

JOSEPHINE COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

OFFICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
MAY 17, 2016



ATTENTION

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



Dear Josephine County Voter,

Your county voters' pamphlet for the **May 17, 2016 Primary Election** has been inserted within the state pamphlet in a cost-savings cooperative effort between Josephine County and the Secretary of State. Each page of your county voters' pamphlet is clearly marked with a gray color bar on the outside edge. Please read through your pamphlet as it will provide you with information regarding the measures that are printed on your ballot. Your pamphlet also contains measure arguments and candidate statements submitted by those who have chosen to pay the required fee for their information to appear in your pamphlet.

Since this is a primary election, the Democratic, Independent, and Republican parties will use this election to nominate their candidates for the November 8, 2016 General Election. Please remember that your ballot will only contain the candidates and measures for which you are eligible to vote. The content of the ballot you receive is dependent upon your party affiliation and the districts in which you reside.

- If you are registered with a major political party (**Democratic, Independent, Republican**), you will receive your party's nominating ballot that will contain the candidates of your party along with any nonpartisan races and measures.
- If you are registered with a minor political party (**Americans Elect, Constitution, Libertarian, Pacific Green, Progressive, Working Families**) or have listed **Other** as your party selection, you will receive a nonpartisan ballot with only nonpartisan races and measures.
- If you are not registered with any political party (**Not a member of a party***), you will receive a nonpartisan ballot with only nonpartisan races and measures.

If you are a registered voter and have not received your ballot in the mail by Thursday, May 5th, please call your County Clerk's office at (541) 474-5243.

Your ballot must be received by your County Clerk's office or deposited in an Official Ballot Drop Site no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, May 17, 2016. Postmarks do not count!

I ENCOURAGE YOU TO EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE: it's your choice and it's your voice!

Sincerely,

TRISHA MYERS
Josephine County Clerk & Recorder

Are you registered to vote? The receipt of this voters' pamphlet does not guarantee you are a registered voter. You may check your registration status at www.oregonvotes.gov or by contacting your local elections office at (541) 474-5243. The deadline for new registration and party updates is **April 26, 2016**. Additional voter registration information is available in the state portion of your voters' pamphlet.

*The Independent Party has decided to allow non-affiliated voters the opportunity to vote for Independent candidates in addition to the nonpartisan races and measures. If you are a non-affiliated voter, a correspondence would have been mailed to you from the Secretary of State's office on how to request an Independent Party ballot. Your request for the Independent Party ballot must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., April 26, 2016. Please contact your County Clerk's office at (541) 474-5243 for additional information.

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USE A PEN (BLUE OR BLACK INK)

At the May 17, 2016 Primary Election, the voters of Josephine County should cast their votes as illustrated below.

TO VOTE FOR A CANDIDATE

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 THE NAME ON THE LINE.

TO VOTE ON A MEASURE

FILL IN THE OVAL ● TO THE LEFT OF THE YES OR NO.

EXAMPLES

<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>WRITE-IN</u>	<u>MEASURE</u>
President Vote for One	President Vote for One	Measure 17.20
Question: Shall the City Charter be amended to change the specific city council appointment time lines?		
<input type="radio"/> JOHN ALLEN	<input type="radio"/> JOHN ALLEN	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
<input checked="" type="radio"/> THOMAS JEFFERSON	<input type="radio"/> THOMAS JEFFERSON	<input type="radio"/> No
<input type="radio"/> J. Q. PUBLIC	<input type="radio"/> J. Q. PUBLIC	
<input type="radio"/> Write-In _____	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Billy Kidd Write-In _____	

OVERVOTE

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.

UNDERVOTE

IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO VOTE ON A CONTEST, IT IS CALLED AN UNDERVOTE. A VOTE WILL NOT BE COUNTED FOR THAT CONTEST. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO VOTE ON ALL CONTESTS. THOSE YOU DO VOTE ON WILL STILL BE COUNTED.

EXAMPLES

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

REMEMBER TO VOTE BOTH SIDES OF YOUR BALLOT **–Returning Your Voted Ballot–**

Vote your ballot.

Fold the ballot and insert it into the secrecy envelope.

Seal the secrecy envelope and insert it 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 17, 2016.

IMPORTANT: YOUR BALLOT WILL NOT BE COUNTED IF IT IS NOT RECEIVED BY 8:00 P.M. MAY 17, 2016.

Measure 17-69 Rogue Community College District

Referred to the People by Rogue Community College District

17-69

Rogue Community College District General Obligation Bond for Training/Education

QUESTION: Shall Rogue Community College District be authorized to issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$20,000,000? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: If approved, this measure provides funds for capital costs to improve facilities for student training/education, assisting with career employment opportunities, including:

- Expansion/remodel or renovation, of education/training facilities at Medford (Riverside Campus-RVC), Grants Pass (Redwood Campus-RWC) and White City (Table Rock Campus-TRC) locations:
- Construction of a facility or expansion/remodeling existing TRC and RVC facilities for allied health programs. The Oregon legislature has approved \$8 million of matching funds for this project.
- Nursing Training Facility (RWC).
- Science Education Center (RWC).
- Career and Technical Education classrooms/labs at RVC, TRC, RWC, and satellite sites.
- Construction of facilities or purchase of modular facilities for the TRC Emergency Services/Fire Training programs at Fire District 3.
- Remodeling TRC building as a High Tech Center.
- Acquisition of furniture/equipment for above-referenced facilities, and bond issuance costs.

Bonds mature in a period not to exceed twenty-one (21) years from the date of issue and may be issued in one or more series. The estimated tax rate is approximately \$0.05 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Actual rates may vary.

The State has agreed to provide an \$8,000,000 grant towards the cost of the allied health project, but only if RCC can provide a matching amount. It is possible another \$10 million in matching funds will be available in 2017. That could produce an additional \$18 million for a total of \$38 million for the projects.

(This information furnished by Rogue Community College District.)

Explanatory Statement

Rogue Community College is asking for voter approval of a measure to finance needed improvements, expansions, and construction of buildings and facilities to provide the technical training and education to meet the current and future employment opportunities and economic growth of southern Oregon.

The contribution of property owners is estimated to be approximately 5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, which will raise about \$20 million. Using this estimate, a home with an assessed value of \$200,000 would pay \$10 per year; a home with an assessed value of \$300,000 would pay \$15 per year. The bond levy will be district-wide, and the funds will be used in both Jackson and Josephine Counties.

