and national security missions. Honorably Retired.

I come to the citizens with working-hands knowledge of the office and its capabilities. I will not be afraid to stand accountable for decisions made in my administration. I will make immediate changes to the office which will ensure fiscal responsibility. I will take a 10% pay cut to be applied to a more needed area of the budget. As a working Sheriff, I will patrol the road and cover jail shifts to reduce overtime on an already burdened staff.

I am no one special, only a man that has seen life in this county from many spectrums. We are living in a time in which employees have been laid off, crime has drastically increased and the citizens of our county are clearly frustrated. Help me lead the way to a fiscally better, efficient and effective Sheriff's Office by proudly casting your vote for me, Edward Vincent.

For additional information: www.vincentforsheriff.com

(This information furnished by Edward Vincent)

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BALLOTS
MUST BE RETURNED
BY
8:00 PM
ON
ELECTION DAY
MAY 20, 2014

Josephine County Official Ballot Drop Site Locations

Open from May 3rd until 8 p.m., May 20, 2014

Josephine County Courthouse:

The County Clerk's Office (7:50 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday) *Open 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on election day*

Justice Building side, ground floor next to the elevator (24 hours / 7 days)

Next to the "C" Street Entrance (Tax Office Entrance) (24 hours / 7 days)

South Grants Pass:

Washington Federal, 290 Union Avenue, front parking lot (24 hours / 7 days)

Library Drive-up Ballot Drop:

Parking lot behind library. Enter from "C" Street (24 hours / 7 days)

Merlin:

Umpqua Bank, Merlin Rd. & Monument Dr., parking lot (24 hours / 7 days)

Murphy:

Hidden Valley Market (formally Ray's Market),
in front, on the left side of the building (24 hours / 7 days)

Cave Junction:

Cave Junction City Hall, near front entrance (24 hours / 7 days)