These funds will support capital projects to improve facilities for student training in many areas including high technology manufacturing, healthcare, fire science and emergency services, and computer science. It will help the over 17,000 students at RCC achieve careers here in the Rogue Valley. In addition, developing a highly skilled workforce will help existing businesses expand and will attract new industry to the region.

Measure 17-69 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Local Businesses and Job Creators Ask You to Vote Yes on the RCC Bond

The Josephine County Chamber of Commerce, made up of over 500 local businesses, strongly encourages you to vote **YES** on 17-69, the Rogue Community College (RCC) Bond Measure.

In today's economy, having a well-trained workforce is the only way our communities can succeed. For three generations, RCC has been the primary way for local residents to gain the education and training required for the jobs our businesses need to fill.

The RCC levy will allow our community college to build the space needed to expand training programs for local students in the industrial, technical and health care professions where qualified employees are in high demand. The levy will also help modernize equipment so our students and workforce are trained to meet the ever changing industry standards employers require and to help them find good, local jobs.

With a 'yes' vote on 17-69, students at RCC will continue to be trained for jobs that our local businesses need qualified applicants for right now. Not only is this essential for our local businesses, but it gives educational opportunities to local students which will assist them in finding living wage jobs immediately after graduating.

Rogue Community College is an essential part of our community and a critical partner in the future success of our local businesses.

The Josephine County Chamber of Commerce asks that you please vote **Yes on 17-69**.

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

Argument in Favor

We, the undersigned citizens of Josephine County, urge you to join us in voting YES for this important measure.

RCC prepares students for jobs in areas critical to our local economy. This bond will provide the facilities that will enable RCC to educate and train students for careers in healthcare, manufacturing, technology, fire science, computer science, emergency services, business and more.

For our local high school graduates as well as returning adult students, the opportunity to earn work and life skills, a certificate or a degree can make a life-changing difference. Your vote is an investment in their future. Please help us support our students by voting YES for 17-69.

*Dean Wendle
DonnaJean Wendle
Claudia Sullivan
Jim Dole
John Harelson
Midge Renton
Dawn Welch
Josh Welch
Kathy Burkey
Penney Shipley
Galyn Carlile
Sue Orris
Mary Louise Hendricks*

(This information furnished by Claudia Sullivan, Rogue Community College Board of Education.)

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Measure 17-69 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Rogue Community College deserves my support and the support of this community now and into the future. Let me explain why I am so enthusiastic about voting YES.

I grew up locally in Rogue River and received my GED due to having my first child at 16 years of age. A university education appeared impossible and out of reach, but attending Rogue Community College seemed less daunting and attainable. From the beginning, I appreciated the community atmosphere and friendly environment. The assistance and support I received made the journey through academia possible. Something that never came easy to me. I loved learning, had professors that believed in my abilities and best of all, I began to believe in myself. I was able to attend my classes, keep my employment, and raise my family. All while staying in my home area.

I continued on to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and, more recently, my Master's degree in Nursing. I wholeheartedly believe that the ability to begin my journey at Rogue Community College led to the success I have today. Currently, I am a Professional Development Specialist/Clinical Educator, in a job that I truly love. And I know each and every day I am making a difference in the lives of the people we serve. My mother has also received her degree from RCC and my oldest daughter is now attending as well. All while continuing to live and work locally in Southern Oregon.

Rogue Community College has the opportunity to expand the campus in the allied health field providing high quality training to local students to help meet the healthcare needs of our community. A yes vote will support the college's structural needs, expand technical training and provide a solid foundation for the future.

(This information furnished by Shana Ogle.)

Argument in Favor

The Rogue Valley Fire Chief's Association represents every Fire Agency in both Jackson and Josephine County. Rogue Community College has utilized fire stations across the two counties to deliver a fire science program that prepares local people for careers in the fire service.

Many of the full time career firefighters in the Rogue Valley are graduates of the RCC Fire Science program. These well trained student firefighters supplement the career staff during their training and many of them are hired as full time career firefighters after they graduate.

There are several areas where the hands on training can be delivered, unfortunately, classroom space has been limited. The Fire Science program utilizes space at the Fire District 3 training facility in White City to store their apparatus and equipment. This training facility has a burn building, simulation house, drill tower, and several other props on site that provide a quality training experience that is accessible to the college and to all local fire agencies. Medford Fire-Rescue and Grants Pass Fire-Rescue also provide excellent hands on training opportunities that are routinely used by the RCC program. Classroom space has been the primary challenge.

This bond measure has dedicated funds to establish fire science classrooms at the training facility in White City. Fire Science students would be able to attend class at the same location where a significant portion of the hands on training is occurring.

The Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs Association urges you to vote YES on ballot measure 17-69.

A YES vote will to help support your local fire agency in its quest to deliver high quality service to your community.

(This information furnished by Justin Bates, Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs Association.)

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Measure 17-69 Arguments

Argument in Favor

I support Measure 17-69. As a longtime family physician in the community, I believe it will bolster the delivery of healthcare in Southern Oregon.

With the rapid increase of people with people health insurance, and our aging population, the demand for quality healthcare will only continue to grow. To meet this demand will take more than new physicians and clinics, it will require maintaining and developing a highly trained and effective healthcare workforce including nurses, medical assistants, community health workers, pharmacy technicians and emergency responders

Rogue Community College is already training the people who will be caring for us, but it needs to upgrade classroom spaces and build a new nurse center in Grants Pass, and a health occupations training center in White City. These modern facilities will make it possible to provide industry-standard training.

If you vote yes, this bond will raise \$20 million dollars, and RCC will qualify for an additional \$8 million in matching funds from the state, earmarked specifically for healthcare training. That is a 40 percent bonus that will only cost the average homeowner about \$15.00 a year.

Most importantly, this bond will help southern Oregonians, your friends and neighbors, to get family wage career jobs. Their prosperity will translate into dollars spend locally, which boost the entire community.

When I served as chief medical officer of Asante Three Rivers Medical Center I personally saw the importance of having people with the right healthcare and for the future healthcare workers in our communities.

(This information furnished by Dr. Thomas Turek MD.)

Argument in Favor

Logos Public Charter School serving Jackson and Josephine county students wholeheartedly supports the RCC bond measure 17-69 on the May 2016 ballot.

Logos Scholars Academy, our early college program, offers students an opportunity to earn dual high school and college credits. In 2015 - 16, 25% of our high school students will earn over 3,100 college credits. Students take writing, math, and science to establish a strong foundation in content, critical thinking, and research to transfer to a four year university to pursue a bachelor's degree. RCC has been an excellent starting point for them.

Hands-on learners have a choice of 80 career and technical training programs, including emergency medical services, electronics technology, medical assistant, and early childhood education. RCC trains students specifically for the workforce demands of the Jackson and Josephine county communities. Students complete these technical certificates in several terms with the skills and knowledge to step into a livable wage career here in Rogue Valley.

All along the way, trained RCC advisors provide course selection guidance, financial aid assistance, and support for students to provide a strong bridge to transition to college.

Logos Charter School believes the community will greatly benefit from the projects supported by this bond measure. The expanded and renovated high tech facilities devoted to technical courses offered at RCC will provide students of all ages and career interests with a quality learning environment to learn necessary skills to apply in today's workforce.

Vote YES on 17-69!

Valerie Barr
Logos Scholars Academy Director
Logos Public Charter School

(This information furnished by Valerie Barr, Logos Public Charter School.)

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Measure 17-70 City of Grants Pass

Referred to the People by Grants Pass City Council

17-70

Annexation of properties to the City of Grants Pass.

QUESTION: Shall voters ratify City Council's decision to annex approximately 57 acres of properties in two areas to the City?

SUMMARY: City Council tentatively approved annexation of approximately 57 acres in two areas contiguous to the City, within the boundary designated for future annexation:

All owners agreed to annexation:

Area 1	Acreage
Spalding Area. Generally east of Ament Rd and north of railroad	44.3

A majority of owners agreed to annexation:

Area 2	Acreage
NW Vine Street. Generally west of NW Hawthorne Avenue and southwest of NW Vine Street	12.3

All properties have been within the boundary designated for future annexation for over 13 years, some over 30 years. All areas are zoned for development. They currently receive, or are entitled to receive, City water, sewer, police, or fire services. Annexation will not affect the rate of development.

If ratified, annexation would take effect in June 2016. Areas would have to follow City laws and pay City property tax, currently \$6.3135 per \$1,000 assessed value.

Explanatory Statement

The City Council of the City of Grants Pass has enacted an ordinance to annex territory to the City. The City Council evaluated the capability of the City to provide service to the territory to be annexed and determined the lands can be served and therefore are eligible for annexation. In accord with the City Charter, the action by the City Council is submitted to the voters of Grants Pass. Annexation will not occur without voter approval.

If voters elect to annex the land, a total current estimated value of \$2,982,404 would be added to the taxable value of the City. The same City tax rate paid by all properties in the City, \$6.3135 per \$1,000 assessed value, would be paid by annexed lands.

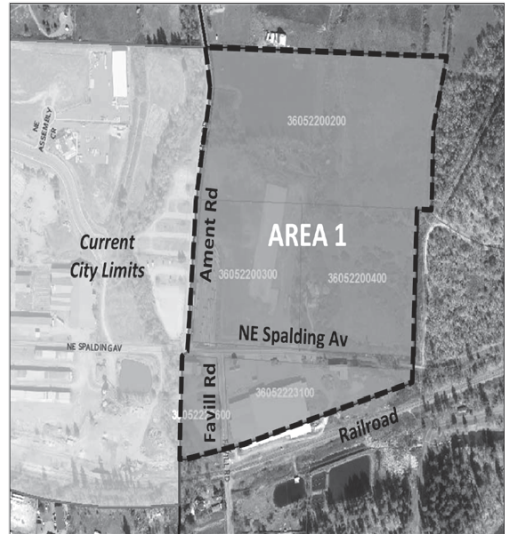
A "yes" vote would be in favor of annexing properties. A "no" vote would be against the annexing properties.

(This information furnished by Grants Pass City Council.)

City of Grants Pass
Annexation Proposal - May 17, 2016 Ballot

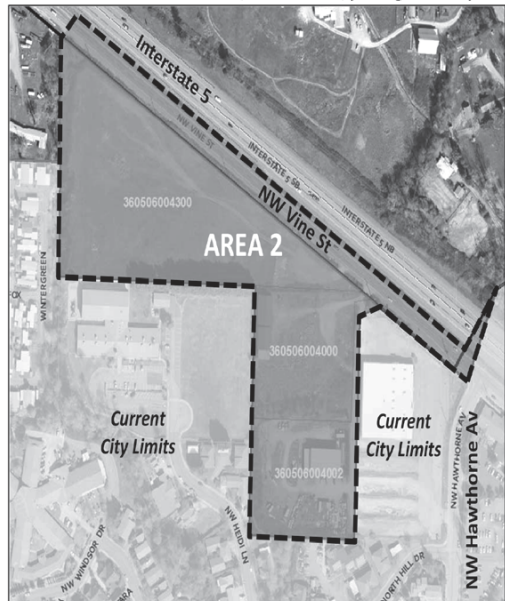
AREA 1: SPALDING

Tax Lots: 36-05-22-00-200, 300 & 400, and 36-05-22-23-100 & 600, plus right-of-way



AREA 2: NW VINE

Tax Lots: 36-05-06-00-4000, 4002 & 4300, plus right-of-way



Measure 17-71 Three Rivers School District

Referred to the People by Three Rivers School District

17-71

Three year Local Option Levy for operations.

QUESTION: Shall Three Rivers School District impose up to \$200,000 each year for three years for safety operations beginning in 2016? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: The Three Rivers School District proposes a levy of up to \$200,000, or approximately 5 cents per \$1000 of assessed value, to contract with the Josephine County Sheriff's department for deputies to act as peace officers to protect the district's 15 schools. The deputies will be experienced police officers who are currently retired. Deputies will be armed and in uniform, as a resistance and presence in schools to help deter a school shooter or terrorist attack and provide help to staff in cases of trespass or violent persons on campus. Deputies will not be involved in disciplining of students. The amount to be collected will allow the district to contract for the equivalent of 6 peace officers district wide, working 180 days per year, 6 hours per day. The collected funds will also provide for uniforms, equipment, and mileage to allow movement from school to school. Deputies will have radios and be connected to 911 but will not be called or used for any incident or patrol outside of schools.

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 and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.

Sheriff with input from the school district. The officers would be supervised by the Sheriff's Office and report to their supervisor, who in turn will coordinate with the Superintendent to assure the needs of the district are met. Using the Sky Marshall design, each school would have a peace officer on site an average of 3 hours per day. Only the Superintendent or his/her designee would know of the officers' schedules at any given time. The superintendent would continually work with the schools and officers to evaluate the efficiency of their schedules to create the most impact and service as possible to each school.

The peace officers would have fire arms which are secured in a Level III security holster, which requires three levels of security retention while worn by the peace officer. They would carry dispatch radios and cellphones, allowing them to be in contact with, travel to, and support an officer at another location. Officers would be driving personal vehicles between schools and would be reimbursed for mileage based on current federal guidelines.

As employees of the sheriff's department, officers would have access to the latest training and techniques around school shootings and response. They would be provided ongoing training and professional development to help them be more effective in school environments and prepare them to better meet the specific goals of the district around safety and security.

(This information furnished by Three Rivers School District.)

Explanatory Statement

The Three Rivers School District proposes a levy of up to \$200,000 per year for three years, to contract with the Josephine County Sheriff's department for deputies to act as peace officers to protect the district's 15 schools. This would cost each Three Rivers School District resident approximately \$5 per year on a home valued at \$100,000. The amount to be collected will allow the district to contract for the equivalent of 6 peace officers district wide, working 180 days per year, 6 hours per day, at a contract rate of \$25 per hour. This level of service will allow the sheriff's office to keep the officers' hours below the PERS limit for service thus allowing the officers to maintain their PERS benefits. The collected funds will also provide for uniforms, equipment, and mileage to allow movement from school to school.

The deputies will be experienced police officers who are currently retired. They will be employees of the sheriff's office. The deputies' duties are: first and foremost, to be an armed resistance and presence in schools to help deter a school shooter or terrorist attack; second, to provide help to staff in cases of trespass, violent or potentially violent persons on campus, custodial interference cases, and other similar situations; and third, to provide an education resource to staff around safety and security, drug and alcohol abuse, DUI consequences, and other areas of expertise that they might contribute based on their careers in law enforcement. The officers will not have a role in school discipline.

The peace officers' ongoing evaluation will be conducted by the

Measure 17-72 Josephine County

Referred to the People by Josephine County Board of Commissioners

17-72

Advisory Question on the Rogue River's Proposed Federal Designation

QUESTION: In your opinion, should Congress designate 63 additional miles of the Rogue River as a Wild and Scenic River?

SUMMARY: The outcome of the election on this advisory question will not be binding. It will provide information to the Board of County Commissioners while the Board formulates policy.

In 2015, The United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposed to designate an additional 63 miles of the Rogue River, extending from Lost Creek Lake in Jackson County to the Applegate River in Josephine County, under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The entire section of the Rogue River that is located in Josephine County would then be designated under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Inclusion into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System could affect public and private property that is located within one quarter mile of the riverbanks. The BLM has estimated that the new designation could apply to 19,798 acres of property in Josephine and Jackson Counties. Of that, the BLM has estimated that 17,005 acres are privately owned.

Explanatory Statement

The segment of the Rogue River extending from the mouth of the Applegate River downstream to the Lobster Creek Bridge, near the coast, is already included in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers system through Public Law 90-542 (1968). That law intended to preserve the character of the area within a quarter-mile of the Rogue River. The vast majority of the land within the existing corridor is publicly owned and is managed by the federal government.

Based upon a recent Suitability Report from the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the BLM could recommend to Congress that an additional 63 mile stretch of the Rogue River is suitable for designation under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Generally, such a designation would apply to property located within one quarter mile of the riverbanks. The BLM has estimated that 85% (17,005 acres) of the property affected by its proposal is privately owned. The designation could eventually subject such property to scenic easements or other easements that pertain to the public's access to the river.

The answer to this advisory question would have no binding effect. This is a request from the Board of County Commissioners for information from the community. This question is an opportunity for the community to express an opinion. The Board of County Commissioners may use the response to this question to create policy.

(This information furnished by Josephine County Board of Commissioners.)

Josephine County Commissioner, Position 2



**Joseph
Rice**

Occupation: Owner-Recoil Suppression Systems, an aviation manufacturing company.

Occupational Background: Managing Director- Secured Congressional funding creating jobs in Southern Oregon; Director

of Operations - Managed domestic and international contracts; United States Army Officer.

Educational Background: Thomas Edison State College; United States Army Rotary Wing Aviator Course; United States Army Warrant Office Career College.

Prior Governmental Experience: United States Army.

I will restore decisive leadership as your Josephine County Commissioner. I will represent the will of the people, protect your individual liberties and freedoms. I will clear governmental obstacles to employers.

Your priorities and mine are;

- Protection of your individual Constitutional Rights, Liberties & Freedoms so you may live as you choose and prosper;
- Community Safety;
- Economic security that promotes job retention;
- Honor the Josephine County Home Rule Charter;
- Maintain county sovereignty and values by not handing over local decision making to Salem;
- Mandate coordination between Federal Agencies and Josephine County allowing access for responsible use of all our natural resources;
- Increase transparency in all area's and actions of County government;
- Fund your government without tax increases or levies;

As your County Commissioner, I understand that government must operate within it's means. Employers and families have had to tighten their belts as we have all experienced the pain of an economic downturn. It is unreasonable to ask for more tax money while employers struggle to stay open and families make hard financial decisions. We can not tax our way back to prosperity. We, as a community, must *build* our way back to it.

You wish to live in a safe county. As Commissioner, I will approach community safety differently by implementing a county-wide community watch program that involves *all* area's and members of the county. Resident Sheriff Deputies belong in our communities as peace officers, promoting community policing. Militarization of our law-enforcement is not a Josephine County value.

Restoring your trust, will only result in conducting the people's business openly & honestly.

Learn more- josephrice2016.com

(This information furnished by Joseph Rice.)

Candidate statements are printed as submitted. The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

Josephine County Commissioner, Position 2



**Paul
Walter**

Occupation: Senior Editor of NewsWithViews.com and NewsWithViews.com/southernoregon.htm.

Occupational Background: RV Doctor.

Educational Background: H.S.

in socialist Yugoslavia.

Prior Governmental Experience: NONE Private sector only.

Dear Voter

For the past 20 years I have been predicting that we will loose America if we keep electing or re-electing unprincipled scoundrels and sell-outs as our representatives. You trusted and elected the wrong people who lie to you on a daily basis. Well, we have arrived at the edge of the cliff.

This election cycle is our last chance to ether save what's left of our County and Country. If we elect the wrong people we are surely going over the cliff. However, that said, we have several good people running for County Commissioner. Ron Smith, Bill Hunker, Toni Webb and myself. You choose.

Please if you love and want to save this county don't vote for anyone that is a PERS recipient or works for the government because they will only serve their own and the bureaucrats best interest and not yours. May God wake you up to save America.

I'm a self made successful business man. Senior editor of NewsWithViews.com and www.NewsWithViews.com/southernoregon.htm

Sincerely,

Paul Walter

(This information furnished by Paul Walter.)

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Josephine County Commissioner, Position 2



**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 in Marine Biology.

Prior Governmental Experience: Former Josephine County Commissioner, BOPTA and Election Board Member.

Choose Carefully

We need commissioners who represent the will of the people. A majority of our electorate has voted down 8 levies or taxing districts since 2004, but this current Board has continually tried to circumvent the will of those voters.

Now the latest money-grabbing scheme from this Board is they want the Governor to take over the county. It's all for the tantalizing allure of some short-term matching funds under chapter 753 of Oregon laws 2013, previously HB-3453. Not a sound fiscal decision, considering the strings attached.

They Could Tax You Without Your Vote

Choose Commissioner candidates concerned about your wallet, and who know it's ludicrous to expect an impoverished citizenry to replace funds legally owed to us by the federal government.

Incidentally, crime statistics don't justify the rampant countywide public safety emergency they claim has occurred since 2012. The actions of this Board don't justify it either. These commissioners have steadfastly refused to give money to the sheriff from road reserves, from unexpected forestry money or from funds they originally allocated for unnecessary water testing.

Don't Believe the Lies

We don't need commissioners who will sell out our sovereignty and abdicate their authority to the Governor. This is clearly contrary to the vested power granted solely to the commissioners by our County Charter.

Scrutinize the Candidates

While in office, I proved that I wouldn't betray the citizenry, I wouldn't cave under pressure, and I wouldn't compromise on conservative principles. I didn't give up on Josephine County even when unlawful recall petitions were illegally certified by the former County Clerk.

Keep Josephine County Sovereign

**Vote
SANDI CASSANELLI
for Commissioner**

We can't tax ourselves into prosperity!

(This information furnished by Sandi Cassanelli.)

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Josephine County Commissioner, Position 2



**Nathaniel
Duarte**

Occupation: Young Entrepreneur – Owner, Technology Solutions.

Occupational Background: Co-Founder, Duarte, LLC.

Educational Background: None.

Prior Governmental Experience: None.

Let's Make Josephine County Safe and Prosperous Again!

It's time for a new generation of leaders to bring energy, hard work and a new vision to Josephine County.

To overcome our current challenges, Josephine County government must focus on three areas:

1. **Prosperity.** The people of Josephine County are struggling economically. We must take concrete actions to stimulate robust economic growth. This includes streamlining the building permit and development approval process to support job creation in the private sector.
2. **Safety.** Funding Public Safety must be Josephine County's top spending priority. I will not support raising property taxes to do this. We cannot tax our way to prosperity. We must better manage our county-owned lands to provide funding for public safety.
3. **Freedom.** Freedom must be defended. We've seen the Board of Commissioners take actions that would harm freedom. Recent examples include the four Junk Ordinances which failed by a landslide. Why should Josephine County have rules and regulations which exceed state and federal mandates?

As your County Commissioner I will work hard to make this vision a reality. Getting there won't be easy. Breaking through the status quo requires we work together. Getting bogged down in negativity and anger gets us nowhere. Standing together, we will **rebuild** a safe and prosperous Josephine County.

To learn more about Nathaniel Duarte visit voteduarte.com.

Vote Nathaniel Duarte for Commissioner

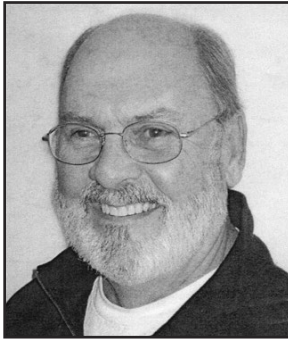
Fresh Ideas. Positive Direction. Principled Decisions.

A New Vision for Josephine County

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Josephine County Commissioner, Position 2



**Dan
DeYoung**

Occupation: Grants Pass City Council President.

Occupational Background: Owner/Operator/Certified Technician, All Seasons Heating and Air, 34yrs.

Educational Background:

Grants Pass High School, 12.

Prior Governmental Experience: Grants Pass City Council, 6yrs; Council President, 2yrs; City of GP Budget Committee, 6yrs; Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Org., 1yr; Rogue Valley Commission on Transportation, 6yrs; Urban Area Tree Committee (liaison), 6yrs; Chamber Political Committee (liaison), 2yrs.

Born and Raised in Grants Pass, Dan DeYoung has served our country in the US Navy (4yrs, honorable discharge), the community as the 'Voice of Boatnik' with the Grants Pass Active Club for 30 years, and various other organizations in the valley.

Running a business for 34 years gave Dan the opportunity to have firsthand experience in operating a budget, managing personnel, setting goals and learning the value of an honest day's work. Dan has taken these tools and put them to work for the City of Grants Pass for the last 6 years.

Dan's extensive business background will bring a common sense approach that is desperately needed in County Government and government in general. He'll take that valuable experience and put it to work for Josephine County.

"Josephine County is my home. It's not broken, but we face a serious challenge to not only ensure the safety of our citizens, but to restore a sense of community and pride; to use this land of natural beauty and resources to further support and improve our lives. I hope to take my experience in volunteer service, business and government leadership to be part of a team that brings fresh clarity of purpose and efficiency to our county while exploring and implementing long term, stable solutions for generations to come" -Dan DeYoung

"I've witnessed Dan DeYoung's innovative thinking and leadership for 30 years. Don't waste this vote....Dan has the guts, integrity and perseverance this job needs. Josephine County needs a leader like Dan." -Kurt Heater

(This information furnished by Dan DeYoung.)

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Josephine County Commissioner, Position 2



**Harriet H.
Harris**

Occupation: Volunteer at River Valley Church – "Lifeline" (benevolence) Ministry; 2001-2016.

Occupational Background: 1972: Administrative Analyst; City of San Diego, CA; 1973-1998: U.S. Navy; Held 4 com-

mand positions and worked with DOD & Congress on manpower & personnel issues.

Educational Background: San Diego State Univ.; BA; Political Science; MBA graduate work at San Diego CC & American Univ., Washington DC; Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA.

Prior Governmental Experience: Resource Advisory Committee, Bureau of Land Management – allocating federal funds for environmental improvements in 5 counties.

I have lived in Josephine County for nearly 20 years, moving her upon retirement from the U. S. Navy, with the rank of Captain. In the Navy I developed leadership, management and budgeting skills.

As an OSU certified Master Woodland Manager, I have assisted the OSU staff in teaching woodland management classes and have provided guidance to property owners on fire safety, wildlife and resource protection.

As a family forester, I have been active with the Small Woodland Association and in 2014 was named the Josephine County Tree Farmer of the Year.

I have volunteered at the Juvenile Correction Center.

Through "Lifeline" I have worked with almost every agency in the county that deals with people in crisis. I am painfully aware of the problems facing our community. I am running for County Commissioner to address the causes of these problems, not just their results.

MY EXPERIENCE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

I am persuing this office without an ax to grind against anyone, but with the belief that I have the integrity, training and energy to make a positive difference. All the candidates agree on issues of county prosperity and sound fiscal management. I have 40 years of experience in balancing budgets and allocating limited resources. I have a proven track record of building consensus among diverse groups, at a national & local level. These same lessons can be applied to the challenges in our county.

(This information furnished by Harriet H Harris.)

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Josephine County Commissioner, Position 2



**Keith
Heck**

Occupation: Josephine County Commissioner, Position 2.

Occupational Background: 2012-2016 Commissioner; 1997-2010 Executive Director, Gospel Rescue Mission; 1981-

1996 Pastor, 4 churches in Colorado, Oklahoma and Oregon.

Educational Background: 1996-1998 Attended BIOLA University; 1970-1973 Western Bible College (Colorado Christian University) Morrison, CO, BA Pastoral Studies.

Prior Governmental Experience: 4 years as the current County Commissioner. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working as your County Commissioner.

I stand as a fiscal conservative and as a caring social conservative. I do not allow others to define my character or personal integrity. I do not shy away from listening and learning from others, even those with whom I might disagree.

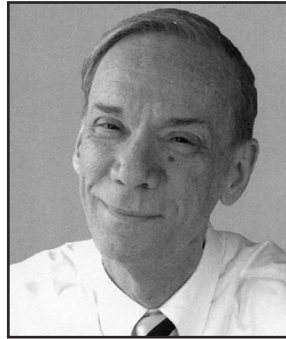
As we, with uncertainty, face our future in Josephine County my track record, both professionally and personally, shows my ability to make decisions without being bowed by those who speak loudly but carry no responsibility for those decisions. My track record in our wonderful County shows success at drawing people together to accomplish great tasks. I have done a whole lot more than merely speaking about what I will do but I have laid tracks for 20 years on what I have accomplished. I do not have to be the one always talking but acting.

I do request your support that will allow me another 4 years to serve as your Commissioner. Please, do vote for Keith Heck, County Commissioner, Position 2. I thank all of you who continue to quietly support me in life and work.

(This information furnished by Keith Heck.)

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Josephine County Commissioner, Position 2



**Dale
Matthews**

Occupation: Founder of community television station online; newshost who covers county issues every night; reporter who follows how the county spends your money.

Occupational Background:

Investigative news reporter; forensic financial reporter; worldwide radio producer; OSU course developer; founder and editor of community newspaper.

Educational Background: Humboldt State University and College of the Redwoods simultaneously AA Physics and Journalism; San Francisco State University BA Broadcasting.

Prior Governmental Experience: Twelve years recording and reporting on all Board of Commissioners meetings; Captain in Air Force Auxiliary (Search & Rescue); former Coast Guard Auxiliary Officer; Maryland Election Judge.

I attend more of the Commissioners meetings than they do. In fact, since 2000, I've attended more Board meetings than *all* the other candidates combined. My fondest wish is that the Commissioners take some time off now.

The voters of Josephine County need a break from levies. Therefore, I will oppose any *new* taxes for at least four years. I'm a *fiscal conservative*.

The County Home Rule Charter is our local Constitution. Citizens voted that Commissioners will be paid no more than \$30 thousand a year. I agree to live by that, pay all the taxes, and donate the rest to charity. If others are not going to follow the Charter, *why* are they running?

Commissioners are merely public servants – we pay them. When people who are asked to pay bills decide to fund the animal shelter and *not* juvenile detention, you may disagree. But this is America. Don't call the Governor to force us.

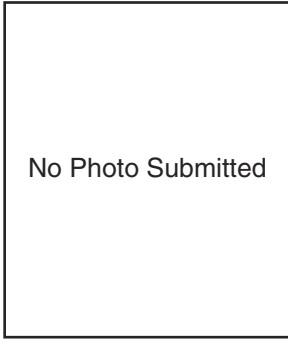
- There's over a million dollars in discretionary funds which can and should go to law enforcement. We want this done.
- No more half measures with the federal government. They have broken the contract for payments to our county. Either pay what you owe or give us the land back.
- Every Commissioners' meeting must be public and televised. They will begin with an Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance. We need all the help we can get.

www.votefordale.com

(This information furnished by Dale Matthews.)

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**Josephine County
Commissioner, Position 3**



**Shayne
Christen**

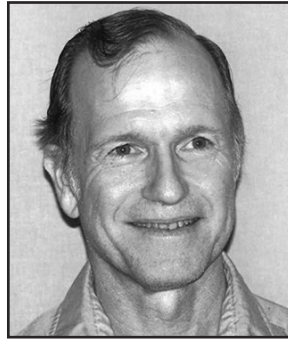
Occupation: Retired; Volunteer Patient Advocate.

Occupational Background: Baird Engineering; State of Ca., Dept. of Conservation; BLM; USDA Soil Conservation Service.

Educational Background: American River CC Sacramento, Ca.; Sacramento CC Sacramento, Ca.; Chemeketa CC Salem, Or.; Studies in Resource Management; Certificates in Best Oil Field Practices; Certificate in Risk Management.

Prior Governmental Experience: Ca. Dept. of Conservation's Disabled Advisory Committee.

**Josephine County
Commissioner, Position 3**



**Raymond
Smith [Cave Junction]**

Occupation: Self Employed Farrier, Smith Farrier Service.

Occupational Background: Certified Welder; Agricultural Laborer; Roofer.

Educational Background: Montana State University,

Horseshoeing Certificate; Portland Community College, Welding Certification.

Prior Governmental Experience: None.

We Need A Change Of The Guard.

Our current County Commissioners are out of touch with the majority of the public. They have supported nuisance ordinances rejected by nearly 80% of voters and yearly property tax levies that are continually rejected. They have refused to represent the people's voice at the State level regarding legislation that directly affects this county and usurps local power (HB 3453 and HJR 21).

My Position On Issues

I will not support any new taxes for four years.

Sustainable funding cannot be achieved without a sustainable government. I will work to streamline government and eliminate wasteful spending.

We should prioritize spending by redirecting available funds and staff to support public safety.

The Federal Government has a contract with the O&C counties which is not being met. We should demand redress. If denied, or ignored, they should be taken to court.

I support responsible sustainable use of natural resources and local processing of timber products.

We have a County Home Rule Charter in accordance with the Oregon Constitution and adopted by the people. I support, and will adhere to, the Charter.

I will oppose any legislation designed to remove or circumvent local self-governance.

All meetings should be public with public input allowed. There can be no transparency without public inclusion.

In order to effect change, **we need to elect two new Commissioners** committed to representing the people.

In Our Society, We Elect Representatives Not Rulers.

**Vote
Raymond Smith
For Commissioner**

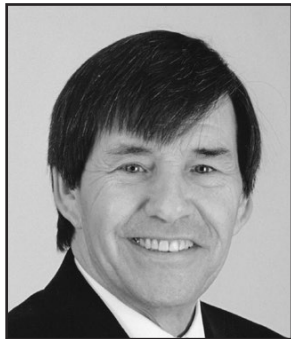
(This information furnished by Shayne Christen.)

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(This information furnished by Raymond Smith [Cave Junction].)

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Josephine County Commissioner, Position 3



Ronald A. Smith [Grants Pass]

Occupation: Retired, part time private contractor Veterans Affairs.

Occupational Background: Management Automotive Industry; Ranch foreman, Illinois Valley; Shop supervisor; Prop-

erty Management; Small business owner; Christian Ministry Leadership.

Educational Background: Highline High School; Highline Community College, Seattle WA; Coordinator/Instructor Biblical Research Classes.

Prior Governmental Experience: NONE.

American Values – Hometown Roots

* Strong capable leadership for today and into the future

Born in Grants Pass, Ronald knows first hand the issues confronting economic development and job growth in our county. He has been involved in our community working to find solutions to these challenges.

Member National policy Board "People for the USA; President "People for the USA", Illinois Valley Chapter; Overseer Grants Pass Fruitdale Grange; Board member Josephine County Poma Granges; Member Josephine County Farm Bureau. Voted "Citizen of the Year 2001" by Illinois Valley-Cave Junction Chamber of Commerce

As your County Commissioner it is my desire to work honestly and diligently to maintain and improve the quality of life of all the citizens of our Josephine County by doing the following;

* Strive to improve and maintain a business friendly environment helping to increase good jobs, wherever possible eliminate unnecessary government red tape hindering economic development activity. Help, pave the way for new business, and help our current businesses stay profitable. Support our largest job making businesses such as agriculture, timber, minerals and building materials.

* Support our Josephine County Criminal Justice program, focus on solving the funding troubles. Work with all community organizations in alleviating the serious drug and homelessness problems in our county.

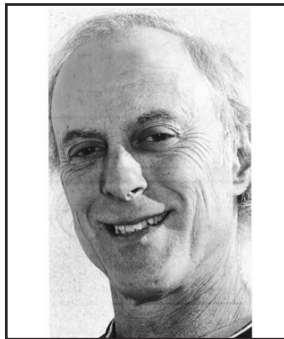
* Work to bring various State and Federal agencies to accept and recognize the mutual responsibility of an active, constructive Coordination program that exists in our laws, giving a stronger local voice over management of Federal lands within Josephine County.

* Transparent open-door policy, committed to honest, ethical public relations with all citizens. Acting daily to secure and protect the people's rights to Life, Liberty and Property.

(This information furnished by Ronald A Smith [Grants Pass].)

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Josephine County Commissioner, Position 3



Mark Seligman

Occupation: Landscape maintenance business owner, 40 years.

Occupational Background: Health Food Store Manager; New York City Taxi Driver.

Educational Background: B.A. Sociology – Queens College City University – New York; Business Administration Degree – Queensborough Community College – New York City University; Forest Hills High School – Graduated; Sonoma State University – California – Graduate Work Psychology.

Prior Governmental Experience: None.

**VOTE FOR MARK SELIGMAN FOR
JOSEPHINE COUNTY COMMISSIONER POSITION 3
(Prosperity • Trust • Integrity • Transparency)**

Are you tired of the fiasco running our country?

We as citizens deserve much better. We need a commissioner that truly represents the average hard working resident.

I promise to never support a property tax levy or a state tax levy or fee.

Our number one problem is poverty, crime and homelessness. Josephine county residents need economic development. This is the solution to our problems, our youth need hope and employment. **Our seniors need to know I am against tax levies. I support the cannabis industry to enrich business and individuals.** I support tourism, responsible logging and medical services. I will not play the politically correct game to gain support. Voters should be careful to not elect property tax orientated candidates like Lily Morgan who change their positions merely to gain votes.

My role as county commissioner is to be open to all productive ideas of the citizens. I serve you and will not impede the economic growth by undo regulations. I am a strong supporter of the constitution and county charter.

I believe in civil liberties. I will work with the state legislators to make Josephine county better. Federal money is vital to our county and I will do my best to keep it flowing. Most important I will show integrity in all of my actions and deliberations.

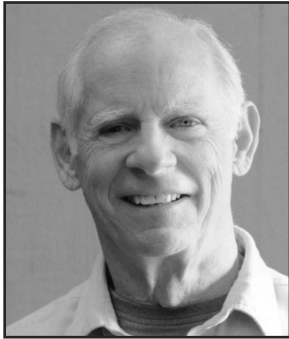
• Prosperity •

**For our beautiful county and compassion for those
that are in distress
VOTE MARK SELIGMAN
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER
POSITION 3**

(This information furnished by Mark Seligman.)

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Josephine County Commissioner, Position 3



**Bill
Hunker**

Occupation: Retired.

Occupational Background: I was an independent television producer for most of my career, responsible for bringing projects in on time and within budget. In 1991, I became Chief Operating

Officer for Wholesome & Hearty Foods, which I took public. It was America's fastest growing stock in 1993. Later, I was a consultant for Revitalize Wailuku, a real estate development company, where I structured financing packages with venture capitalists.

Educational Background: BS, Pacific Union College.

Prior Governmental Experience: None.

Government exists to serve the people, - not the other way around. I'm running for commissioner to bring transparency, accountability, and trust to our county government. Without transparency, there's no accountability. Without accountability, there is no trust.

As your commissioner, I will:

- Remove bureaucratic barriers to economic development and create a welcoming and supportive environment for industry, entrepreneurs, and small businesses.
- Fight to keep our property taxes the lowest in the state.
- Make public safety funding the highest priority **within** our budget.
- Aggressively pursue our legal rights to responsibly use the timber and minerals in our county.
- Protect your private property rights.
- Keep you informed of all important decisions before the BCC, and pay attention to your input.
- Continuously work to ensure that Josephine County lives within its means.

Josephine County is an exceptional place to live, and can also be a great place to do business, create jobs, and develop a thriving economy. I have the experience to help make that happen.

Our county government needs to learn to live within a budget the citizens can afford, and prioritize spending according to the priorities of the citizens.

Government exists to serve the people. As your commissioner, I will tell the truth, keep my promises, and always hold myself accountable to you, the people of Josephine County.

I do NOT support calling in the Governor to declare a public safety fiscal emergency. (HB-3453)

For more information, please see my web site:
www.billhunker.com

(This information furnished by Bill Hunker.)

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Josephine County Commissioner, Position 3



**David
Martin**

Occupation: Graphic Designer & Filmmaker.

Occupational Background: Owner Operator Martins Printing 15 years.

Educational Background: Sacramento City College

Graphic Design & Marketing Classes; Cuesta College EMT; Vista College GED; Torrey Pines High School-12.

Prior Governmental Experience: U.S. Army – Military Police.

MOVING FORWARD - I believe the Board of County Commissioners has been locked into methods that are too much a part of the past, not effective in the present and will not be able to provide for our future. Prior lack of positive active communication has severely hampered the ability to bring this community together and seek a future that is both economically feasible and united. As your new commissioner, I will project a strong leadership presence and work aggressively to pursue new fiscal strategies to put our county on the path to financial security. I will work to remove the barrier of communication and deliver an atmosphere of openness, while negotiating an acceptable vision that can carry us forward so we can be the architects of our own future.

OUR HOME IS HERE - This is where we raise our kids, make our living, practice our faith and enjoy our lives together. We need to work to preserve our community and culture against the onslaught of personal and political agendas and be ever mindful of the impact of our decisions and how they affect the community as a whole. The people we affect are our Family, Friends, and Neighbors, not faceless data and statistics.

As your next County Commissioner, I will both lead and work tirelessly to:

- **Restore Trust**
- **Trim & Dedicate to Public Safety from existing budgets**
- **Work to prioritize the budget for Safety First Funding**
- **Work with State Legislators to change laws and Reduce Mandates.**
- **Lead the way for Economic Development to prosper the whole county**

(This information furnished by David Martin.)

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Josephine County Commissioner, Position 3



**Lily
Morgan**

Occupation: Supervisor, Parole/Probation, Josephine County Community Corrections.

Occupational Background: Elected City Councilor (2010-2015); Public Safety professional; Business professional

(marketing).

Educational Background: Graduate, Grants Pass High School; BA (Sociology), Seattle Pacific University; MA (Management), Southern Oregon University, June 2016.

Prior Governmental Experience: Twice elected Grants Pass City Council President/Councilor; Parole/Probation Officer, Josephine County; 911 Dispatcher, Grants Pass; Dispatcher/ Reserve Sergeant/Deputy, Josephine County Sheriff's Office.

Thank you for the opportunity of seeking election as your County Commissioner.

If elected, my pledge to you is to work tirelessly to strengthen confidence in our county government, keep our community safe, minimize waste and bring more jobs and business into our county. I will work with my fellow commissioners and county staff to earn your trust. Together we can make a dramatic improvement in the performance and integrity of our county government.

Focusing on public safety as a priority is where I will start. As a public safety professional, I have seen firsthand the chaos directly caused by the collapse of public safety funding in Josephine County. We absolutely must address this crisis with a permanent solution that grows our economy.

We can and must do better as a community to make Josephine County safe for our children and their future families. I will lead by reaching out to citizens and our public safety community to build consensus around new and creative solutions to make our community safe.

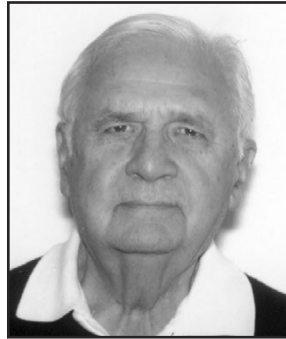
As part of the City Council, I fought to prioritize spending and cut projects to rent jail beds. We reduced fees to make the process easier for new businesses and create new jobs in the community; updated the charter to give voters more say on vacancies; created an audit process for higher transparency and accountability, and returned tax dollars after completing a redevelopment agency. I will apply my experience and skills every day to make sure you and your family feel safe and respected in your dealings with your county government.

www.votelilymorgan.com

(This information furnished by Lily Morgan.)

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Josephine County Commissioner, Position 3



**Bill
Ertel**

Occupation: Real Estate Broker.

Occupational Background: Manager/Director- Fireman's Fund Insurance Company; Manager/Finance/Operations/ Claims/Sales-State Farm Insurance Companies; U.S. Army

Infantry Officer.

Educational Background: MBA-Illinois State University; BS-Indiana University; Command & General Staff School- U.S. Army.

Prior Governmental Experience: William Rural Fire Protection District; Josephine County Land Use Advisory Committee; Williams CAC.

It's all about you; Josephine county voters, I would request you cast your vote for me to be your elected commissioner. Josephine County can be the best county in the United States with my leadership. I have three primary goals to accomplish for you.

County Governance: Your county charter is not structured to adequately serve you. I will propose, a rewrite for voter approval, expanding commissioners from 3 to 5 & geographic representation.

Economic Development: Good jobs in your county should be a part of a diverse economy. Your county is blessed with the abundant natural resources of timber, mining, agriculture (including family farms), rivers & people that can fit into an expanding service based economy. I will focus on the Highway 199 corridor as an opportunity to connect the economic future of Grants Pass and Cave Junction. I'm in favor of the infrastructure to support the Merlin business area.

Taxation and Public Safety; Public safety (law enforcement), require attention and flexibility. I'm opposed to relinquishment of JOCO powers and obligations to the state or transferring road funds. I support adequate funding with voter approved resources.

Personal; I value the practice of my Christian faith. I believe in small government & the best government is local. I served the local Republican Party as chairman & precinct committee person. I have experience in business and professional organizations. As a retired military officer it was a distinct privilege & honor to serve you & my country. I look forward to serving as your elected commissioner.

(This information furnished by Bill Ertel.)

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BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED BY 8:00 PM ON ELECTION DAY MAY 17, 2016

Josephine County Official Ballot Drop Site Locations

Open from April 27, 2016 until 8:00 p.m. on May 17, 2016

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:

Josephine Community Library, 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, 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)